

St John's C of E Infant School

Newsletter 2nd December 2022



Latest News

Ho, Ho, Ho! What a super start to advent we have had, as Year 1 attended Christmas workshops at Guildford Cathedral, we had a fabulous fair and thanks to everyone's efforts to raise money for the school the children enjoyed a visit from the pantomime.

Claire from Farnham Youth Choir gave us a workshop on Wednesday to excite us all about singing. It was fantastic and filled us with joy on a Wednesday morning. Year 2's have the



opportunity of joining the Farnham Youth Training choir. An email with details for joining was sent out earlier in the week. Thank you Claire for bringing us such joy!

Churt pupils wowed by chance encounter with Royal Artillery

THE YEAR 2 children at St John's C of E Infant School in Churt will certainly remember how they marked Remembrance Day this year! After some time of reflection and hanging their 'Poppy Prayers' on the Prayer Tree in St John's Church, they came out with Rev Debbie Smith, school staff and governors to walk across the village green to Churt War Memorial.

Everyone was totally taken by surprise to see eight army soldiers already standing in attention at the memorial. The soldiers were equally surprised to see the school class walking across to join them!

They were from 106 Regiment Royal Artillery which is stationed in Portsmouth and they were walking from Portsmouth to London in support of Falkland veterans.

After walking the Shipwright's Way, which runs from Portsmouth to Churt and after some refreshments outside Churt Club, they came as they had planned, to honour the fallen and lay their wreath on Churt's War Memorial.

Together both groups joined in some prayers and the two-minute silence.



moving playing of *The Last Post*.

Marion Stevens, headteacher at St John's, said: "This unexpected opportunity for St John's School children to share their time at the war memorial with today's soldiers has undoubtedly deepened their understanding of what Remembrance Day means."

"As the bugle music faded, the children lined up to return to school, while the Royal Artillery soldiers prepared to move off to complete their charity walk, in the direction of the Hags Back and then on to London, where they will join the procession at the Lord Mayor's Show."

We are in the Herald this week.

We wish Catt the best of luck this weekend, if you still wanted to donate you would be making a huge difference to 2 charities, Cancer Research and Macmillan. Click here to donate [Catt Braves the Shave](#)

Dates

- 6th Dec—Christmas play
- 7th Dec—Christmas play
- 8th Dec—Christmas Play
- 14th Dec—Rabbit class winter walk, Whole School Christmas lunch & Class parties
- 16th December— 9am Christingle service @ St John's church
- 16th December—Last day of term 2pm
- 3rd January INSET day
- 4th January School starts 8.30

For these and other dates.

[Online Calendar](#)





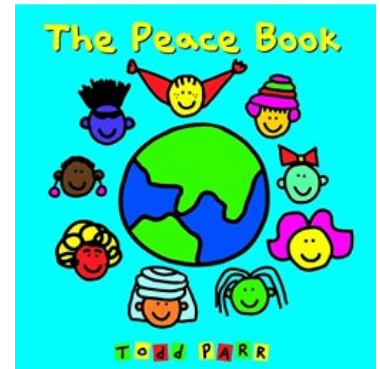
**"Peace be
with you."**

John 20:21



Values News

This week we read The Peace Book by Todd Parr. This gave us lots to discuss about the different ways people find peace. Whether this be what we wear, reading a book, saying sorry, sharing a meal or thinking of those we love. Peace can be found in many ways we just don't always think about how peaceful we are in those moments.



As we head into a very exciting month keep finding your peaceful moments.

How does being peaceful help, you?

Celebrate Success

This week the star learners are:

In Rabbit class the star learner this week was Millie who has been working hard with her letter sounds.

In Fox class the star learner this week is Edward for independent working and asking for help when needed.

In Badger class the star learner was Alfie for amazing learning and being a good role model.

**Well done everyone we are so proud
of you!**





PTA

Christmas fair

December is here and we wanted to celebrate after a truly magical Christmas Fair on Sunday and say a massive thank you for all your on going support as ever, it is hugely appreciated.

Our Online Winter Raffle has now gone live so please click on the link or scan the QR code to purchase your tickets & find out all the details and fab prizes to be won. Please feel free to share the link with as many friends and family as you wish, the more the merrier.

The raffle will close and be drawn on the 14th December at 6pm and you will be notified by email if you are a lucky winner._

We also have the famous Elfridges shop coming to school on the 12th December for the children. More details on how to get involved with this and signup to follow, keep an eye out for messages from your reps.

Merry Christmas!



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Health and Well-being



The NHS have launched new online resources to promote the importance of the home learning environment to boost children's language and socio-emotional development in the early years.

These expand the NHS Better Health Start for Life website with a full range of evidence-based, detailed and accessible [advice for parents](#) on activities they can do with children at every stage between birth and 5 years old, and a search facility to connect them to local support.



Safeguarding

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If you are concerned about the safeguarding of a child at any time, please contact Surrey children's single point of access C-SPA on :0300 470 9100

You can contact the school Safeguarding leads Mrs. Stevens or Mrs. Ireland DSL@stjohnsfarnham.surrey.sch.uk or telephone 01428 713216

Wellbeing

If you know a family, child or young person in need of help. You might like to point them in the direction of the Surrey website <https://www.mindworks-surrey.org/>

Should you be looking for some advice on speaking with your child about grief and loss then you may find this a useful article. [Tiny Happy People](#)

Hello!

Welcome to Mindworks Surrey, the new emotional wellbeing and mental health service for children and young people in Surrey.



Our Community



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We are still looking for a Crossing Patrol Officer who could support the children safely across Barford Lane in the morning and afternoon.

Surrey County Council

would accept a job share for this position. For more details [Click here](#)



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A colorful illustration of a Nativity scene. Mary is seated on the right, holding the baby Jesus. Joseph is on the left, leaning over the baby. A cow and a donkey are standing behind them. There are sheep in the foreground. The scene is set in a stable with a yellow wall and a purple arched doorway with stars. A lantern hangs from the wall.

ST. JOHN'S
CHURT & RUSHMOOR

Nativity service

4pm Christmas Eve
Saturday 24th December
Come dressed as a delightful angel,
a splendid king, or a groovy shepherd
- suitable for all ages!