

St John's Primary School Newsletter

1st December 2023

Dear Parents,

It has been a really busy term so far and we are well into the build up to Christmas!

We enjoyed seeing the children wearing their spots for Children in Need on Friday 17th November. Thank you for sending in the £1 donations. There were some very inventive spotty outfits on show and your donations raised £212 for the appeal.

We have had lots of lovely gifts come into school today for the hampers which will be assembled on Monday evening by the PTFA ready to put on display. Raffle tickets for the draw to win the hampers will be on sale around school soon. As in previous years, I am sure they will be well worth winning so do invest in some tickets!

Our Key Stage 1 children have been learning the songs and learning their lines for their Nativity Performance - 'The Angel who nearly missed it all'. The performances will be on 12th and 13th December. We really look forward to seeing and hearing the children acting, dancing and singing.

Other end of term events include our Christmas Lunch, which is on Wednesday 13th December. Do book your child a school lunch for that day if you would like them to have one. Children can wear a Christmas jumper with their uniform and make themselves look festive!

The Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 theatre trips will take place in the last week of term. It is lovely to be running these trips again as they are memorable experiences for the children. Our huge thanks to the PTFA who have subsidised these theatre trips by £1,000. This has enabled us to reduce the cost we are passing on to parents quite considerably. Please make your payments and give your permission via Parentpay by Monday 4th December.

Year 6 are getting excited about their week long trip to North Devon which takes place in the last full week of term. Fingers crossed that it isn't too cold and the weather allows for all of the adventurous activities that are planned!

Our Open Morning for parents is next Wednesday - 6th December at 9am. We hope to see lots of you there finding out more about what the children have been learning in their topics.

Kind Regards,

Nicky Hughes

Upcoming dates :

Wednesday 6th December—9am– 10am—Open Morning for parents

Friday 8th December—PTFA Film Night from 5.30pm

Tuesday 12th December—2pm —Infant Nativity

Wednesday 13th December—Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 13th December—6pm—Infant Nativity

Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th December—Christmas Theatre Trips

Wednesday 20th December—1pm—End of term

Young Climate Warriors

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We will share the Young Climate Warriors Challenge each week. Children can sign up via the website then email to say they have completed the challenge—and earn a 3 Challenge Award Certificate at the end of term! Twenty St John's children have already signed up.

How to do it:

- 1) Children (and their parent/carer) sign up to receive a weekly challenge via email – here's the sign-up link. [Young Climate Warriors](#) | [Subscribe](#) | [Sign up](#) | [Email address](#)
- 2) Children email YCW – hello@youngclimatewarriors.org – to let them know when they have completed a challenge. (HITTING THE RED BUTTON on the website opens up this email link). Normally children include an explanatory sentence, or a simple photo to show what they've done, but they don't need to. It works on the basis of trust.
- 3) 4) YCW responds to the children's emails and records completed challenges.
- 4) 5) Children receive a Young Climate Warriors 3-length Award certificate at the end of term.

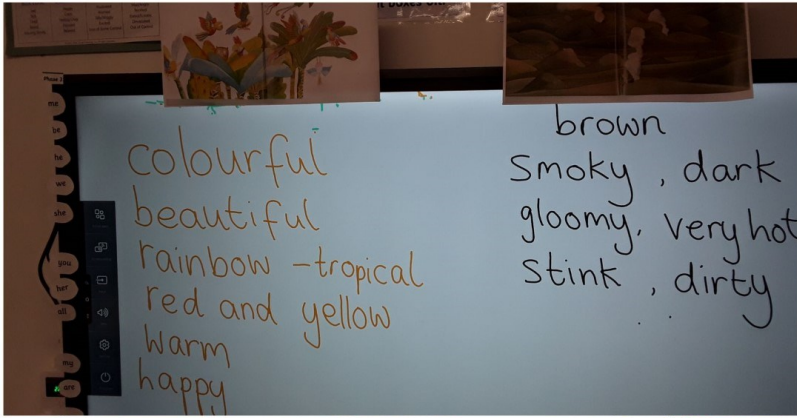


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This week's challenge: [Little ME... MEals... MEthane](#) (youngclimatewarriors.org)



Foundation Stage came to school dressed as their favourite story characters last Monday as part of their topic 'Tell me a Story'. They looked fantastic! Here are just a few of them.



Year 1 have been learning about dinosaurs and sharing their knowledge in 'Topic Time'. Some of the children built a dinosaur land which included stepping stones for dinosaurs to get across a river—and a nursery for the babies. The children have also been collecting adjectives to describe two contrasting settings in the book 'Dinosaurs and all that rubbish'.



Advent Books

Thank you to Jennie Jennings for providing these lovely book Advent Calendars, one for each Junior class, with a new book to open on every school day in Advent. The children are very excited about opening their Advent books!



Year 3 on their Stone Age trip to Wittenham Clumps