



St John's C of E Primary School CHRISTMAS EDITION Newsletter: Issue 15 20/12/2018

End of term reflection from Mr. Buxton-Moore

What a brilliant term at St John's. I can't thank the community enough for your warm welcome to the St John's family. At the end of the term, it is important to think about some of the changes and developments that have taken place, and, during term 1, some huge changes have impacted positively on us all. Below, a brief summary:

- The Sola Fide Multi-Academy Trust appointed me and deployed me to wonderful St John's!!
- The School Leadership Team became accountable to and supported by a highly effective Interim Executive Board at Governance level to lead us through the process of Academisation
- We formally became an official Sola Fide School on 1st December
- The Teaching staff have begun a teaching and learning programme to make the learning and development experience of the children even more consistent and enriched.
- The school was the second school in the Manchester Diocese to receive a Church aspect and Christian Ethos Inspection under a revised, much more rigorous framework. Previously, the school's Grade was "satisfactory" and we moved to a very robust "Good". The incredibly positive report is on the school website.

That is, to name but a few highlights!

Thank you to all of you for the support and partnership you offer, enabling the children's learning and holistic wellbeing at the heart of all we do together. And at Christmas time, as any other, thinking about our revised and strengthened ethos as a Sola Fide School, **"Let all that you do be done in love" - 1 Corinthians 16:14**

Attendance: Week Ending 14.12.2018

Nursery - Sapphire Mrs. Crossley	90.0%
Reception - Ruby Mrs. Porter	96.7%
Reception/Y1 - Diamond Mrs. Luscombe	94.9%
Y1/Y2 - Topaz Miss. Earle	97.4%
Y2 Emerald Miss. Bonter	99.2%
Y3 Mrs Harris and Mrs. Smith	92.6%
Y3/4 Mrs. Rylands	95.6%
Y4/5 Miss. Gorasia	97.5%
Y5/6 Mrs. Clayton	88.4%
Y5/6 Mr. Gibson	96.9%

Highest Attenders

Well done Miss Bonter's class who had 99.2% Attendance!

Remember, we are all aiming for a minimum of 98% attendance here at St John's. **If we are in school, we are learning.**

Attendance Workshops

In the New year, parents will be invited to attendance workshops if their child's attendance has dropped below 90%. The school aspirationally aims to be at 98% attendance across school, the National Expectation being 95%. We do need to work together on this and we do need to reduce the amount of requests to take children on holiday in term time as this is affecting attendance and attainment negatively.

Christmas Carols in KS2

Thank you to all families who were able to attend the Junior Carol service this morning. We really enjoyed singing and celebrating Christmas with you all.

Winners of the Infant Children's Raffle

1 st Prize	C. Riley in Emerald Class
2 nd Prize	E. Butler in Topaz Class
3 rd Prize	M. Ambrose in Emerald Class

A Good Citizenship Story

One of our wonderful, caring Year 6 Children, Max, came into school and shared his Christmas idea from home. Instead of having an advent calendar himself, he is participating in a "reverse Advent calendar". Each day of Advent, he puts a different item of food into a box and by Christmas, the box will be full and he will take it to the foodbank. What a brilliant example of great Christian values - well done Max!

School closes for Christmas Thursday 20th December at the normal finishing time and re-opens as normal on Monday 7th January.

Have wonderful, loving and peaceful Christmas Time and a fabulous New Year. A very Merry Christmas to all members of the St John's Community.



Living, Loving, Learning - Together in God's World
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