

John Keble Church of England Primary School
Newsletter
Autumn 2 2016



Dear Parents,

As the autumn term draws to a close and we focus on the holiday season ahead, I would like to take this opportunity to say how inspiring and fun this term has been at school. The staff have been working extremely hard to develop a creative curriculum which gives the children more opportunities for practical activities, drama and speaking. The impact of this has been an improvement in standards across the school. On Wednesday 14th December, our school improvement partners visited and acknowledged the improvements. They commended the teaching staff saying that, 'The hard work and commitment of the teaching staff shone through.'

The term has also been filled with trips, class assemblies and more recently nativity plays. All of these opportunities have not only enriched the children's experiences at school, but also the lives of others with our choir singing at St Marks' Senior Fellowship Group. Thank you to the parents and carers who have supported their children by helping with events and coming to watch them perform. It makes all the difference for the children to know that you are there for them.

The nativity play, acted by our youngest children, reminds me of the key Christmas messages. Christmas is the revelation of God's love for each one of us. As we watch each precious child play their part in the nativity, we are reminded of the fact that God sent his only, precious child to Earth. The shepherds and the magi knew this and visited this precious child, sent out of God's love for us. We also see that as each child in the nativity is part of a family, Jesus was born into an earthly family. Families matter and it is important that we honour families. Jesus calls his church to be a family on Earth and it is important that we, at John Keble School, are a family too and we need to demonstrate the loving heart of the gospel. Jesus came as Saviour, to reveal the kingdom of God; a kingdom that is a place of peace and a place of reconciliation. With Jesus, we can have a new heart and hope.

A very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the staff at John Keble School. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 4th January 2017. *Catherine Allard*

Sporting News

John Keble's sports teams continue to be successful. The Ace Team have played 6 matches, remaining unbeaten in all their league matches ensuring our place at the top of the league.

The new girls' football team are finding their form quickly. They won their last match and are through to the quarter finals of the girls' Brent Cup.

The tag rugby team remains unbeaten. They won 3 matches and drew 2.

Our NFL Team suffered a narrow defeat 4-5, but played extremely well.



HOLIDAY COMPETITION TIME

Over the holidays can you build a model of something that will transport you into 2017?

Let your imagination run wild and use your household junk to create an exciting model.

Bring your model to school on Wednesday 4th January 2017 and we will display them and choose a winner in each Year Group.

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New Breakfast Club

John Keble School now has a successful and busy breakfast club.

The club runs every morning from 8am. It is £1 per day to be paid in advance. The club is free for children entitled to Pupil Premium. (If you are not sure about this, speak to Mrs Kennedy in the school office).

Cereal, toast, porridge and yoghurt will be provided. The children will have a chance to play games too.

We all know that children learn better when they are not hungry.

Term Dates

Spring Term 2017

INSET day (School closed for children) - Tuesday 3rd January 2017

Term starts (children return) - Wednesday 4th January 2017

Half-term - Monday 13th February 2017 to Friday 17th February 2017

School reopens (children return) - Monday 20th February 2017

Term ends - Friday 31st March 2017

Easter holiday - Monday 3rd April to Monday 17th April 2017

Summer Term 2017

Term starts (children return) - Tuesday 18th April 2017

Bank holiday (no school) - Monday 1st May 2017

INSET (School closed for children) - Tuesday 2nd May 2017

Half-term - Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2017

School reopens (children return) - Monday 5th June 2017

Term ends - Friday 21st July 2017

Goodbye

**This term we say Goodbye to Mrs Holuta and Mrs Pereira.
We wish them all the best in their new adventures.**

Year 6 have been looking at Dicken's story, A Christmas Carol. They wrote some diary entries from Scrooge's point of view. Here is an extract from Javon's superb work.

24 December

Dear Diary,

I woke up this morning to the dreadful shrieking of those blasted carol singers. Why are they so bad?!

It was bitterly cold today. I set off to work in an angry mood because of what had happened earlier. The streets were littered with lights and trees – what a waste of money. I set foot into my shop and heard Bob Cratchit (my clerk) humming carols. You don't know how hard I wanted to punch him in the face!

About an hour later, a gentleman in a suit and top-hat walked in. "Would you like to make any donations?" asked the man.

"No!" I replied. He went on and on about the poor. I really didn't care. As soon as the man left, my annoying nephew walked in.

"Merry Christmas Uncle!" he said. "May God bless you."

"Bah! Humbug!" I replied – what reason does he have to be merry! He kept on talking about he's going to visit me on Christmas day. I won't miss them one bit. I can't imagine the children nagging me. Finally, he left and I peacefully carried on with my work. Eventually the day came to an end and I started preparing to go home. I closed up the shop and made my way home. As I made my way to the door I went to grab my keys and I saw... Marley's face! I couldn't believe my eyes! I doubled checked and it was gone.

MOBILE PHONES

Please remember that mobile phones are not allowed in school for any reason.

Phones found in school will be taken away from children and kept until the end of the week.

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