



St John's Church of England Academy

I Will Shine

Issue 15:
Friday 6th
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Dear Families and Children,

Happy New Year to everyone as we begin 2023 together. It was wonderful to welcome you all back to school on Wednesday morning and to see so many smiles! I hope that you all had a peaceful Christmas with lots of joyful festivities and that you had the opportunity to rest and connect with loved ones.

Our first few days back at St John's have been very enjoyable and the children have already done lots of excellent learning with their teachers. From Year 6 gaining their WW2 names and being immersed in their new topic with an air raid experience, to Reception making their own Superworm story maps, every child has been very busy learning and having fun.

We learned about the meaning of Epiphany in worship this week and about the importance of asking questions to learn, after hearing the story of Jesus visiting the temple from Luke's Gospel. The whole school also learned about how to take care of our mental and physical health and that all human beings have lots of different emotions. Every child thought carefully about who they could talk to if they were feeling sad, worried or angry and lots of brilliant ideas were shared. Reception class were excellent at telling me that they could talk to their family and a teacher if they needed help.

Thank you for your support in making sure children are smart at school. They are wearing their uniforms with pride and they are representing St John's brilliantly.

I would like to thank you again on behalf of all the St John's staff for your kind words in the Christmas cards and your generosity with the gifts given to us. We are all very grateful – thank you so much.

Staffing update

I share sad news for St John's but very happy news for Miss Taylor; she has worked incredibly hard and has achieved all her qualifications during her time at St John's and is leaving us on Tuesday next week to start a new career, training as a member of airline cabin crew. We are so proud of everything she has achieved since starting at St John's and we wish her so much luck in her future. We've made her promise to visit us often! The children will miss her greatly and she has been amazing support to Mrs Henderson last year and Miss Mulgrew this year. Miss Lowe has very kindly agreed to support in Year 1 while we work hard to find another wonderful person to replace Miss Taylor.

Governor Vacancy

We have an upcoming vacancy for a community governor at St John's. If you would like more information, please see the poster on page 3 of the newsletter and please do not hesitate to ask any questions about the role. We would love to have you on board to help us to make St John's the very best that we can be.

Prayer and Reflection

God Our Father,
My heart and my head are filled with emotions
which change all the time.
When I feel happy, you smile with me.
When I feel sad, you comfort me.
When I feel angry, you calm me.
When I feel confused, you guide me.
When I feel joy, my light shines because of you.
Thank you for giving human beings the capacity to
feel so many emotions and for giving us the
kindness to help each other when we need a
friend.
Amen

Opening prayer



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Dates for your diaries

Monday 9 th January	
Tuesday 10 th January	Year 5 & 6 author visit from Louis Stowell Young Voices choir performance at Birmingham Resorts World Arena Goodbye to Miss Taylor 😞
Wednesday 11 th January	
Thursday 12 th January	
Friday 13 th January	9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together
Monday 16 th January	9.00: Cross of Nails assembly – St John's achieved this before lockdown and a team member from the Coventry Cathedral is leading assembly to remind children what they have achieved. Families are welcome to join us for the assembly and please save the date for our ceremony at the Cathedral on the morning of 1st March .
Tuesday 17 th January	Year 6 leading worship on our value of Character. Families welcome.
Wednesday 18 th January	Sports Hall Athletics trip for Year 6 – separate details to be sent
Thursday 19 th January	7.45pm: Parent Association meeting at The Minstrel Boy. New people are always very welcome – come along to hear more and find out how you could get involved without any pressure to become a full member.
Friday 20 th January	9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together
Monday 23 rd January	
Tuesday 24 th January	
Wednesday 25 th January	2.00: Year 3 Come and Share
Thursday 26 th January	
Friday 27 th January	9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together

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Show you care, get involved

Become an Academy Governance Committee member ('school governor') as a parent* or a member of the local community

Provide support, monitoring & challenge around educational experience & performance

Support Church, community & stakeholder engagement & Trust strategy, approach, ethos & values

Receive reports, attend meetings & carry out monitoring visits to school

Experience strategic leadership for great personal development & work within a code of conduct

Training is an ongoing & essential part of the role & is provided free of charge

Contact louise.beale@covmat.org to find out more and apply



* representative parents rather than representatives of parents - it's not about gathering views but being able to present a balanced and impartial view from a parental perspective.

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PARENTS & CARERS IT'S TIME TO SHINE!



ST JOHN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

NEXT Meeting: 19th January 2023
at The Minstrel's Boy – 7.45pm start

We very much need your involvement to keep on holding events & raising much needed funds to help St John's as they help all our children to shine. Please do get in touch even if you can only offer a small amount of time over the year:

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