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# St John's Green Primary School

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## Newsletter

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### Class Christmas Stalls

Please remember that tonight, straight after school until 4.15p.m. are our class Christmas Stalls.

Children have been working diligently this week on festive creations that no home should be without, and truth be told, your homes will be bereft without them.

At our T site, Class Christmas Stalls will be at the far end of the Lower Hall. At our AF site, EYFS and Year 6 will be in their classrooms and Year 1 and 5 in the central library area.

At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.

Jane D. Hull

"Practice isn't the thing you do once you're good. It's the thing you do that makes you good." - Malcolm Gladwell

### Assembly Theme:

#### The Meaning of Christmas

#### Article 12:

I have the right to be listened to and taken seriously.

### Kingswood

Just a reminder that the £60 deposit for next years Year 6 residential to Kingswood is now overdue, unless of course you've already paid it or spoken to the school.

### Christmas Jumper Day



A huge thanks to all our parents and children who have entered so spectacularly into 'Christmas Jumper Day' in support of Save the Children.

My thanks as well to the parents/friends/relatives who were at the Year 1 concert this morning and for your kind donations.

In total and with several £s still owing from parents who remembered the jumper but not the £1 (!) you have raised £580 for Save the Children—so thank you.

### School Christmas Lunch

Huge thanks and praise to Mrs Burke, Mrs Blackery and our Catering Team who served up 574 Christmas meals this week as part of our festive celebrations.

Christmas cheer was most certainly in the air, no more epitomised than by Lee Brooker, one of our Governors, who humbled me and my Christmas waistcoats with a spectacular Christmas Jacket.



### Bethlehem B & B

Very well done to our Year 2 children, who were brilliant this week as they regaled us with their 'Bethlehem B & B' performances. Very special and always warming to be reminded of what Christmas is all about. My thanks as well to everyone who popped a note or coin or two in the basket. In total, you raised £264.96 for a local charity which I'll confirm once the children have made their decision.



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### Diary Dates

Friday 13th December. Class Christmas Stalls @ AF & T. End of School Day until 4.15p.m.

Thursday 19th December—Last Day of Autumn Term.

Monday 6th January—First Day of Spring Term.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THERE ARE OTHER KEY DATES ON THE SCHOOL CALENDAR ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE.**

Please note that there are no 'After School Clubs' next week at either the AF or the T site.

### Freda Gunton Lodge

Our Year 4 children regularly bring a little cheer each week to the elderly residents of Freda Gunton Lodge.

This week, some of our Yr 4 children visited Freda Gunton Lodge on Thursday. They sang a selection of Christmas songs with Makaton actions and then spoke to the residents. The children were fantastic and they engaged brilliantly with some of the elderly members of our community.



### Fake News

There's been a lot of talk recently about fake news and more specifically news articles that are published on-line that are factually inaccurate.

The problem with these is often that people read them and then post them through their own social media (facebook) accounts and people believe them as being real. Adults are often far more irresponsible than children in this sense.

As a school, we are also subject to the element of fake news.

Our most recent example was as follows.

Yesterday afternoon at about 2.00p.m. just before the EYFS nativity was about to start I was having a brief conversation with Mrs Taylor about whether we'd have enough room to ensure all our Year 1 parents got in to the hall for the Year 1 concert, which was this morning. As part of that conversation we alluded to parents standing, which parents obviously do around the edges and at the back of the halls.

By 3.15p.m. the word on the playground was that we'd be putting no chairs out this morning for the Year 1 concert.

I'm sure the facebook comments that followed were also interesting!

This is obviously fake news at its very worst. A parent had obviously overheard my conversation with Mrs Taylor. Put two and two together and got 100 and then created news about the fact that there would be no chairs for parents this morning—which obviously was not, nor had it ever been true.

Fake News at it's best and at its worst.

The long and the short of it is—don't believe all you hear and read.

### Awards

Year 6 (Trinovantes) - Aria S (MLM)  
Year 6 (Cymbeline) - Cameron H (RREX)  
Year 5 (Oysters) — Bibhuti A (CC)  
Year 5 (Magnets) - Kairon M (RROX)  
Year 5 (Raedwald) - Noah S L (CC)  
Year 4 (Castle) - Jack L (RREX)  
Year 4 (Cavalier) - Harry L (RREX)  
Year 4 (Garrison) - Finley B (CC)  
Year 3 (Dutch) - Hartley TS  
Year 3 (Iceni) - Zulu H  
Year 3 (Paxman) - Tallulah T  
Year 2 (Mercury) - Whole Class (MM)  
Year 2 (Claudius) - Whole Class (MM)  
Year 2 (Romans) - Whole Class (MM)  
Year 1 (Eagles) - Whole Class (MM)  
Year 1 (Circus) - Whole Class (MM)  
Year 1 (Roses) - Whole Class (MM)  
Foundation (Chariot) - Whole Class (CC)  
Foundation (Star) - Whole Class (CC)  
Foundation (Jumbo) - Whole Class (CC)  
Attendance — Raedwald

And Finally,

Mrs Parker-Nicholls had one responsibility at the EYFS Nativity and this was to direct the children as they walked round the hall. This didn't quite go according to plan on Wednesday so I may have mentioned it on Thursday afternoon. Primed and ready Mrs Parker Nicholls waited expectantly at the back on Thursday for the first children to come by so she could steer them in the right direction. Sadly, to no avail and in the wrong direction the children went. One responsibility!

Have a Great Weekend

Simon Billings

### Christmas Gift Suggestions:

To your enemy, forgiveness.  
To an opponent, tolerance.  
To a friend, your heart.  
To a customer, service.  
To all, charity.  
To every child, a good example.  
To yourself, respect.

Oren Arnold

