St John's C of E Infant School Newsletter 20th December

Merry Christmas one and all!

As ever, the week before the Christmas holidays is always such a special time of joy, laughter, fun and excitement. Do go to the website galleries for lots of pictures, <u>click here</u>.

This year was no exception, we started with Lego workshops as a treat from the PTA. On Monday it was the turn of Foxes and Rabbits and on Wednesday the turn of Badgers. It was an hour and a half of creativity, collaboration, communication and concentration. Thank you everyone for it is your fundraising that allows such lovely things to happen.

On Tuesday we had a delicious lunch served to us by all our adults who joined us in sitting at our tables. We pulled crackers and wore our crown whilst enjoying roast turkey, sausage, stuffing, roast potatoes, carrots, peas and gravy. We loved our Christmas cookies too!!

On Thursday with help from the PTA we held our annual Christingle making workshop ready for our service on Friday. Thank you to all our helpers.

We would also like to send huge thanks to the Jenks family who hosted our Rabbits on Friday for their annual winter walk. They just happened to find Santa and his reindeer resting in his grotto in Churt!!! He gave them an early present too!

As always our Christingle service is a special highlight of the year with singing from the choir and a talk from Reverend Helen.

We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Sarah Curry as a teaching assistant to the St John's family in January. She has a wealth of experience, having been in the role for many years. She will mainly be joining rabbits but will meet everyone at lunchtimes.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



2025

- 6th Jan—INSET day
- 7th Jan—Start of term
- 15th Jan—Farnham Youth Choir Singing workshop
- Applications close for Yr R 2025
- 12th Feb—Chinese
 New Year workshop
- 14th Feb—Term ends
- HALF-TERM
- 24th Feb—Term starts
- 24th Feb—Yr 2 trip to Windsor Castle
- 4th March—Parent's Evening
- 6th March—Parent's Evening
- 4th April—Terms ends at 2pm

For these and other







Values News



Peace, during all the excitement is much longed for. It is

easy to forget we need peace as much as excitement. Taking a moment in all the festivities to count our blessings and look at what we have to be grateful for. It can bring peace to hearts and minds of the young and old. Wherever you are, whomever you are with find something to be grateful for and bring yourself peace.

"Peace be with you."

John 20:21

Celebrate Success

Recent star learners are:

In Rabbit Class star learners have been:

Otis & Rosie

In Fox class star learners have been: Jacob, Niamh, Jack & Theo

In Badger class star learners have been: Primrose, Matteo & the whole class for their wonderful nativity









PTA News

Thank you all for supporting the PTA this term, hot off the press the Christmas fair and silent auction raised £1831.49!

You have all raised a staggering amount already this year £3051.12.

That is an incredible achievement and we are so very fortunate to have such amazing families.

Thank you to everyone for spending and donating but an even bigger thank you to our PTA committee who work tirelessly to make these events so successful.

They all deserve a well earned rest for January and we are sure they will be back with lots of other lovely ideas for the rest of the year.

We also wanted to thank everyone who donated to the food bank for our Christmas collection. Here is a picture of the Christmas hampers ready to be collected at the food bank this week.











As of September 2024 there are new school attendance guidelines from the DFE. <u>DFE</u> <u>quidelines</u>

Please see attached to this weeks email the <u>new attendance policy</u>. There is also a new request for absence form to complete if your child is having time off from school for anything other than illness or a medical appointment.

You may find this NHS website page useful for information about school attendance. <u>Is my child too ill for school?</u>



Safeguarding

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If you are concerned about the safeguarding of a child at any time, please contact Surrey children's single point of access C-SPA on

:0300 470 9100

For out of hours see our website.

During school hours you can contact the school Safeguarding leads Mrs. Stevens or Mrs. Ireland **DSL@stjohns- farnham.surrey.sch.uk** or

telephone 01428 713216

Headlice

Please keep checking your child's hair regularly so that we may reduce/ remove the cases of headlice. Treating once is not enough, regular checks are necessary by everyone.





Welcome to Mindworks Surrey, the new emotional wellbeing and mental health service for children and young people in Surrey.







Coach Sam - Year 2 PE



Congratulations to Isla and Arthur for winning the design a football strip competition.

Well done to Olivia and Rose for being runners up

They also enjoyed the challenge to make a snowman from the sports equipment on the last session this term. Great team work!









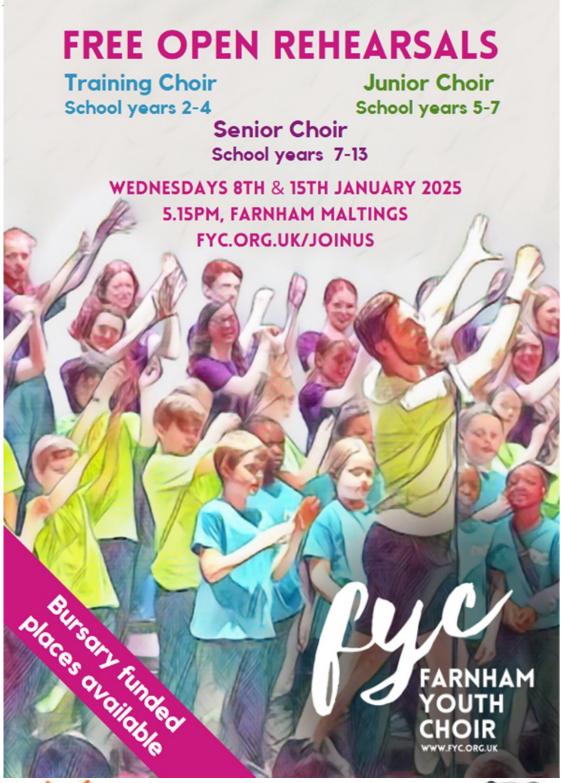


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We are still looking for a Crossing Patrol Officer who could support the children safely across Barford Lane in the morning and afternoon.

Surrey County Council

would accept a job share for this position. For more details <u>Click here</u>

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