



St. John's RC Primary School

Inspired by the Holy Spirit and guided by the teaching of Jesus
Love one another, as I have loved you

Newsletter: Issue 13
Friday 8th December 2023

Head's News...

Our Year Three and Year Five children had a wonderful time at Compton Verney yesterday, it is brilliant that our staff are so dedicated and are always looking for ways to make our children's learning memorable. As a Head Teacher it gives me such delight to see their smiling faces and their eagerness to impart their learning experiences. It was also an absolute honour to receive an email today from the staff at Compton Verney: *I don't normally email schools after their trip but today's deliverers were so complimentary about your children and staff that I just had to!* Linda and Ann both thoroughly enjoyed teaching your lovely children; they said they listened so attentively and were enthusiastic about everything. They also said the accompanying adults were brilliant.

Christmas Jumpers

This year we will be having our Christmas dinners on Wednesday 13th December – we have moved our Save the Children Christmas Jumper day to next Wednesday. Children can wear a Christmas jumper or decorate their uniforms with tinsel and baubles. We are asking for a donation (no set fee) and we will then send this to Save the Children charity.

Advent Art

Thank you so much to the parents, carers and grandparents that joined us last week. The children loved it and we hope that you did too. I have included some photographs from last week for anyone that was working and couldn't join us.

Attendance

Our overall attendance this week as a school is **94.7%**, our target is a minimum of **97.5%** - please do send children in for every learning opportunity. Our attendance is beginning to dip, every child should be in school for every learning opportunity.

Attendance to 17 th November 2023 (we always report a week behind)			
EYFS	96.7%	Year One	93%
Year Two	93.3%	Year Three	98.1%
Year Four	91.6%	Year Five	95%
Year Six	95.7%	Whole School	94.7%

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following pupils who received awards this week:

EYFS: Aarav and Maya

Year 1: Elvis, Rachith, Elsie

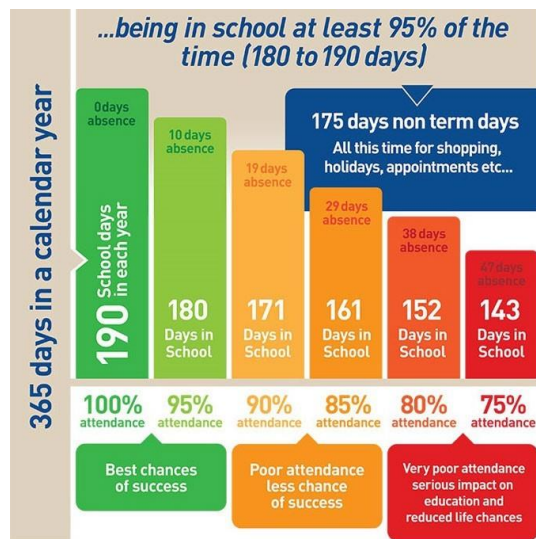
Year 2: John, Gracie, Irena

Year 3: Andrea, Lyla, All of Year Three

Year 4: Freddie, Azrin, Amelia

Year 5: Mourad, Holly, Kingsley

Year 6: Eva, Sophie, Emmanuella



House Points

Earth: 372(2457)

Water: 441(2627)

Air: 491(2627)

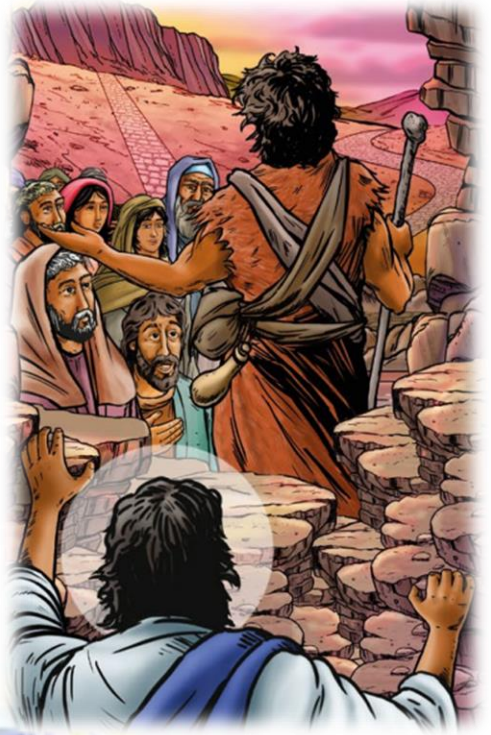
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Hope

Advent is the season of hope, culminating in the celebration of the birth of Jesus, which brings us the good news that we are loved unconditionally by God.

This Sunday's Gospel is also filled with hope. John the Baptist points away from himself towards Jesus. John makes it clear that it is Jesus that the people should follow: the hope of the world.

This season of hope is a great opportunity to be spiritually refreshed, to get rid of everything negative in life and make it altogether positive: to look forward knowing that God is with us. Let's use this special time to make a fresh start and to be filled with hope.



Birthdays

An important message about birthdays!!!

Children can come into school in non-uniform on their birthday. This is so wonderful as everybody within our school community who sees them will know that it is their special day. If their birthday falls on a weekend, on PE day or within a school holiday the child may come in non-uniform on the Friday before or the Monday afterwards.

This week we celebrate:

Tallulah – 4th December

Samuel – 5th December

Cian – 6th December

Jesse – 7th December

Lucy – 10th December 2023



Safeguarding

If you have concerns that a child may be in immediate danger, call the police on 999 or MASH on 0345 050 7666.

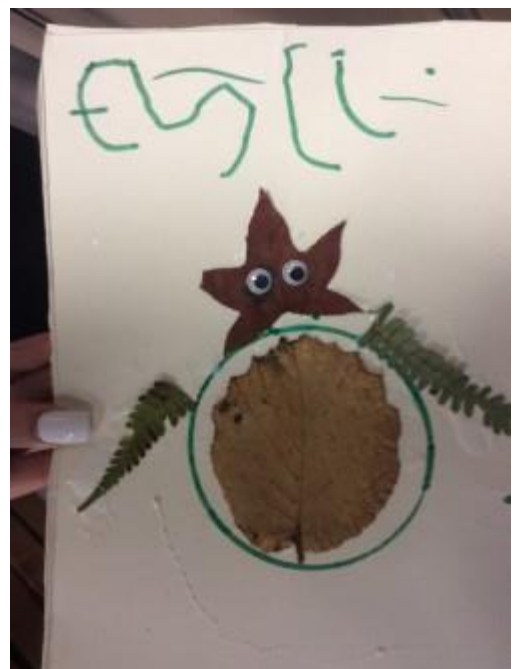
If you have safeguarding concerns about a child or family, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01295 263740 and ask to speak to a member of the safeguarding team. Alternatively, you can email our DSL directly:

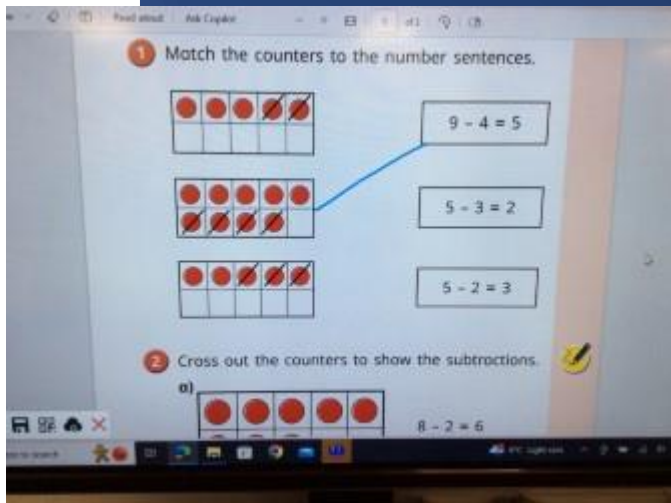
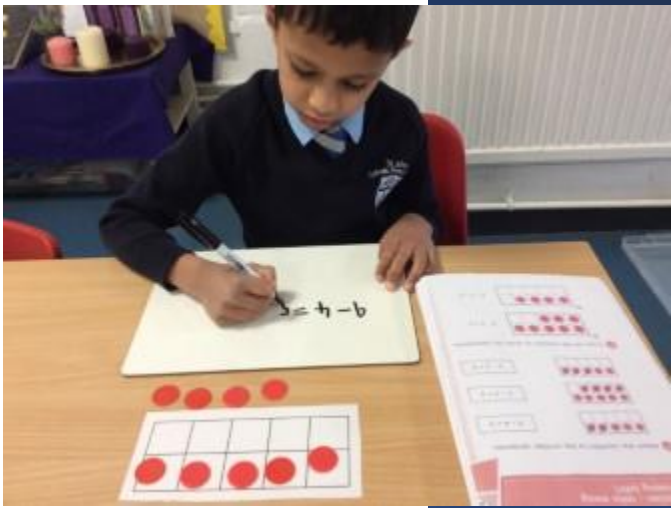
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Early Years Class News



Alongside working very hard on assessments and play rehearsals, EY have been focusing on excellence in exploring this week. We are thinking about growing our brains by practising skills and developing good relationships and teamwork. This week as part of our Advent preparation we have been focusing on LOVE and how we treat each other.





Year One Class News

Year One are consolidating their understanding of subtraction, in Maths lessons this week. They are using their knowledge of number bonds and addition facts to work out how many are left when some are taken away.

Year Two Class News



Year One and Year 2 Nativity - Superstar! ★

Year Two have been practicing their socks off for the nativity, but the shepherds haven't been washing them! (Inside joke for those who have that song ear-wormed into their brains!)

The classroom is filling up with costumes, lines are almost learnt and appropriate backing dances and hand gestures are being learnt.- who knew off beat finger clicking was so difficult?!

Thankfully, my initial fears of Mary, Joseph, Kings and Shepherds walking straight through Bethlehem and exiting stage left due to lack of plot, are beginning to subside and it looks like come Wednesday Year One and Year Two will be SUPER STARS as they present the Nativity ... It's a true story! ✨ ✨ ✨

Year Three Class News

Compton Verney!!

This week Year Three went on a fantastic trip to Compton Verney where we learnt about the Stone Age. We completed lots of different tasks such as bread making, fire sparking, cave painting, pottery, and den building.

It is safe to say we were all very tired by the end of the day! Great job Year Three.



Year Four Class News

🦷 Our Year 4 Dentist Visit 🦷

Year Four have been so involved in our Science learning - Food and digestion - and have been brilliant at exploring the different teeth types. This week, we were incredibly lucky to have a visit from a local dentist 🦷

The children asked some brilliant, burning questions, which she was able to give us the answer to. She also made us aware of the amount of sugar in different drinks and what this sugar can do to our teeth in the long term! 💧 🦷

She also explained how plaque can damage our teeth, the importance of brushing our teeth, the jobs of our teeth and which teeth are the most dangerous and what will happen to our teeth if we don't keep up with regular 2-minute brushing.

The children have created WONDERFUL double page spreads in their Science book to showcase what they have learnt.



SHANG DYNASTY!

Year Five have had an amazing time visiting Compton Verney Museum earlier this week to explore all things Shang Dynasty!

We had an amazing time reigniting our learning about this period of time. The staff at Compton Verney Museum were AMAZED at our prior understanding and knowledge. It was a brilliant opportunity to see artefacts that existed nearly 3,000 years ago. We were SO fortunate enough to be able to handle various artefacts too – in order to do this safely and respectfully, we had to wear gloves! Some of the artefacts were incredibly heavy...

We spent the afternoon creating our own dings (ask us what this means!) – these really do look fantastic! They're currently going through the drying process but will make their way home to you soon!



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Year Six Class News

This week in science, we have been looking at healthy eating and classifying different foods. We started by recapping the Eatwell plate. We then used the nutrition labels on different foods to sort them into foods high in saturated fat, sugar and salt. We were surprised that even foods we thought were healthy were high in sugar, like fruit juice!

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Key Dates

31 st October 2023	Year Four at Banbury Museum
1 st November 2023	Whole School Mass at 10.45am for All Saints
8 th November 2023	Flu Vaccinations
13 th November 2023	Anti-bullying week
15 th November 2023	Nursery Open Morning
24 th November 2023	Break the Rulz Day
28 th November 2023	Online Safety Parent Meeting
29 th November 2023	Parents Phonics Meeting - Reception
5 th December 2023	Years Three and Five trip to Compton Verney
6 th December 2023	Year Four trip from the Dentist
7th December 2023	***DATE CHANGE *** Movies and Munchies Night
12 th December 2023	9.30am – EYFS Nativity Dress Rehearsal – Grandparents 1.30pm – KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal - Grandparents
13 th December 2023	Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day
13 th December 2023	9.30am – EYFS Nativity – Parents 6.00pm – KS1 Nativity - Parents
18 th December 2023	6.00pm – Bedtime Reading Story Event
19 th December 2023	6.00pm at St John the Evangelist Catholic Church – KS2 Christmas Carol Concert
20 th December 2023	School Closes for Christmas Holiday at 1.30pm
Monday 8 th January 2024	Term Begins at 8.55am

As a Catholic School in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, we have embraced the Catholic Schools' Pupil Profile, which teaches the children a set of eight pairs of virtues to be internalised and cultivated - enabling them to grow in wholeness as fully rounded individuals in the image of God. This half term we are: **Attentive and Discerning**

Attentive: We are attentive when we listen to our calling from God to love and serve one another in all that we do. We are attentive to our experiences and can see where they will take us in our future vocations. **Discerning:** We are discerning when we decide to do the right thing in the interest of the needs of others because we know the positive impact that will have on their lives.

A Prayer for Attentiveness

Lord God, Give us a spirit of attentiveness to turn our attention to those who we can help with the gifts and talents you have given us. Show us how, with your assistance, we can learn to draw them closer to you, day by day, through kind acts of service. **Amen**



Advent Art Morning



We had such an amazing morning and we would like to say a very big **Thank You** to the parents for coming in and joining us.

