



Headlines

St John Fisher R.C. Primary School Autumn Term 2023/24
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Week Beginning – 20th November

ROAD SAFETY WEEK

Monday 20th

YrR—Vision Screening

Thursday 23rd

Yr5—Business Challenge at Covent Garden

Friday 24th

EARTH HOUSE—Movie Afternoon

This week both children and staff thought about how words said in 'fun' can lead to something more hurtful and how even as a bystander we all have a responsibility to recognise and challenge bullying behaviour—including what many might refer to as 'banter'. Even if we don't want to speak up directly, we should tell someone if another person is being made to feel uncomfortable or unhappy. This morning St Osmund class shared their collective worship and provided us with lots to think about and to action in our own lives, to ensure that we work together to 'make a noise' and stamp out bullying.

We also launched another SJF tradition, our Christmas 'Boxes of Love' for the elderly of the Parish/ community. As existing parents and carers will know, SJF have run this campaign highly successfully over a number of years and the children are very excited at the prospect of putting together their boxes full of gifts and surprises in the coming weeks. *Please see page 2 for more details.* This campaign provides us with the opportunity to think about those in our community who may not be looking forward to Christmas as much as ourselves, and for whom the Boxes of Love allow them to feel thought of, valued and remembered—which is especially important during the month of Remembrance and as we approach the season of Advent.

Have a lovely weekend.

Letters Home

Boxes of Love—Whole school
Online webinar—Whole school
Vision Screening—YrR
Holiday Club—Whole school
Christmas Carols at SJF Church—Whole school

Happy Birthday

Emma B, Isabelle C,
Bailey F, James L, Laura A,
Zachary C, Noah C, Tien L-D,
Caterina T, Ashwanja P,
Emma C, Talitha F, Margot B,
Luca FD, Mia FD, Bhavish N.

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***



Bring a smile to an elderly
person in our Parish of St
John Fisher



BOXES OF LOVE

Christmas is fast approaching and once again this year we are thinking of the elderly in our parish and local community. We want you to donate a "Box of Love".

A decorated box filled with special things can have a great impact on someone's Christmas.

Be part of changing someone's Christmas in the name of Jesus through the power of a simple "Box of Love"



What to do....

1. Find an empty medium sized box and wrap box and lid separately in Christmas paper.
2. Fill your box with a variety of new gifts that will bring happiness to an elderly person.
3. Mark if it is suitable for a lady or a gentleman.
4. Put a rubber band round it.
5. Bring to school by the deadline date (to be confirmed)
6. Remember to pray for the person who will receive your gift box



Ideas of things to put in your box;

- ☐ Soap/shower gel/bubble bath etc
- ☐ Toothpaste/toothbrush, comb/hairbrush.
- ☐ Deodorant (roll-on)
- ☐ Socks/bed socks
- ☐ Scarf/wrap, hat
- ☐ Sweets/biscuits (within sell-by date)
- ☐ Handkerchiefs
- ☐ Shaving materials
- ☐ Perfume/aftershave
- ☐ A small torch
- ☐ Suitable books (word search book/playing cards etc)

****Don't' forget a Christmas card or note with your message. This is one of the most important ways we can show the elderly of our parish the we care.****



In Reception we have been learning about Diwali—the Hindu festival of light.

We listened to the story of Rama and Sita and made diya lamps.

In our RE lessons this week, throughout the school, we have been learning about Hinduism. The children have enjoyed exploring Diwali, the story of Krishna and Ganesh, Hindu prayer at home (Puja), The Mandir (place of worship), Vedas and Bhagavad-Gita, Brahman and Karma and Dharma.

INVITATION:

Parents and carers, we would love you to join us on Tuesday 5th, 12th and 19th December for Advent prayers at 8.40am. This will be a time for prayer and reflection and will be led by Mrs Davis. More information coming next week.

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH **Sunday 19th November 2023**



Jesus said to his disciples, "There was once a man who set out on a journey. Before he left, he summoned his servants and handed over his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two talents, and to a third he gave one talent – giving to each according to their ability. Then he left on his journey. After a long time the master came back and settled his accounts with them. The servant who had received the five talents brought his master an extra five talents. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents; look, I've made you another five talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have proved yourself faithful over little things, so I will put you in charge of much more. Come and share your master's joy.' The servant who had been given two talents made two more and his master said the same thing to him. But the servant who had been given one talent had just buried it in the ground and then dug it up and returned it to his master. The master was angry and had that lazy servant thrown out."

Adapted from Matthew 25:14-30
The 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A

You are warmly invited to learn more about the Gospel through your local parish church.

"Do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Put your talents at the service of God."

Pope Francis



Year 2 travel back in time!

On Thursday, Year 2 travelled back to the time of Florence Nightingale. Many of us dressed as nurses or wounded soldiers. Some of us even had real bandages! We took part in a drama workshop all about Florence Nightingale's and Mary Seacole's lives. We did lots of acting and found out lots of interesting facts about the Crimean War. We learnt about the terrible conditions in the Scutari Hospital before Florence came and how she made the hospital clean and safe for the soldiers. Later she opened the first training school for nurses at St Thomas' Hospital. She even wrote a book called 'Notes on Nursing' that nurses still use today! We really enjoyed the workshop!



On Thursday, 12 of our Year 5 pupils went to the Ursuline High School to take part in the Covent Garden Business Challenge. The children represented the school brilliantly on the day, working together and presenting their ideas in front of a crowd.

One of our Year 5 groups were chosen by the judges as the winners of the event! **Good luck** to the group as they head to the final next week in Covent Garden.

presents



Childrens & Young Peoples Flu Vaccinations in Sutton & Merton 2023

School aged children from
Reception to Year 11



Clinic Details: Saturday 18/11/2023

10:00-14:30

Main Hall, Wallington Boys School, SM6 7PH

- Walk in flu clinics for children who missed vaccine at school
- No appointment needed
- Call 02039033371/ 02039033373 for any questions


















Year 5 visited West Wimbledon Primary School this week for a rehearsal as part of our Royal Albert Hall project.



CAKE SALE AFTER 9.30am MASS

The church's Cub Scout Group (5th Morden Cubs group) will be holding a cake sale after mass on Sunday. Please pop along to support them.

*** NEW MENU ***

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese and Tomato Pizza 	Beef Burger with Toppings and Potato Wedges 	Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Minced Beef Pasta Bake	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Veggie Bolognese with Garlic Bread 	Soya Mince Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Veggie Sausages, Onions and Gravy with Roast Potatoes 	Five Bean Chilli with Rice 	Cheesy Bean Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Winter Roasted Vegetable's	Baked Beans Mixed Vegetables	Peas Cauliflower	Roasted Carrots Green Beans	Peas Baked Beans
Lemon Drizzle	Fruit Jelly with Mandarins 	Freshly Chopped Fruit Medley 	NEW Jam and Coconut Sponge	Oaty Cookie 
Cheese & Crunchy Slaw Sandwich 	Chicken Breast Salad and Wrap	Tuna and Cucumber Roll	Cheese Baguette 	Greek Chicken Pitta
Tuna Salad Roll	Egg Mayonnaise Baguette	Cheese & Tomato Sandwich 	Tuna and Cucumber Wrap	Egg Salad Baguette
Daily Salad Bar	Daily Salad Bar	Daily Salad Bar	Daily Salad Bar	Daily Salad Bar
Apple Flapjack  	Fruit Jelly with Mandarins Yoghurt & Fresh fruit 	Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad Yoghurt 	Iced Vanilla Sponge Yoghurt & Fresh fruit	Oaty Cookie  

Available Daily:

- Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings (where advertised) - Bread freshly baked on site daily- Daily salad selection

Christmas Fair

WHAT?	WHERE?	WHEN?
Hamper Donation	Classrooms	From now until Friday 1st December
Alternative tombola donation	PTFA drop-off point (next to clothes recycling bin)	Every day w/c 27th November from 8:30 - 8:50am
Pre-loved toys & games		
Selection box or advent calendar		
Bottle for tombola (soft or alcoholic)	PTFA drop-off point	Friday 1st December from 8:30 - 8:50am

Please use this hand guide as a reminder for when Christmas Fair donations can be brought to school & where they should be dropped off.

THANK YOU for your continued support.

The **Christmas Fair** is on **2nd December**. You will already have been emailed the info pack, but we would like to draw your attention to the following in particular:

The **Christmas raffle** this year will be online and you can win a wonderful array of prizes. Please buy your tickets asap and don't forget to forward the link to your friends and family! <https://raffall.com/347378/enter-raffle-to-win-sjf-ptfa-christmas-raffle-2023-hosted-by-st-john-fisher-ptfa>

We are still looking to **recruit 2 Santas or even a Mrs Klaus** for our magical Santa's Grotto which features a woodland walk this year!

We also need lots of help the day before and the morning of the fair to get everything ready. We have set up a Christmas Fair **volunteering sheet** for you to sign yourselves up: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1rITnrox5ptpvUs5o4o0qDZECKeti43UrsY5eFY76Z98/edit?usp=sharing> (or email julia@st-johnfisherpta.org)

Last year's Christmas fair raised **thousands of pounds** for the school. This doesn't happen without your help, so please, please, please sign up to give as much time as you can. Every bit (through volunteering and donations), ensures we can make the fair a fun and festive afternoon for everyone involved!

- The PTFA **Quiz night** took place last Friday night and was a huge success with the winning team, Quizteam Aguilera racking up 42 points. Everyone really enjoyed the evening and we raised £1500. Many thanks to our quiz master, question setter, bar helpers and everyone else who helped out.
- The recent **uniform sale** was extremely well supported - despite a heavy down-pour at 3pm! We raised a whopping £393 which is the most we have made. Thank you to everyone who helped.
- Our new shiny **clothing bin** has arrived so please declutter your houses and bring in old clothes and shoes to make money for school! Collections will be every 2-4 weeks so drop off whenever you can.
- Many thanks to Candice Pearce who has stepped up to be our new **grants co-ordinator** to help with fundraising.



Make a noise about bullying!!

This week the whole of SJF have made a very loud noise against bullying!! We began anti-bullying week by celebrating our individuality. We did this by wearing different socks on Odd Socks Day. Throughout the week we have participated in different activities to help us to recognise bullying and who we can go to for help and support. We agree that at SJF we all work together to say a loud **NO** to bullying!!!



PRE-LOVED CHRISTMAS JUMPERS & CHRISTMAS CLOTHING SALE

**Thursday 3:15pm
at the front of school**



We are still collecting donations of festive baby, child and adult items which your family no longer uses. Please bring your items to school by Wednesday afternoon and then come along to the sale on THURSDAY at 3:15pm to pick up a bargain. Cash only. All proceeds will go to the PTFA.

THANK YOU





NEW ONLINE RAFFLE!

The Christmas Raffle is back! Bigger and better than ever before!

Purchase your tickets now to win some fabulous prizes from: David Lloyd Clubs, Sean McInnes, RHS Wisley, Raynes Park Vale, White Spider Climbing, Art-K, Chapel Hairdressing, Ana Estevao Beauty, Baby Swimming Company, Babylon, Bounce Gym, Tough Mother's PT, Cheeky Chimps, Eagle Eye Oven Clean, Click Photography Studios, Community Advantages Sports Coaching and more...

[BUY YOUR TICKETS HERE](#)

Don't forget to forward onto all your friends and family too!

BUILDBETTER LEARNING



These pupils have been
speaking up and
speaking out about bullying.

St Scholastica – Amanda E

St Aidan – Vedha

St Ninian – Valentina ML

St Teresa – Sami K

St James – Madelena C

St Osmund – Evie W

St Hugh – Abigail P

St Nicholas – Bronte L

St Francis – Hannah C

St Ignatius – Noah

St Susanna – Margot

St Helena – Penelope M

St Elizabeth – Leo B

St Rose – Olivia F

Nursery – Frances M

Attendance Percentage
week beginning
6th November 2023

Class	Week commencing 06/11/23	Week commencing 30/10/23
St Rose	97.90	99.70
St Elizabeth	93.80	94.50
St Susanna	98.30	94.70
St Helena	98.00	98.30
St Francis	96.40	98.20
St Ignatius	99.00	98.60
St Nicholas	95.20	100.00
St Hugh	94.40	95.90
St James	96.30	94.80
St Osmund	93.70	93.70
St Teresa	97.20	100.00
St Ninian	94.70	99.00
St Aidan	95.90	94.70
St Scholastica	93.40	94.10
Overall	96.10	96.90

Best Class: St Ignatius

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

**** Liam de CG ****



WELL DONE
St Susanna

**for being on time, in
class and ready to learn
every morning.**