

It's hard to believe Christmas is almost upon us.

As always, it has been a busy time in school with children settling into their new year groups, with different teachers and different learning objectives.

In addition to this, some of our members of staff have used their time after school painting the pirate ship and other equipment to make Reception's outdoor learning area more interesting and attractive. The children certainly seem to be enjoying it.

Years 5 and 6 have enjoyed working in their enlarged and newly decorated classrooms. In the future, we hope to add Years 3 and 4 to this list.

The new outdoor gym equipment has already been well used and I'm sure when the weather improves it will be a good way to help the children improve their fitness.

Other events that have taken place this term have been: Y1 harvest assembly, Wednesday Book Quiz, Open Door sessions, Parent reading sessions and class visits to the library.

Unfortunately, as you are now aware, the school needs to have the boiler repaired, meaning that we have had to take the decision to close the school to pupils after the Key Stage 2 evening concert on Tuesday December 18th. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

Charities

As always, you have been very generous in your support of the causes we have fund-raised for so far this year.

The children looked very different in their yellow outfits for Children in Need and raised a massive £220.



We had a very successful coffee morning for Macmillan cancer support with staff and parents baking lovely cakes and raising £146



This year we have decided to celebrate the patron saints of the UK, starting with St Andrew.

The children wore blue and white.



Thank you for all the money you have raised for these good causes.

Collection of Pupils

After seeking advice from various professional bodies and reading various pieces of guidance, we will not be allowing any of our pupils to be taken home with a sibling under the age of 16. This is as per the RoSPA and NSPCC guidance.



Staffing



Mrs Richardson has been off sick following surgery but is recovering well and will hopefully start getting back to full strength from January. We look forward to seeing her then.

Miss Starrs and Mrs Rudd are continuing their maternity leave and enjoying time with their babies.



Mrs Cotterill, one of our dinner Supervisors, will be leaving us at Christmas. St John's would like to thank her for the work she has done and wish her well for the future.

Local Academy Committee News

Father Roger Gilbert has been voted in as Chair for the forthcoming year and we also welcome Stuart Dawson (from St Chad's) and Father Mark from St Bartholomew Church to the Committee.

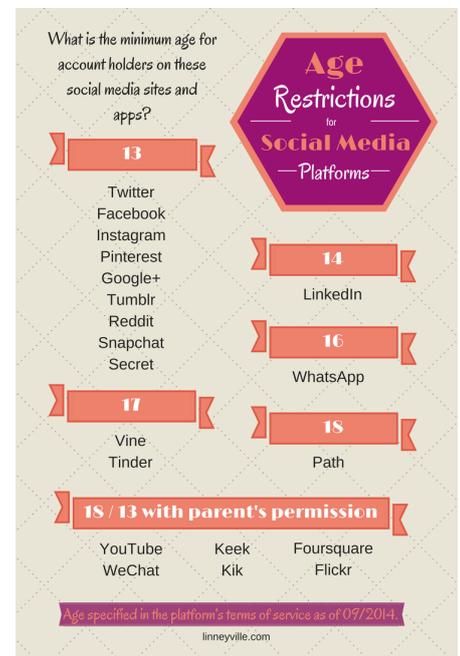
Tracey Rilett-Malborn will be leaving the LAC. We would like to thank her for all the support she has given over a number of years as one of our Governors. We appreciate the time and work she has given voluntarily.

Social Media Sites and E-Safety

E-Safety is very important and we teach our pupils how to stay safe online.



DID YOU KNOW?



100% Club

68 children have achieved their bronze 100% badge. This is an amazing achievement as we have had all sorts of cough, colds and bugs going around school. The children who achieved their bronze badges enjoyed breakfast with Santa and other exciting activities.

100% Bronze Badge Winners

Esmat Atkinson, Keya Gibbs, Aradhya Kaur, Pabandeep Nahal, Navneet Rai, Faith Dawson, Fateh Dhillon, Ekam Singh, Maya Welsh, Jacob Aldridge, Daniel Anele, Lexi-Marie Atkinson, Mah Noor Bajwa, Hannah Bhatia, Shadia Bushra, Riley Gilbert, Ruth Li, Alfie Matthews, Precious Yakubu, Ollie Benton, Rhema-Chris Idahosa, Assia Jannath, Hargun Kaur, Christabel Kwoyigah, Amani-J Ly, Alex Myers, Nadia Piotrowicz, Prabhjot Rai, Kirat-Anya Samra, Macy Simmonds, Jack Tycer-Moore, Eshan Ullah,

Adaan Fatima Bajwa, Alexa Grainger, Al-Islam Hussain, Bella Jordan, Joshua Maydew, Charlie Rilett-Malborn, Drood Saleh, Alvin Singh, Abijot Tagger, Ja'zaine Williams, Mason Gilbert, Ellie Harpin, Zoe Idaosa, Sukhmani Kaur, Lilly Mills, Takwana Mudamburi, Rhys Myers, Amardip Singh, Ava Wilkes, Marley Yakubu, Summayyah Yasmin, Aqhil Ahmed, Saira QAktar, Naya Bhandal, Aimee Dale, Rayan Hafsaoui, William Johnson, Isaac Maynard, Issac Millichap, Sisa Mlilo, Nusrat Nima, Mariya Oishie, Ibraheem Rashid, Frazer Stevens, Destiny Stone, Tasmia Zannat

Attendance and punctuality is important to the school but also the children as it teaches them to have a good work ethic for when they are older. With the children being in school it allows us to educate them and it helps them to develop long lasting friendships whilst learning how to socialise with others.

The department for education have changed the persistent absenteeism figure to below 90%. Should your child's attendance figure drop below 90% you will get a letter from school in the first instance as you are then classed as a persistent absentee. You will be asked to provide evidence for future absences. Should the attendance not radically improve then we will refer to the attendance and prosecution service. It is a parents, parental duty to ensure their child attends school regularly. (Above 96%). The new target for acceptable attendance is 96%. If your child's attendance is below 96% then they are below the national average for primary school attendance.



Dates Continued:-

July

- 1st —Y5 Inspire Workshop 2
- 5th —Sports Day
- 12th—Rock Band Concert (Year 5 parents invited)
- 12th—Garden Party
- 15th— Reading Picnic in school
- 16th— 100% Club: Bronze and Silver
- 16th— Parents' Evening
- 17th —100% Club: Gold
- 18th —Disco
- 19th— Break up for the Summer holiday
- 22nd — Staff Training Day—School closed to pupils



*Dates /Times are subject to change—keep your eye on Face Book, Website, Dojo and look out for text messages.

Dates for your Dairy.

Spring Term 2019

January

- 7th—School closed to pupils—Training Day
- 8th—Pupils return to School
- 14th — Y6 Inspire Workshop
- 22nd—KS2 Young Voices
- 28th—1st Feb Open Door week (details to follow)

February

- 1st —Ukulele Concert (Years 3 and 4)
- 4th—Y3 Inspire Workshop 9.00—10.30
- 5th—Safety Internet Day
- 8th—Y5 Rock Band Concert (Parents Invited)
- 11th— 'Reading Together' YR-Y6
- 12th—Parents' Evening
- 13th—Parents' Evening

March

- 1st —St David's Day –Wear yellow, red, green or white or a mixture £1
- 1st — Year3 healthy eating talk
- 4th - Year 1Inspire Workshop 9.00—10.30
- 8th — World Book Day 'A Tale of Two Potters' Details to follow.
- 11th — Reception Inspire Workshop
- 11th — Arts Week
- 18th — 'Reading Together' YR-Y6
- 18th — Year 2 library visit 1.45
- 29th — St Patrick's Day (wear green—bring £1)

April

- 8th — Holy Week
- 9th — 100% Club: Bronze and Silver
- 10th School Photographer in (Whole class photos)
- 11th — Film Night
- 12th — Easter Church Service
- 12th — Break up for Easter 3.30
- 29th—Pupils return to school

May

- 3rd —St George's Day (wear red and white –not football kits –bring a £1)
- 6th—School Closed for May Bank holiday
- 7th — School open as usual
- 13th — Year 6 SATs this week
- 13th — 'Reading Together' YR-Y6
- 13th Year 1 library visit
- May —Year 2 SATs
- 27th—School closes for half term holiday

June

- 3rd —Pupils return to school
- 3rd —Residential Visit to Frank Chapman –to be confirmed
- 3rd—Reception Inspire Workshop
- 6th — Year 6 healthy relationships talk
- 10th —Year 1 Phonics Screen week
- 10th — Year 3 and Year 4 Inspire Workshops
- 17th-21st Years 1 and 2 Inspire Workshops (details to follow)
- 24th - St John's Day - children to wear party clothes to celebrate bring a £1
- 28th - Ukulele concert (Year 3 and 4 parents invited)

