



# St John Fisher Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents

December 2022

We come to the end of a long and hard term. May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and I know we will achieve even greater things in the New Year. Have a happy and Holy Christmas!

## Key Dates- January 2023 - February 2023

Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Open Evening 3.30pm - 6.00pm - letter to follow
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	School Journey - Year 6
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term



## Advent

Advent in school is a period of great excitement and preparation for Christmas. The children have been busy with their Nativity play - Advent Assemblies led by the Faith leaders with growing anticipation of the festivities to come. It is important that we remember the real meaning of Advent with the children. At this time of year we need to remember that Advent comes from the Latin advenio, "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ. I would like to wish all our families a peaceful and joyful Christmas and a happy New Year for 2023 and ask that we keep those who are less fortunate than ourselves in our thoughts and prayers.

## Governors Learning Walk

Members of our Governing Body visited the school in December to participate in a Learning Walk, during which they had the opportunity to look at pupils' work, talk to pupils about their learning and meet with the staff. Feedback from the walk identified how our pupils are aware of their next steps in learning and that they are able to use feedback from their teachers, peers and self- evaluation to improve. Visits like these enable those trusted in ensuring our school is successful really know what happens on a day-to-day basis.

## Parking

We request that parents are considerate to our neighbours when parking before and after school. Please park in a safe place that does not obstruct cars, the zig zags, garages or other motorists.





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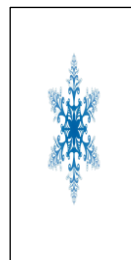
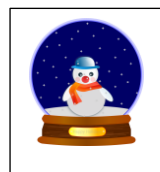
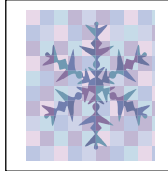
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## Adverse Weather Conditions

In the case of adverse weather conditions where the school may be closed please check the school website [www.sjf.bexley.sch.uk](http://www.sjf.bexley.sch.uk)

If for some reason the school website is unavailable then you can go straight to the Schools Opencheck site <https://opencheck.atomwide.com/Default.aspx>

Parents without internet access can phone 020 8408 7508 and enter the school's DfE number which is 3033505 to get the same information, or as a last resort you can phone the Bexley Contact Centre on 020 8303 7777.



## Attendance and Punctuality

class	Attendance	Punctuality NUMBER OF TIMES WON OUT OF 14
Reception	96.7%	7/14
Year 1	95.5%	3/14
Year 2	97.3%	7/14
Year 3	96.9%	6/14
Year 4	96.8%	3/14
Year 5	97.5%	6/14
Year 6	96.4%	6/14

At St John Fisher School we have very high expectations for attendance and punctuality. From January 2023, the EWO (Education Welfare Officer) will be writing to parents who bring the children to school late or collect their children after school late. There is no excuse for being late you have a 15 minute window in which to drop the children in the morning. The figures above for punctuality are really disappointing! In fourteen weeks some classes only won Punctuality Panda three times. Parents please make sure your child arrives for school on time and is collected on time.

## STARTING SCHOOL RECEPTION September 2023

If your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 it is now time to think about your application for a primary school place. Applications for the admissions process are online via the Bexley website. If you are applying to St John Fisher, as a Church school, applications should be supported by our Supplementary Information Form which needs to be completed by parents, parish priest/minister and returned to the school along with the supporting documentation required.

Application forms must be with Bexley by 13<sup>TH</sup> January 2023.

Applications made online will be acknowledged by email.





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## Spelling - KINGS and QUEENS

Reception

Jayden D and Sasha

Year 2

Freddie and Aba

Year 4

Elijah and Chisom

Year 1

Darrel and Analeigh

Year 3

Emmanuel and Joyann

Year 5

Desmond and Christabel

Year 6

Kosi and Adebowale



## Tables KINGS and QUEENS

Reception

Nathan and Sasha

Year 2

Pedro and Aba

Year 4

Fiyin and Jamal

Year 1

Joey and Zuriel

Year 3

Adeolu and Ely

Year 5

Nathan and Chimamanda

Year 6

Joelyn and Kamdi





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## INFANT NATIVITY WHAT A SHOW! FANTASTIC MAGICAL WONDERFUL

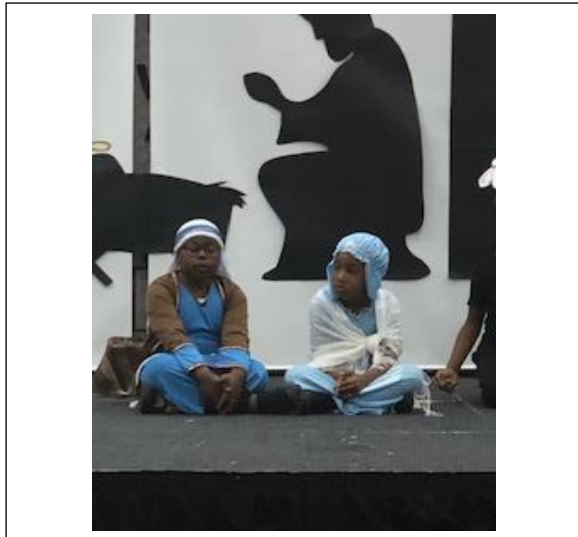




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ALL children are expected to be in correct school uniform.

## GIRLS

GREY SKIRT  
 WHITE SHIRT  
 SCHOOL TIE  
 SCHOOL SWEATSHIRT  
 SCHOOL CARDIGAN  
 WHITE POLO SHIRT  
 BLACK/GREY/NAVY/WHITE TIGHTS

## BOYS

GREY TROUSERS  
 WHITE SHIRT  
 SCHOOL TIE  
 SCHOOL SWEATSHIRT  
 WHITE POLO SHIRT  
 PLAIN GREY OR BLACK SOCKS

Please make sure that your child/ren DO NOT have different colour braids or patterns cut into their hair.

**Girls - hair same colour as their natural hair and ALL long hair tied back.**

**Boys - hair ONE length all over.**

**UNIFORM CHECKS WILL HAPPEN IN JANUARY 2023**

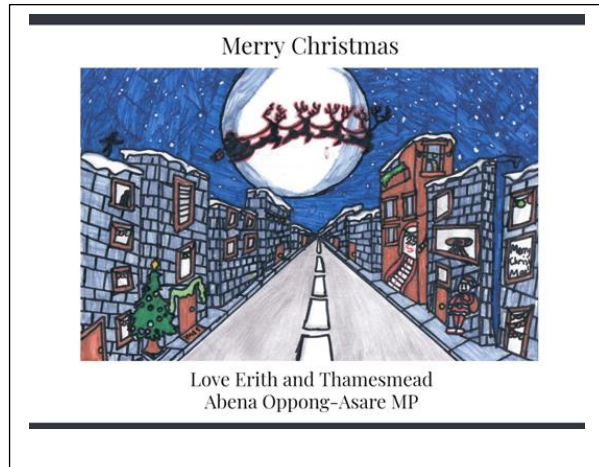




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## CONGRATULATIONS

Kosi won the Christmas Card Competition 2022 for our local MP Abena Oppong-Asare (Member of Parliament for Erith and Thamesmead - Shadow Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury)

As we break up for Christmas let us remember the true message of Christmas - the words of Isaiah 9:6 help us remember that Christ was born for us.

'For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: ... and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.' Isaiah 9:6

Please take some time this holiday to be with your family and friends - take time to pray with God and finally take time to reflect upon this last year setting yourself goals for the new year ahead.

Ephesians 4:32 is a wonderful verse to us to share with the children the importance of compassion toward others. We have all had instances over the last year where the truth of Ephesians 4:23 has helped heal and taught our hearts to forgive. This powerful verse can easily be used to show that when we choose to forgive, God's love heals all

'Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.' Ephesians 4:23

**We wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

