

# St. John the Evangelist Church School

# NEWSLETTER



Term 2.6 Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017



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"That they may have life, life in all its fullness" John 10:10

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am so happy to be able to begin this week's newsletter with some fantastic news. The Christmas Fair profits have been finalised and stand at an amazing **£1942.91**. This is an incredible amount of money from one event and I would like to thank everyone who came along and supported the event last Friday. It is, quite possibly, the best Christmas Fair I have attended in 23 years of teaching! The atmosphere was lovely and the outcome is a testament to the close and positive community relationships we have here at school. It really was a wonderful example of children, parents, staff and governors working together for the good of the school.



## CONGRATULATIONS!



Most importantly, I would like to thank the Friends of School for their tireless dedication and commitment in ensuring the Christmas Fair was such a success. I feel we are incredibly lucky as a school community to have such a successful Friends organisation, along with such a dedicated staff, enthusiastic children and such supportive parents, family and friends. Thank you everyone. I look forward to the next Friends event.

### EAGLES and OWLS working together

It was lovely to see OWLS & EAGLES 2 pupils working together and collaborating to make Christingles for a recent class service. The hall was buzzing with busy hands and minds, and EAGLES class were excellent role models. It was very obvious that the Reception children certainly enjoyed having the attention and expertise of the other children. Needless to say, the class service was a great success and marked the start of our Christmas worship here in school. Well done to all of the children, along with staff from EAGLES 2 and OWLS bases.



### Life Education Bus

This week we have welcomed the Life Education Bus into school. All classes have been taking part in a range of PSHE sessions and have been thoroughly engaged in their learning in this very special environment.



### **Christmas Productions**

Next week sees the start of our Christmas festivities in earnest, with productions from OWLS and KITES bases and the Key Stage 2 Carol Service. Letters have been sent to all parents via ParentPay. The dates and times are repeated below for your information.

Reminder: Owls and KS1 please ensure you have requested your tickets via ParentPay.

#### **Other forthcoming festive events to look forward to:**

<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 10:00</b>	KS1 Nativity, in the school hall
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 14:15</b>	Owls Base Nativity, in the school hall
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 14:15</b>	KS2 Carol Service, at St John's Church
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	School Christmas Dinner
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Owls and Kites Base Christmas Party
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Hawks and Eagles Base Christmas Party
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Last day of term.



*Further details regarding tickets etc will be sent to you shortly.*

### **Swimming Gala**

Members of EAGLES base took part in the swimming gala today, held at Hutton Moor Leisure Centre. We are eagerly awaiting the final placings but I am pleased to be able to report that the children did extremely well, coming at least second in their heat. I will share the full results with you once we have them in school. A big thank you to Mrs Tossell and Mr Jeffery for organising and accompanying the children to the gala today.

### **After School Clubs**

Please be reminded that RMC Sports, Dance & Drama and Cheer Dance all finish this week. Details for clubs in the Spring Period 2018 will be sent at the end of this term.

I very much look forward to seeing as many as you as possible in the coming week at one or more of our performances.

Wishing you all a very happy and enjoyable week ahead.

Ian Doswell

**Headteacher**



**Friends Christmas Fair  
WINNER!**

**Billy** from Kites 3 was the winner of the 'open the fair raffle'.

## Dear Santa, can I have Rise of the Tomb Raider for Christmas please...

**Chances are your children will have at least one video game on their Christmas wish list this year. But unless you're a gamer yourself, how do you know which titles are appropriate for their age group and personality?**

**We asked Andy Robertson, editor of [FamilyGamerTV](#)(link is external), to explain the PEGI ratings system for us, and to look at the content of some of the games your children will ask for, to help you make an informed decision...**

Video-games bring a lot of benefits with them. Alongside entertainment and enjoyment, they enable players to visit other worlds, create ambitious constructions, discover new sports and hobbies and interact with people all over the planet.

However, distinguishing what different games present in terms of benefits or dangers in the family can be a challenge. Unlike films and books, you can't quickly skim through to assess what your children will be experiencing.

The [PEGI ratings](#) are the mandatory way all UK video-games helpfully disclose this information for consumers. Each publisher completes a questionnaire and submits game footage to the Games Rating Authority about its game then determines the age rating it gets.

The PEGI ratings offer a traffic light system of age ratings. Games suitable for over 3s and over 7s are flagged with a green age icon on the box. Games only suitable for those over 12 or 16 are flagged with an orange age icon, and games only suitable for the over 18s have a red age badge.

On the back of the box are another set of icons that depict why the game got a certain age rating. This may be for 'Language', 'Violence', 'Drugs', 'Fear' or other reasons. Further information is then available on the PEGI [website](#)(link is external) and Games Rating Authority [website](#)(link is external).

Websites like [Ask About Games](#)(link is external) make things easier by presenting this information in Quick Guide [videos](#)(link is external) that describe what benefits and dangers the game has, along with footage of game-play depicting the experience. This is a really useful resource for parents who want to investigate game content.

Understanding the PEGI ratings enables you to make informed choices about the games you purchase. This not only avoids unexpected negative aspects of unsuitable games, but helps connect you with games that your family will get the most from.

*Please be reminded that general safeguarding information can be found on our school website under the policies section. The Child protection officer for the Primary school is Mr Ian Doswell, or Mrs Nicola Short in his absence. If you have any concerns regarding the safety or welfare of any child in our community please do not hesitate to contact them.*

## Community News

(Although these events are not endorsed by the school, they are shared with you for your information).



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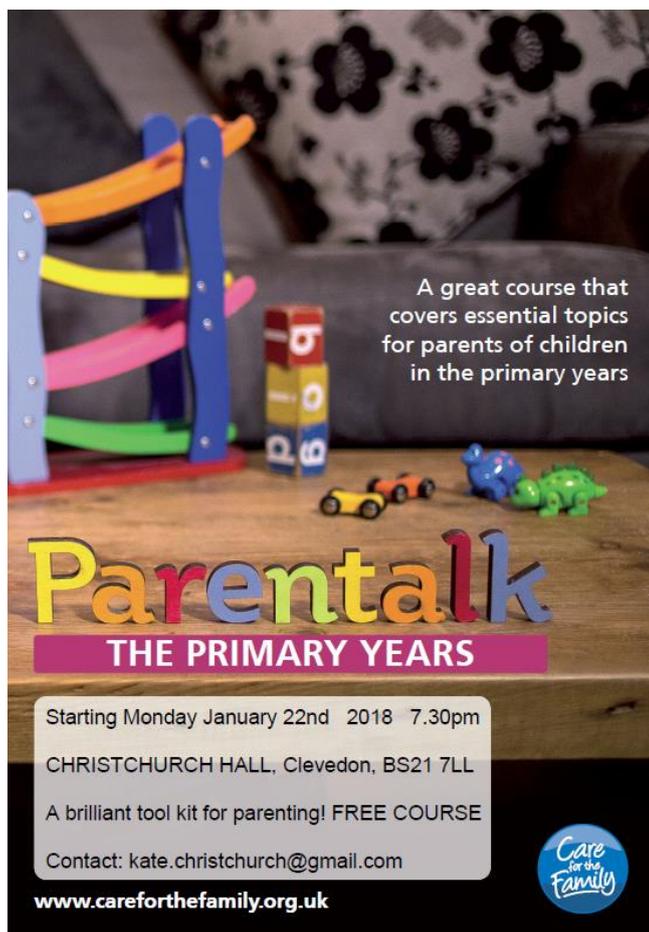
<b>Venue:</b> Strode Leisure Centre, Clevedon Dates: 20th, 21st & 22nd December	<b>Venue:</b> Court de Wyck Shool, Claverham Dates: 21st & 22nd December
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All sessions 9.00-3.00

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