



Headlines

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

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Tuesday 7th

School Tour—9:45am for prospective families

Thursday 9th

EYFS Nativity—9:45am / 1:45pm

Information will be sent to all EYFS parents and carers on Monday

Friday 10th

Christmas Jumper Day
Last Day for Boxes of Love

As we fly towards the end of term, I know that many of you will be feeling the business of the festive season gathering pace and be starting to wonder when there will be time to get everything done before the 'big day.'

I am sure there are many of us who are also feeling the additional stresses and strains that this week's news and events regarding the current landscape of COVID have brought.

It is completely understandable for our anxieties and worries to mount as we approach the much longed for festive season with family and friends that the pandemic denied us of last year. However, as reflected bright and clear in our main reception window, Advent is a time of hope.

There have been so many times in the recent past that we have had to 'dig deep' and find hope—we often feel that the supplies might run dry. But, as we prepare to welcome Christ the light of the world into our hearts, homes and lives this this Advent season, let us remember that He is our hope and our salvation and He will give us the strength we need to face any challenges in our path.

Enjoy a wonderful weekend.

IMPORTANT:

Please do **NOT** email your child's year group to report an absence. Teachers are unable to monitor these emails during the day which means unnecessary calls are made to parents by Mrs Aldred (Attendance Officer).

ALL absences should be reported to either
school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk
or 020 8540 2637

Letters Home

Covid update and Flow Chart—Whole school
Well Being Survey—Yr5
Extra Curricular Clubs—YrR-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*

We will be saying goodbye to our MSSP coach, Mr Walton, at the end of term. On behalf of SJF we would like to thank him for all his hard work since he joined us, not only in the wonderful PE lessons he has taught, but also for the clubs he has run and the coaching he has provided for our sports

teams.

With his support SJF has become a strong contender in both cluster and borough competitions.

Children across the school have gained much experience and confidence from his lessons as well always having fun! A key element to any sport.

While we say goodbye to Mr Walton, we also say hello to Miss Norris and Mr Sampson who will be joining us fully in January. The children will be meeting them over the next few weeks as they come in to join Mr Walton in some lessons.

This morning St. James class led a wonderful class assembly all about Advent. During the assembly the children told everyone about why Advent is such an important time of preparation leading up to Christmas. We were reminded of lots of Advent traditions that often take place leading up to the 25th of December.

Even though we were unable to invite parents and carers in on this occasion, the 'live audience' made up of St.Osmund class and Year 4 staff agreed that it was a truly great way to help our Advent preparations.

Even a few technical issues dampen the spirits and the unaccompanied singing was fantastic. Well done St. James class!



Our 'Chaplains' are pupils from Yr5 and Yr6. They represent their peers in issues connected to RE, supporting others and actively participating in prayer, collective worship and church services. Here are some of their thoughts on their role:

"I hopefully inspire smaller children to follow in my footsteps and ultimately follow in God's footsteps. Being a chaplain has given me time to reflect on what life really is and why we are here on Earth."

Harrison Year 6

"Being a chaplain has made me feel closer to God and Jesus and given me the courage to speak loudly and more clearly."

Richard Year 5

"Being a chaplain involves teaching others to be kind and care for each other. It has given me lots of ideas to help children in the parish to build on their faith in God. I show children younger than me that God will always love and forgive them."

Emma Year 6

"I act as a role model to others by being kind, spreading the good news of God and helping others."

Sofia Year 5

"Being a chaplain involves organising events that bring us all closer to God and Jesus. Helping others when they are going through a hard time, helping people to show that we all have God inside us."

Kianne Year 5



BOXES OF LOVE



We were delighted to be able to provide over 75 Boxes of Love this week in preparation of the Christmas party to be held at SJF Church.

The organisers were amazed and delighted with your generosity once again this year and know that the boxes will be greatly appreciated.

We will be delivering more Boxes of Love to the elderly in our community so please be sure to bring your Boxes of Love in to school by **FRIDAY 10TH DECEMBER AT THE LATEST.**



A **HUGE** thanks to all who contributed, in so many ways, big and small, to the success of our fabulous Christmas Fair last Saturday! It was so wonderful to see our school community come together after so long to celebrate and have fun (despite the cold, wind and rain!).

Thank you for coming and spending so generously, and helping to raise a massive **£7,500!!**

Every penny will be spent on enhancing our children's experience at SJF, so thank you once again!

Your PTFA



Meat Free Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Five Bean Casserole with Rice 	Cajun Chicken with Rice 	Roast Beef, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Spaghetti	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
Jacket Potato with Baked Beans 	Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Lentil & Soya Roast, Roast Potatoes & Gravy 	Vegetarian Tortilla Stack with Rice 	Quorn Vegan Sausage with Sweet Potato Wedges 
Sweetcorn Peas	Broccoli Carrots	Cabbage Carrot & Swede Mash	Cauliflower Green Beans	Baked Beans Peas
Apple Strudel with Custard	5 A Day Cake with Custard	Apple, Cheese and Crackers	Oaty Cookie 	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt Station

Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily

BUILD BETTER LEARNING



These pupils are always prepared and ready to learn

St Scholastica – Gracie B

St Aidan – Michael F

St Ninian – Keit L

St Teresa – Elizabeth F

St James – Maria J

St Osmund – Piotr S

St Hugh – Cristina P

St Nicholas – Rosie M

St Francis – Evie O'S

St Ignatius – Alex McC

St Susanna – Veronica D

St Helena – Michaela K-M

St Elizabeth – Maciej B

St Rose – Finbar M

Nursery – Francesca T

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 5th December 2021



At the time when Pontius Pilate was the Roman governor of Judaea, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, who was living in the desert. John went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: 'A voice cries in the wilderness; prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all people will see the saving power of God.'

Adapted from Luke 3:1-6

The 2nd Sunday of Advent, Year C

Everyone can learn more about this Gospel in Church – all are warmly invited.

"In this second week of Advent, we ask for the grace to prepare ourselves with faith to celebrate Christmas."

Pope Francis



This week's overall winner of Ms Kenna's BIG PENCIL.....



*** **Harrison R** ***

Happy Birthday

Sara K, Boris A,
Noah I, Karish J,
Amelia K, Dylan C,
Noah DMC.