



Headlines

'Together we grow in God's love, learning to be the best we can be'
Week beginning 6th December

Week Beginning – 13th December

Wednesday 15th

YrN—Class Christmas Parties
Christmas Dinner

Thursday 16th

YrR—Yr6 Class Christmas Parties
Last day for Nursery children

Friday 17th

School breaks up at 2pm

This week has seen a flurry of festive activities to bring us closer to the end of a busy and productive term.

The playground has been full of colours, flashing lights and sparkling sequins, courtesy of Christmas jumper day (see more on page 3), and there is no doubt that after a challenging few weeks in school operations, the brightness and accompanying smiles are much needed.

I know that many of you have been disappointed about decisions to move some Christmas events to virtual experiences, however I must reiterate that these decisions are never taken lightly and are in support of the safety of the whole school community.

HUGE congratulations go to the Reception and Nursery children and wonderful staff team who have worked so hard to prepare this year's wonderful Christmas performance—not an easy task at the best of times, and made even more challenging when a switch to virtual leaves the lack of audience to shine for!

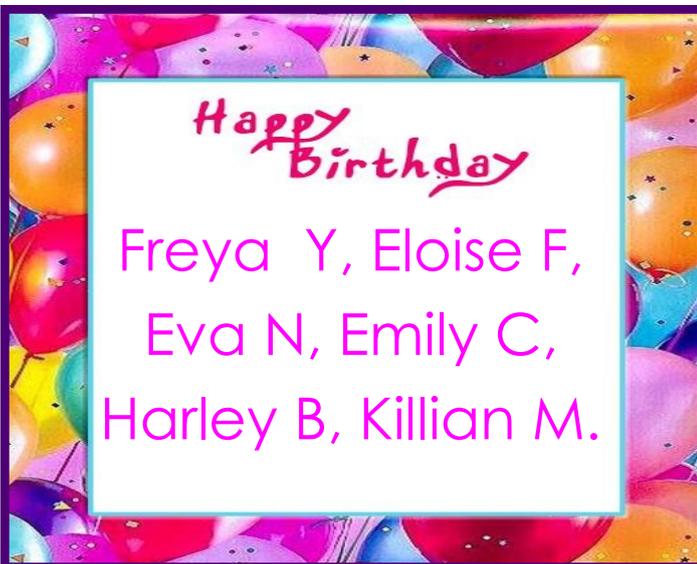
However, I am sure everyone will enjoy the end result which will be shared with parents/carers and the rest of the school before the end of term.

With many more festive treats to come in the week ahead, SJF will continue to ensure that the season of Advent and our preparation for Christmas aren't dampened by the Christmas challenges that may lay ahead too.

Enjoy a wonderful weekend everyone.

Letters Home

End of Term Events (Covid Update) - Whole School
PCR Guidance (Multiple Contacts) - Whole School
Cheerleading Club—Yr1-Yr6



Designated Safeguarding Leaders

Ms J Kenna
DSL

Mrs C Ellerker
Deputy DSL

Miss C Higgins
Deputy DSL



If you have any concerns about a child please contact:
school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk

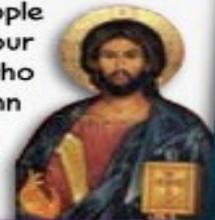
**Wednesday
8th December**



**Good News
for Families**

Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

When the crowds asked John the Baptist, "What must we do?" He answered, "If anyone has two coats they should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same." There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and they said to him, "Master, what must we do?" He said to them, "Don't collect any more than you should." Then he said to some soldiers, "Don't force people to pay money to make you leave them alone, but be satisfied with your pay." By now, a feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John the Baptist might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, "I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not good enough even to untie his sandal strap."



From the Gospel of Sunday 12th December 2021 Luke 3: 10-18 (the 3rd Sunday of Advent, Year C)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Now enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is **MERCY**.

BOXES OF LOVE

Another 84 Boxes of Love were collected on Thursday, (with some of the Yr1 children being excellent Christmas helpers). This makes a grand total of **159 Boxes of Love** which St. John Fisher Church will distribute to the elderly in the parish.



We have already had emails of thanks from people who received their gifts at the Parish Senior Christmas party. To know that you thought of them and created these wonderful gifts makes them feel less lonely at this time of year and will help them to have a lovely Christmas. Thank you to everyone who donated a Box of Love. This is a wonderful tradition which will hopefully continue for many years to come.

Meat Free Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Vegan Mexican Roll with Potato Wedges 	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread 	Christmas Dinner Day	Chicken Sausages, Mashed Potato/New Potatoes and Gravy	Fishfinger/ Salmon Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
Jacket Potato with BBQ Baked Beans 	Tomato and Lentil Spaghetti 		Roasted Vegetable French Bread Pizza 	Red Pepper and Cheese Frittata with Chips
Coleslaw Sweetcorn & Peas	Peas Carrots		Carrots Baked Beans	Peas Sweetcorn
Oaty Peach Crumble with Custard 	Fruity Shortbread 		Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Drizzle	Grapes, Cheese and Crackers
Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily				



The
classes
and
play-
ground



were awash with colour today
as Christmas jumper day
came to SJF.

Festive smiles were nearly as bright as the
jumpers themselves!!

All of the money collected will be donated to one
of our chosen school
charities—CAFOD.



The Travelling Kings



This year we are delighted to see the return of 'The Travelling Kings' as part of our Advent preparations.

Throughout December The Kings travel from class to class and, on arrival in each new destination, children welcome them with a special 'welcome' prayer and then take part in different activities encouraging them to reflect on the incredible journey the Kings made. As they bid farewell to the travels the children join in a 'Guiding' prayer to send the visitors safely on their way.

The Kings' journey will end when they finally reach the crib on January 6th - The feast of the Epiphany.



We have created a short video to guide you through the new school website. It explains new additions, that weren't on the old site and also talks through the different view when accessing the website via a PC compared to a mobile phone. We hope you find this helpful.

<https://www.st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk/parents-and-carers/video-for-website/>

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the school website with links for HOME, OUR SCHOOL, PARENTS & CARERS, CURRICULUM, NEWSLETTERS, and CONTACT US. Below the navigation is a large image of a young girl in a school uniform sitting at a desk, smiling as she writes in a notebook. The word 'Achieve' is written in a large, white, serif font across the bottom of the image, with a 'Learn More' link and a downward arrow below it.