

St Jude's Church of England Schools Federation



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NEWSLETTER



Autumn Term - 15 December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are full of the joy that Christmas brings and have been celebrating everything that we have achieved since September. I wonder whether you have noticed how much more mature your children have become since they have been in their new class and, now that they are a third of the way through their school year, that their learning has taken on pace and depth, building the foundations for what the spring will bring. Ask them what they can remember and keep their brains ticking over during the holiday by sharing stories, taking trips out and talking about what they can see. They have been fabulous.

It has been such a pleasure to get to know all of our families too. I would like to thank you for the positive comments we have received and for the time you have taken to support your children, not only with their learning but also by coming in to watch nativities, to share their projects and to support our fabulous PTA with the spectacle that was our Christmas Fair.

And a final thanks to all of the staff who deserve a really good rest over the Christmas break. They have worked incredibly hard and do so because they love their profession. Best wishes to you all for a joyful and peaceful Christmas, Mrs Chiverton

.Dear Everyone

Happy Christmas! Thank you all once again for making Jeremy and me so welcome week by week as we come and share Assembly with you all. At the beginning of Advent, we were thinking about "Hope", and I asked the Juniors what you hope for this Christmas.



Here are the answers you gave me: ~ Peace in our world ~ Homes for the homeless ~ An end to world hunger~

So, these are the things we shall be praying for with you this Christmas – thank you all.

And we would like to welcome you and your families and friends to our services in St Jude's Church this Christmas. Here they are:

CHRISTMAS AT ST JUDE'S CHURCH 2023

Saturday 16th December

3.00pm Blue Christmas Service (A special service for those of us who find Christmas difficult — for whatever reason)

Sunday 17th December 4.00pm CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Christmas Eve Sunday 24th December

8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion with music

4.00pm CRIB SERVICE Please come and join in!!!

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Monday 25th December

8.00 am Holy Communion (said)

9.30am FAMILY HOLY COMMUNION WITH CAROLS

We wish you many blessings at Christmas and of course, a Happy New Year! And – on behalf of us all we wish Mrs Chiverton, Mrs Ashplant, Mrs Stanton and all the School Staff a well-deserved and special break. Thank you for everything – and God bless you all.



The first St Jude's Schools Federation joint Christmas Fair was held on 2nd December.

Both schools' PTAs worked incredibly hard and put on a fantastic event.

The event raised a ground-breaking amount of over £5000!



INFANTS



Year 1 visited Eton College for a toys workshop



Reception performed their Nativity

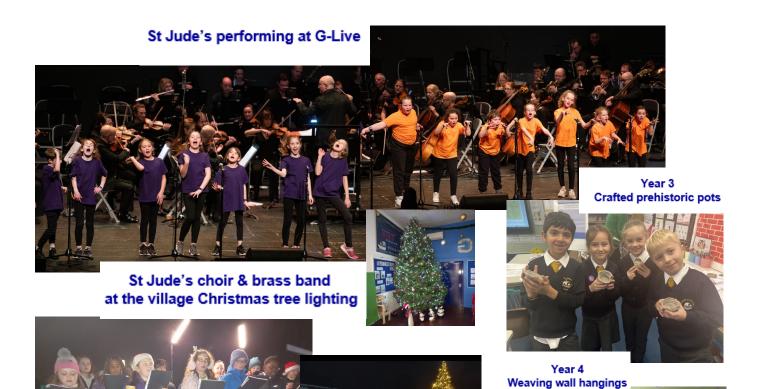
Acorns' walked to the post box to post their letters to Santa





Year 2 made moving Christmas Slider Cards in DT, which they designed themselves

JUNIORS



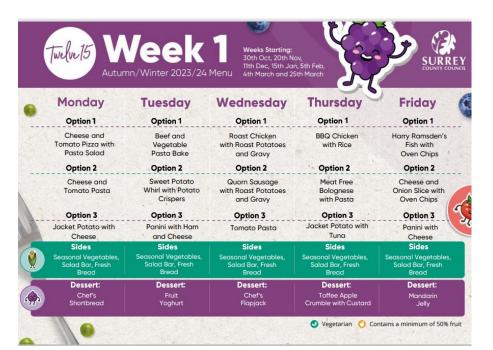
Year 6 'Inspirational Black Britons'
Exhibition

Year 5
Creating useful products using pneumatic systems

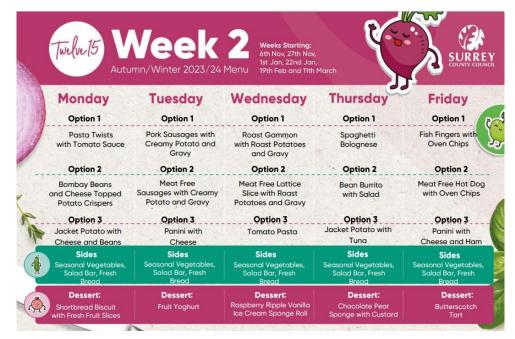


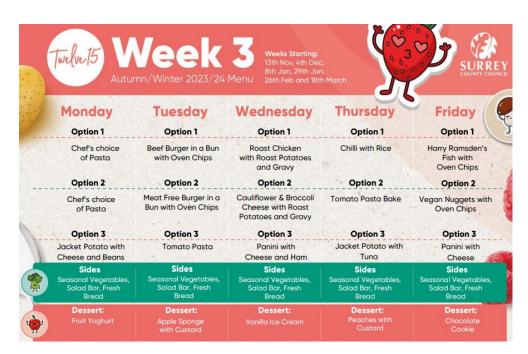






Infant school
parents - don't
forget to order
your child's
lunches for the
next half term.











JUNIORS:

School meals are £2.70 per day. Our preference would be for the half term to be paid in advance but, at the

very least, weekly please.

School lunches must be paid for online. If you have not yet received your ScoPay Activation Code to enable you to set up your online payment account, please let us know.

Please do advise the office urgently if you believe that your child is entitled to free school meals—even if your child chooses to have packed lunch.

Please note that Universal School Meals are not provided by the government at KS2, so your child will only qualify if you are in are in receipt of Jobseekers Allowance or Universal Credit, which you will need to make us aware of.

Please speak to **Mrs Hall** in the school office should you have any queries.



Are you entitled?

JUNIORS:

Please only send the children to school with healthy snacks. For break time.

Examples of a healthy snack would be a piece of fruit or a cereal bar.



Children are not to bring in cakes, packets of crisps or chocolate bars for their breaktime snacks.



	INFANT SCHOOL	,	JUNIOR SCHOOL
	Dates for your diary	D	ates for your diary
2 Jan	INSET Day school closed to children	2 Jan	INSET Day school closed to
3 Jan	Term starts		children
3 Jan	'Healthy Body/Healthy Mind' Day	3 Jan	Term starts
11 Jan	EAL Parents Phonics session		
12 Jan	9am Falcon class assembly + learning workshop	15J an	Closing date for Reception and Yr3
15Jan	Closing date for Reception and Yr3 applications for September 2024		applications for September 2024
18 Jan	2pm Parent workshop on reading	17 Jan	Yr4 trip to the Morden Mosque
26 Jan	9am Eagle class assembly + learning workshop		
2 Feb	9am Kestrel class assembly + learning workshop		
9 Feb	9am Owl class assembly + learning work shop	4.0	2-16 February half-term
	12-16 February half-term	14	2-16 February Hall-term
20 Feb	Travelling Book Fair	19-23 Feb	Travelling Book Fair
16 Feb-1Mar	Book Week—adults invited to read a story in class	26-28 Feb	Yr5 High Ashurst residential trip
1 Mar	Dress up as your favourite book character	7 Mar	World Book Day
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8 Mar	9am Mother's Day assembly EYFS and 9.20am KS 1	12 Mar	Parent Consultations 3.30-6pm
8 Mar	9.30-10am Mothers and Grandmothers to read with their children	14 Mar	in person Parent Consultations 3.30-4.30 in person or 6.30-7.30pm online
12 Mar	Parent Consultations 3.30-6pm in person		in person of 6.50-7.50pm offine
14Mar	Parent Consultations 3.30-4.30 in person or 6.30-7.30pm online	27 Mar	9am Yr6 Project exhibition + Yr3,4,5 parent sharing morning
28 Mar	Easter service at St Jude's Church (staff & pupils only)	28 Mar	Easter service at St Jude's Church (staff & pupils only)
28 Mar	12.55pm Easter bonnet parade	28 Mar	Term ends at 2pm
28 Mar	Term ends at 1.30pm		
29 N	lar-12 April Easter Holidays	29 Mar-	12th April Easter Holidays





But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Luke 2



Dear Lord,

Be with all of the families in our community, especially those for whom Christmas may not be an easy time. Bring us your peace and everlasting love. Amen

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SCHOOL CLUBS JANUARY 2024 ST JUDE'S JUNIOR SCHOOL

Monday 8th Jan	- 25th March			
3.15 - 4.15pm	Dodgeball Yr 3,4,5 & 6	£88		
Tuesday 9th Jan	- 26th			
3.15 - 4.15pm	Football Yr 3,4,5 & 6	£88		
Wednesday 3rd	Jan - 27th March			
3.15 - 4.15pm	Athletics Yr 3,4,5 & 6	£96		
Wednesday 3rd Jan - 27th March				
Dance club will now	Dance Yr 3,4,5 & 6 be held at St Cuthberts school next door to St Jud the children. Pick up from St Cuthberts	£96 de's.		
Thursday 4th Ja	n - 28th March			
3.15 - 4.15pm	Girls Football Yr 3,4,5 & 6	£96		

Book at https://pssportscoaching.ipalbookings.com/or scan the QR code

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FOOTBALL

Fun warm up games, skill development and small sided matches. Ideal for beginners and more talented players.



ATHLETICS

Learn the foundations of athletics events through game-based activities. Our older athletes will take part in fun activities to build core skills and learn running, jumping and throwing techniques.



DANCE

Fun warm up games, easy to learn routines to popular music. Opportunities to perform to parents and school at talent show and summer fair.



DODGEBALL

Dodgeball is a super fun game played with soft, safe balls. The children are split into two teams and aim to hit each other with the balls. The children learn defending and attacking techniques and take part in matches.



GIRLS FOOTBALL

Fun warm up games, skill development and small sided matches. Ideal for beginners and more talented players.