

Diary Dates:
Sharing Assemblies

Cherry Tree Class
**Tuesday 11th
December**

Silver Birch Tree
Class
**Tuesday 18th
December**

Church Service
**Friday 14th
December**
2:00 pm
St John's Hoxton

Christmas Concerts

EYFS - 13th
December at 2:00
pm

KS1 - 14th
December at 9:15
am

KS2 - 18th
December at 9:15
am

**Our Attendance Award for the w/c
26th November went to:**

CHESTNUT TREE CLASS - 98.4%

Well done to **Chestnut Tree Class** for
their high attendance.

**Rights Respecting Article for
w/c 10th December**
Article 15

(Freedom of association)
Every child has the right to meet with
other children and young people and
to join groups and organisations, as
long as this does not stop other people
from enjoying their rights.

The British Value for the week is:
Mutual Respect

**GOLDEN CUPS for Behaviour for the
w/c 3rd December**



Spanish phrase of the week:

 **De Nada**
You're welcome!

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Message from the Head of School

Dear St John the Baptist family,

With just two weeks left in the term we are very busy. Next week we welcome parents and carers in to see teachers and share successes and explore targets for all children. Please share with the teachers your observations and questions. We are proud of the efforts of the children and of the progress we can already see.

I had the honour of reading with the Year 1 and Year 2 children this week and was pleased with their growing confidence, expanding vocabularies and increased fluency and most of all their love of reading. Thank you for all the daily reading at home because we know this has the greatest success in supporting readers.

It was lovely to meet with the newly established Eco-Warrior team. This group represents our school and has been put in place based on suggestions by children wanting to have an impact. Together the representatives chosen by their classes clarified their purpose.

"The Eco-Warriors at St John the Baptist are drivers who have a positive impact and make a difference by helping our environment. We are going to save and protect our resources to help our community be sustainable."

Titus 2:7 'In every way be an example of doing good deeds.'

The Eco-Warriors are a great example of St John the Baptist children demonstrating our core beliefs, particularly *Determination*. Watch this space because they have plans to support all of us to be sustainable.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Christmas Nativity concerts, the Christmas Bazaar, Christmas Carols at St John the Baptist Church on the 16th and at Parent's Evening.

Warm wishes,
Toni Mason

St John the Baptist Belief of the Week for w/c 10th December

Co-operation

Co-operate, help and listen to each other so we can learn from each other and settle disputes peacefully

'How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!'

Psalms 122:1

Train to Teach with Primary Advantage



Do you know we currently have over 25 trainee teachers in our schools, on either the School Direct

Salaried or PGCE programmes? The Institute of Education is our academic partner for all our teaching training and applications are now open for places starting September 2019. If you are interested in finding out more about the different training routes and how to apply we are holding 2 information sessions at Morning-side School on **Wednesday 12th December, at 2.45 - 3.30 pm** and again at **3.45 - 4.30 pm**. Come and chat to our staff and find out more. Please book your place on one of these sessions by either booking on <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/train-to-teach-with-primary-advantage-meet-the-team-tickets-52941259733> or telephone 0207 254 1010 (Option 5).

Christmas Bazaar



It's that time of the year again where we have our **Christmas Bazaar!** The bazaar will be held on **Friday 14th December**, starting straight after school until 5:00 pm. There

will be a raffle, games, food, drinks and a special visitor from up North! If you would like to donate towards the bazaar, please bring all donations to the school office. Any unopened bottles would be greatly appreciated. Any baked goods (no nuts) should be bought into school on the morning of the 14th.

Parent Pay - Cashless Payments



From April 2019, the school will no longer accept cash or cheque payments as the borough is encouraging all schools to move to a cashless payment system. We will be using an online portal called Parent Pay. Next term, you will receive information about signing up to parent pay. You will simply need your email address and a password in order to create your account. In the meantime we ask all parents to ensure any outstanding payments are made to allow a smooth transition to the new payment system.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations are on **Tuesday 11th December** from 2:30 pm onwards. If you have not yet booked your slot to meet with your child's class teacher, you can do so through the school office. Please aim to arrive five minutes before your appointment.



Well done to all our Stars of the Week

w/c 26th November



KS1

Louise, Denzel, Simbiat, Pamela & King-Khalifah

w/c 3rd December



Jazmin, Dejarni, Jeffrey & Zeynep

KS2



Jonathan, Philip, Vanessa, Kiki, Britney & Dajaun

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
11th December	Parent Consultations 2:30 pm - 6:50 pm
14th December	Christmas Jumper Day / Christmas Bazaar 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
19th December	School Christmas Dinner
21st December	Last day of Term - finish at 2:00 pm
7th January	INSET Day
8th January	Back to school