



St John's Chapel Primary School



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Newsletter 25th October

What's happening after half term?

		Equipment needed
Monday	Firework safety talk Lego club 3:15 - 4:00	Dinner money Book bag & homework
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Craft Afternoon 2:00 – 4:00	Change of clothes
Thursday	Peripatetic Music Lessons Lunchtime football club PE lesson	Instruments Football kit PE kit
Friday	PE lesson	PE kit

Message from Mrs Hodgkinson

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all an enjoyable half term break. The children have worked incredibly hard this term and have definitely earned their break! We have had another busy week in school, which has included a visit from Mr Richard Crane, Head of Education and Skills

and Mr Phil Hodgson, Strategic Manager for Professional Support and Development. During their visit, Mr Crane and Mr Hodgson talked to staff and pupils and both commented on the excellent behaviour of the children and their positive attitudes and the enthusiasm of our staff.

This week's awards

This week's winning team was **Red** team with **154** house points. Well done **Red** team!

Red team are now in the lead as the overall winners with **637 points!**

Pupils of the Week:

Ben & Patrick – for super coordinates work
Emily for super retelling of 'Room on the Broom'

School Council

This week our school council met to decide how we should support Children in Need. After half term the School Council will be selling raffle tickets to win Blush Bear and Pudsey Bear cuddly toys. The children would like to hold a sponsored walk on Friday 15th November and information about this will be sent home after the holiday. They would also like to dress up in yellow or spots. They can be as creative as they like.

Please see a link below if you wish to support Children in Need by buying merchandise.

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

Drama Club

Drama Lama club will start after half term on Wednesday 13th of November 3:15pm until 4:15 pm. See below as to why we are starting a week later.

Craft Session

We are holding a craft session on the Wednesday 6th November between 2pm and 4pm. The items made will be available at the Christmas Fayre on the 9th November. We hope your child will be able to stay for the full session. They will be provided with a snack halfway through the session. Please send a spare set of old clothing to change into for the activities.

Toddler Group

Toddler Group will run every Wednesday from 9:30-10:45 during term time and takes place in the school hall. If you know anyone with a baby or toddler who would like to attend, please feel free to invite them.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is running every morning from 07:45. The cost is £2.50 per session. Please contact Miss Foot if you would like your child to attend. If after booking there are any changes, please contact the school office.

Christmas Craft Fair

Friends of the School will be holding their Christmas Fair on the 9th November at St John's Chapel Town Hall. It is going to be an exciting event with the opportunity to purchase some early Christmas gifts. Any donations for our bumper Christmas Raffle would be greatly appreciated, please see

the attached post and feel free to spread the word. We do still have some tables available as well.

Dates for your diary

New dates added this week = red

Mon 4 th Nov	School reopens
Sat 9 th Nov	Christmas Craft Fair
Fri 15 th Nov	Children in Need day
Mon 2 nd Dec	Dance festival
Tues 3 rd Dec	Christmas Panto @ Gala Theatre – Aladdin
Tue 10 th Dec	Christmas performance 2pm
Tues 17 th Dec	Christmas lunch
Thur 19 th Dec	Christmas party
Fri 20 th Dec	Christingle @ SJC church
Fri 20 th Dec	School closes for Christmas holidays