20th December, 2024

**Term 2 Newsletter**

**Born in A Barn**

Our KS1 Nativity celebration, Born in A Barn, was a great success. The children who took part all shone like the stars that they are. We hope everyone who came to see it left uplifted and full of Christmas spirit. Thank you for your support.

**Lessons and Carols**

It was so lovely to see so many of you at the Carol service yesterday. I hope you enjoyed it and it helped to make you feel a little more Christmasy.

**Wrap Around Care**

Both Breakfast Club and Cool Kids have become very busy over the past term and I know that some of you have been disappointed when trying to book your children in as there are no spaces. We are looking at the possibility of extending the number of places offered. When we decide whether this is a viable option further information will follow.

Due to staff training there will be **no Cool Kids on Thursday 13th February 2025.**

**School Attendance Term 1**

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| **Trust** | 96.25% |
| **National** | 95.7% |
| **School** | 95.9 |
| **Trust SEND** | 94.44% |
| **Schools SEND** | EHCP – 94.7%SEN Support 95.9% |
| **Trust PP** | 93.42% |
| **School PP** | 95.5% |
| **Trust Boys** | 95.92% |
| **School Boys** | 96% |
| **Trust Girls**  | 96.58% |
| **School Girls** | 95.8% |

**Term 3 After school Clubs**

After school clubs for Term 3 will start the week beginning Monday 13th January 2025 a PING will be sent out week commencing 6th January to confirm child places in club’s..

**Parent Pay Accounts**

Please check your Parent Pay accounts and ensure that they are paid and up to date before the beginning of Term 3 so that debts are not carried forward.

**Baptist Church Carol Service**

On Tuesday 24th December at 6.00pm there will be a Lessons and Carol service at the Baptist Church, Newland Street. A member of our school community will be doing a reading. Everyone is more than welcome to join in this uplifting and joyful service.

**PTA Update:**

Thank you to everyone for their support with our recent raffle. The new colour hampers looked fantastic and we raised an excellent £450! I full list of prizes can be found on our Facebook page - we would like to thank everyone who donated prizes or vouchers.

A big thank you to Father Christmas who took the time from his busy schedule to visit us on Thursday. We hope the children enjoy their gifts, purchased by the PTA.

This Christmas we have also purchased the school Christmas tree and the oranges for our annual Christingle Service.



Upcoming events:

Back to school Disco - 24th January

*A letter will be sent out about this in the New Year.*

Finally we would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and we look forward to many more events in the new year.

**Dates for Term 3**

* Term 3 starts on Monday 6th January 2024
* Elm Class (and some of Oak Class) swimming starts on Monday 6th January (Please bring swimming kits to school)
* Open Day Thursday 9th January
* Friday 24th January PTA Disco
* Friday 7th February Books for Bugs Fair

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continuing support of St John’s Church of England Academy, it is very much appreciated and without this support there are many things we would be unable to do. Thank you!

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind Regards



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