#### Dear Parents/Carers

In the last two weeks, Year 4 and 5 children represented the school at Ipswich cemetery on Armistice day. They behaved impeccably and were great ambassador's for the school. Year 5 also shared learning about why we celebrate Remembrance day, it was great to see some of you at the assembly.

We have also been celebrating Anti-bullying week and we have been learning about how we can reach out if we see it, notice it or feel it. Children have been learning about who they can speak to if they need.

In worship time we have been learning about 'Trust' and what it means to Trust in our Lord. We have been thinking about our vision, Loved by God, Learning with Jesus and Living by the Spirit. It has helped us to think of the free Grace that the Spirit gives us and how we need to be patient and courageous as we wait on the Lord.

We are looking forward to the Reception/Key Stage 1 Nativity. KS1 Parents have been sent the dates and times via Parentmail to request tickets. This year we are going back to two morning performances only.

As we enter the season of Advent, we begin to think of Jesus and the hope and light he brings to the world. The Jesse Tree will be up again this year. It is wonderful way to unravel the advent story and how it leads to the birth of Jesus. The link, below, will take you to a website which will give you ideas of the ornaments you can be making each day during advent. <a href="https://www.myjessetree.com/diy-jesse-tree-ornaments/">https://www.myjessetree.com/diy-jesse-tree-ornaments/</a>

Note: We will be beginning Advent on Monday 27th November.

There is so much to be thankful and grateful for, especially when we see so much darkness around us. St John's is committed to ensuring the very best for all children not just academically but also socially, physically and spiritually.

As I always I am happy to hear from you, I will give you time and space and listen to your concerns so please do get in contact anytime.

Best wishes Mrs Betts



## PTA Fireworks

Huge thanks to our amazing PTA and for everyone who supported the Fireworks this year.

An amazing £4341 was raised.

# <u>PTA Christmas Ju,mper</u> <u>Donations</u>

Don't forget to donate any unwanted Christmas Jumpers for the Christmas mas jumper sale to be held early December.

Box outside the school office



#### **School Parent Governor**

Thank you to all who put their names forward as nominees for Parent Governor.

Following the parent vote we are pleased to announce that Mrs Hellen Namuyiga was voted as your new parent governor for the school.

### Travelling to and from School.

Please take extra care when travelling to and from school.

The local roads are congested and can be dangerous.

Please park well away from the school site

and ensure pavements are accessible for pedestrians

Please also be considerate of our local neighbours and do not park over driveways

# DO NOT PARK IN VICTORY ROAD AT ANY TIME.

This will ensure all children & families can arrive and depart from school safely, and residents have complete access to and from their homes.

Thank you.

# **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

We are looking for some parent helpers and volunteers to help with reading in classes.

If you have some time to spare and would like to help in the school please contact the school office for more information and a volunteer application form.

#### Dates for Diaries 2023/24

All parents and other family members are welcome to attend whole school worship assemblies on Friday mornings.

## <u>November</u>

Wed 29th Nov Year 1 Christchurch Mansion Toy Workshop

Thurs 30th Nov Prospective Parents Open Morning

#### December

Mon 4th Dec St Johns Singers—St John's Lunch Club Concert

Mon 11th Dec Years R + 1—Christmas Journey St Johns Church

Tues 12th Dec KS1 Nativity—'A bundle of Joy' 9.30 am

Tues 12th Dec School Christmas Lunch

Thurs 14th Dec KS1 Nativity—'A Bundle of Joy' 9.30 am

Fri 15th Dec Panto—Sleeping Beauty

**Tues 19th Dec Christmas Parties** 

Wed 20th Dec School Christmas Service—St John's

Church 2.15 pm END OF TERM

January

Wed 3rd Jan PD DAY

Thurs 4th Jan Children return to school



# God of hope,

who brought love into this world,
be the love that dwells between us.
God of hope, who brought peace into this world,
be the peace that dwells between us.
God of hope, who brought joy into this world,
be the joy that dwells between us.
God of hope, the rock we stand upon,
be the centre, the focus of our lives
always, and particularly this autumn time.

Amen

