

The Early Bird



Issue 4: Friday 10th November 2023

Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught and you will overflow with thankfulness. Colossians 2:7

From the Headteacher.....

Dear parents/carers,

Can I thank all involved in ensuring our fireworks spectacular ran smoothly. Also a 'shoutout' to our families and children who brought a wonderful atmosphere to our evening. It was a great event and a proud moment for our school community. Well done all!

Also some great learning opportunities for our children through their history topics. Thank you parents and cares for allowing your children to take up these opportunities, where we can bring History alive.

Can I gently remind you that our Nutcracker

Theatre Trip payments are overdue and we would really like this whole school festive trip to go ahead for all of our children. Do not hesitate to talk with your class teacher about this if needed.

Finally, spread the word about our Early Years open event on Monday!

Keep warm and enjoy the weekend.

Mrs SM Bowyer

Headteacher

PS: I hope some families can join me at Keele University. See the [Christmas Lectures 2023](#)

[newsletter page and get a free ticket.](#)

Please see the next page for important dates for your diary.

Can we please remind you that only stud earrings are allowed in school. Hoop and dangling earrings can be easily caught and pulled out of the ears. Earrings must be removed for PE lessons. Thank you

A reminder that school finishes at 3pm, so we ask that you will be on time to collect your children. We know that at times traffic may cause you to be delayed. We ask that if you think you will be picking up late that you call school to let us know, because it can be upsetting for your child. At 3.10pm gates are closed so please collect your child from the reception.

Next Friday (17th) we are having a non uniform day for Children In Need. We ask for a £1 donation for children to wear their normal day clothes. There will be a collection pot in each class. Many thanks



Year 4 prayer

Dear God, please pour out Your blessings upon our whole school community so that everyone grows in the knowledge of Your truth, love, wisdom and peace.

Amen

Dedication - Courage - Joy

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

13th November: Year 5 class assembly—10.30am—parents/carers are invited to attend

13th November— 3.30pm—5.30pm Open Evening for Early Year (please see the next page for more information)

13th - 16th November : KS2 SATs Practice

17th November : Children in Need

27th November : Family Learning - Winter Crafts

City Songbird Christmas Concert - 6.45pm at The Victoria Hall

30th November : St Andrew's Day (Blue Team)

*14th December : Lower Key Stage 2 Christmas Service (morning)
Upper Key Stage 2 Christmas Service (afternoon)*

15th December : Early Years / Foundation Stage Christmas Service (morning)

Key Stage 1 Christmas Service (afternoon)

19th December : Whole School Visit to the New Vic Theatre - Nutcracker

*21st December : Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas Lunch*

22nd December : Christmas Party Day - Last Day of Term

25th December - 5th January : Christmas Holidays

*8th January 2024 : Staff Training Day
school is NOT open to pupils*

9th January 2024 : First Day of Term



Early Years 2024 Open Evening

**We would like to invite you to our open evening for
pupils joining our Nursery and Reception class in
September 2024.**

Monday 13th November 2023

3.30 - 5.30pm

**This will be an opportunity to see our Early Years
classrooms, meet our friendly team and ask any questions
that you may have.**

If you are unable to attend,
please contact our school office
and we will be happy to arrange
an individual visit.

Email: office@stjohnscea.org.uk

Telephone: 01782 238889

www.stjohnscea.org.uk



Christmas Lectures 2023

School have secured 6 free tickets for 3 x upper key stage 2 (year 5 and 6) children and a parent to attend.

-See Mrs Bowyer or Miss Holland for details.

The Royal Institute Christmas Lectures 2023:

An offer to you, near you for your children and their families.

REAL SCIENCE ENTHUSIASTS: For those children that talk about the science they know or have seen or read about beyond their classes. The children that would be perfect nominees for the scientist of the year (SPOTY) there is a new offer and opportunity to attend a prestigious lecture at Keele University in the inspiring Westminster Theatre.

SINCE 1825! The Ri (Royal Institution) CHRISTMAS LECTURES invite a guest scientist to explain and present the latest new scientific ideas to young people. The target audience is **upper Key Stage 2** and Key Stage 3, and their families.

The lectures have been a feature of the BBC Christmas television schedule since 1966 and watching them as a family, for many, is a tradition, a tradition that families at your school have the chance to start for themselves.

NEW THIS YEAR! The chance to watch the live stream of the lecture being filmed in London. Children and families across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent are invited to listen and watch **Professor Mike Wooldridge** as he reveals the truth about **Artificial Intelligence** in the 2023 CHRISTMAS LECTURE from the Royal Institution.

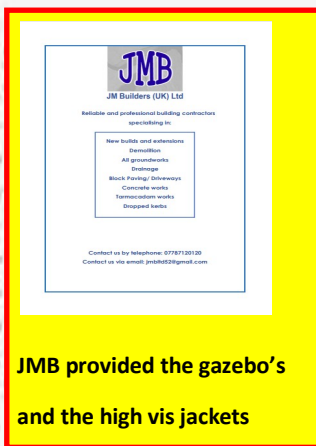
For the Diary: 14th December 2023, 6pm-8pm, Westminster Lecture,
Keele University

St. John's Firework Night

On the 26th October we had our first firework night. I'm sure you agree what a fantastic night it was. We would like to thank everyone that came and helped on the night.

We thank Monumental Fireworks for the great display.

We also thank



Hope Church as they have been hugely supportive, selling loads of tickets and 6/7 volunteers came to help on the night as well.

Bo and Bean from Church street, Stoke

Bengry's the Bakers gave us 100 free baps

Ktc & K-9 Security Services Ltd

Bubbles, Candy and Carts

Newcastle Fire Service

A1 Bouncy Castles

MC Ice Cream

Ripley Matthews and Beatrice Bowery-Taylor who did the tattoo's

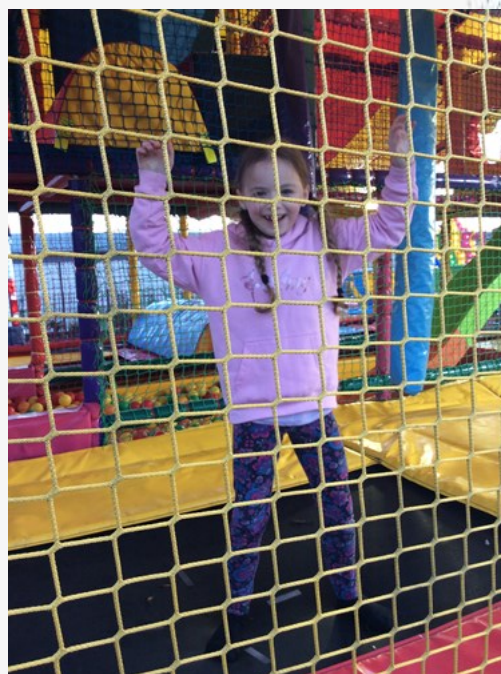
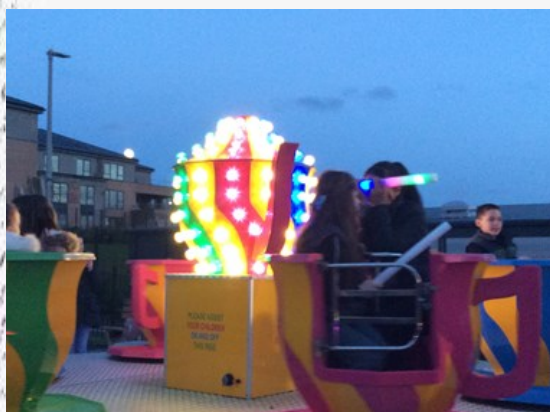
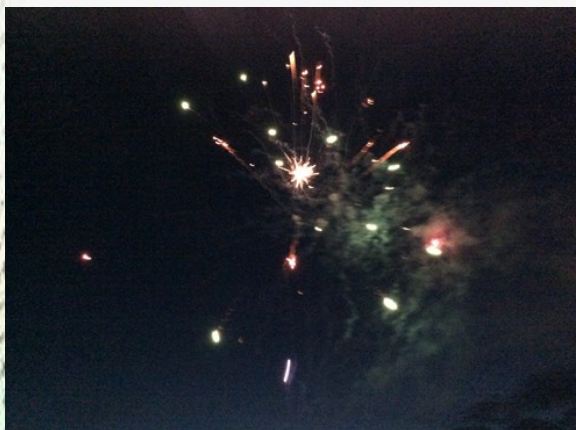
Tracy Dabbs and Amira for cooking and serving the burgers, sausages

Michelle and Jade our school cleaners who did extra the morning after to make sure the school was ready.

Please see the next page for photographs

Firework Night Pictures

We raised £1500 for our school funds.







Firework Workshop

On Wednesday 25th October we had a family workshop. This was Bang Pop! where the children and adults made firework pictures.

Everyone had lots of fun (especially the adults)



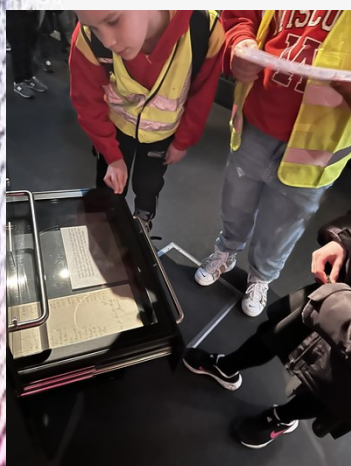
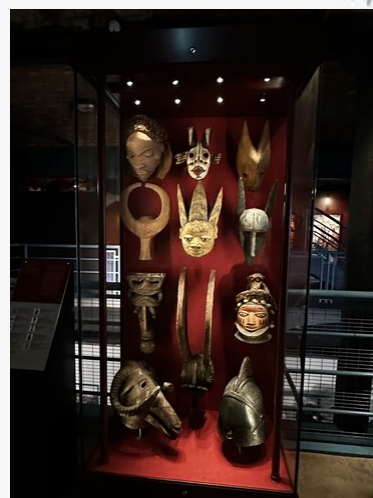
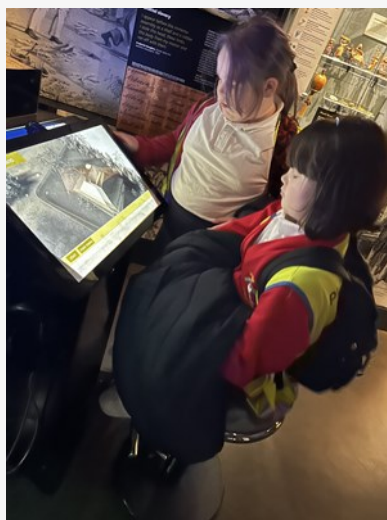
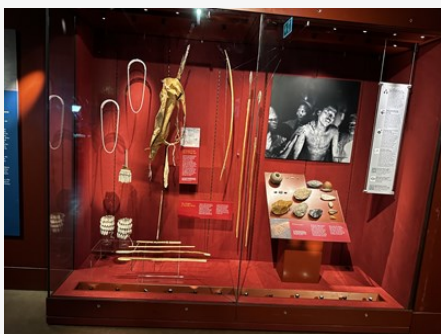
Harvest

Thank you to all who donated food for the Foodbank. When they came to collect it they were very impressed with how much food was brought in. One of the men collecting said that the Foodbank is needed more than ever now, so thank you



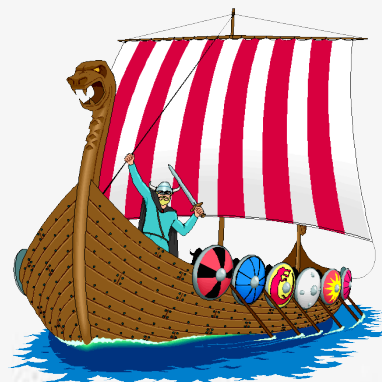
Year 5 and 6 Liverpool Trip

Year 5, and 6 enjoyed a trip to the international slavery museum in Liverpool. During this term our overall topic is related to Maafa, including learning about the transatlantic slave trade. We have looked at a variety of information and artefacts at the museum, had a walk around the dock and spoke about the history. Then we had a work shop to learn about the history of the slave trade.



Year 3 and 4 Viking Visit

In history year 3 and 4 have been exploring the Anglo Saxon period. The children had a learning workshop and enjoyed discovering what life, law and religion was like during the Anglo Saxon period.



Information for our new parent/carers

We use a one way system when you bring your child and when collecting them at the end of the day.

You walk around the building, following the path and once you have dropped off your child you continue to walk to the other gate. Staff are on both gates to guide you if needed. This is both morning and afternoon.



Please note that the playground equipment should not be used by your children before the start of the school day and at the end of the school day.

All pupils riding to school on scooters and bikes, please dismount before entering the school gates and push bikes and scooters into our sheds. This includes balance bikes.

No thank you



Yes please



Can you please make sure your child is walking before school and at the end of the day. We have speedy pupils that run up and down the path and this can cause an accident, especially if we have pre-school children walking with their parents coming to collect their siblings. Please do not let your children go before you because we have had incidents when parents lose their child because they have run ahead.

We thank you for your co-operation in these matters

