

# St John's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

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### Reminder for End of Term

Please remember that we break up for Christmas on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30pm.

The children will return to school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014 - 8:55am.



### E - Safety

At St John's E-Safety is paramount. We recently held workshops for all of the children run by the Police from Walton Police Station. These were also well attended by Parents and many parents found it extremely useful and informative. Please look out for any such future events which parents are more than welcome to attend.

### Anti-Bullying Workshops



At St John's we have zero tolerance for bullying and we work closely with the Bully Busters Organisation. We held Anti-bullying workshops in November which again, several parents attended and found extremely useful.

The children have also carried out follow up work and sessions in class. Again, please look out for such events in the future as parents are always welcome to attend.

### Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you for the overwhelming support which we have received for our Christmas Shoe Box Appeal, a total of 88 shoe boxes were donated. These presents have now been transported to vulnerable and needy children across Europe and I know that they will be gratefully appreciated.



### Children in Need

Well done and many thanks for the kindness and generosity of the children and parents of St John's. We raised £275.00 for Children in Need which will help many vulnerable and needy children.



### Christmas Bingo

Our Annual Christmas Bingo took place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Once again this proved very popular, prizes included Chocolates, Wine, Hampers and Raffle Prize Draws.



### Sunday Craft Activities

Thank you to our parents and pupils who took part in the Sunday Craft Activities in church led by Anne Shepherd. We hope to run more of these in the near future.

### Christmas Performances and Dates

I have sent letters and dates in advance inviting parents/carers to the various performances in December. You are very welcome and we do look forward to seeing you there. If you are unsure of dates/times, please check the Parent Board, the Website or enquire at the School Office.

### Christmas Parties

Christmas Parties will consist of a Cinema Day in the morning and a Christmas Party in the afternoon. Children will come to school that day in their own clothes/party clothes.

EYFS and KS 1 will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

KS 2 will take place Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

### Sporting Achievements and Extra Curricular

So far this year, we have been involved in a number of sporting competitions.

KS 2 Boys entered a football tournament at North Liverpool Academy, Yr 6 finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, Yr 5 finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and Yr 4 finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, well done to our boys.

Our Girls Football team did extremely well. They came 2<sup>nd</sup> in their competition at Everton Sports Centre.

Some of our Yr 6 children took part in a Basketball competition and also did really well. Unfortunately, they missed out on the semi-final by a last minute basket being scored.

Our budding Gymnasts from Yr 2 took part in a competition at Everton Park Sports Centre. I am please to inform you that we came 1<sup>st</sup>. Well done our gymnasts we are so proud of you!

A number of children from KS 1 and KS 2 also had a taster session of New Age Curling in a mini tournament, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

### Parent / Child Yoga

Our new parent/child Yoga lessons have begun and these have been extremely popular and successful. If you wish to join this group please enquire at the office. The cost is £10 for 5 sessions.