



Happy Christmas

As well as lessons, this week has included a question and answer session with Juliet Stevenson, which you can read more about in a future newsletter, a virtual musical Christmas concert, our advent and Christmas Liturgies, voting for Head Boy and Head Girl and our Christmas celebrations and dinner. Thank you to all staff and students who have taken part and helped.

I wish you a safe, happy Christmas and we will see you in the New Year.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jo Sennett who takes up the post of SENCO, Shelley Brown who takes up the post of Assistant SENCO, Justin Stanford who is now Specialist HLTA for the Hub for Hearing Impairment and Mr Sam Cayley who will be Second in PE from January.

Staff leaving

We are saying goodbye to Miss Paige Corrigan, temporary teacher of Drama, and Ms Catherine Wilson today. We thank them for all they have brought to the school and wish them the best of luck in their new schools. Ms Catherine Wilson is leaving us to take up the Headship of Nenegate School after 18 years at St John Fisher. Many of you will know Miss Wilson from years ago when you may have been students here yourself and I know you will want to thank her and wish her well. She will be greatly missed.

Kate Pereira

Christmas Hamper Competition

SJF Showdown, kicking off with the Christmas hamper competition, was an idea that I had in September. We could not have hoped for it to have gone as well as it has. Thank you to the students and supportive tutors and also to parents and carers, who have donated a huge number of fabulous gifts which filled the beautifully decorated hampers. You have made someone's Christmas extra special, and for that, I thank you.

If I could give all the students who took part a prize I would; sadly, only four (one from each house) could be selected. For Rochester: R8a's Christmas scene complete with fireplace, miniature cards and a fully decked tree won the prize. For Beverly: B8b's purple box with carefully coloured festive drawings was selected as best. For Cambridge: C8b's decadent gingerbread house took top prize and for Westminster, W8b's tinsel-covered magical white house was chosen.

Out of these four, only one can be the winner of the Head Teacher's Prize and the overall champion for the 2020 Christmas Hamper competition...Well done: C8b! The careful attention to detail on this gingerbread house was not missed.



Well done again to all who participated and supported. Thank you in particular to Mrs Goodfellow for her help behind the scenes as well as the Site Team and Mr Muxlow for delivering all the hampers whilst wearing a Santa hat.
Mrs Lester



ECO-TEAM Update

What has our ECO-TEAM been up to?

Our team members known as the "Eco-Warriors" have made an exceptional start to the project of making our school eco-friendly. We have developed a vision of how to encourage our students to become more conscious of the positive impact that can be brought to us all as a community from recycling. We've already begun setting up ideas and plans on our 'Teams' group chat towards our "Eco-project" such as, creating new badges for our members of the eco-team as well as looking at a reward system for students who frequently take part in our activities and follow our mission of being eco-friendly. As of now, we are one small, compact family. However, we look forward to seeing more of you at our meetings very soon. For any enquiries or questions, please feel free to ask Mr Karia, Mrs Moins or any of our team members: Kazim, Neusa, Isabella, Evelina, Ali, Tracy, Althea, Tonyo, Ebenezer, Karolina, Ruby and Nathanael.

Remember: *Your environmental care affects our breathable air*

Family Voice Expert Parent Training

Family Voice are a local charity, which supports families of children with Special Education Needs. They have a range of activities and programmes. They are offering some online support for parents in January, which may be of interest. The Expert Parenting Programme will run on 15 January 2021 from 9.30 – 2.30am. It will be hosted by Natasha Leahy and is free of charge, they will also deliver lunch to the participants. It may be useful for any parent who feels they need support with aspects



For more information or to book, please contact Family Voice on 01733 685510 or email office@familyvoice.org.

Their website has further information on this course and a host of other activities www.familyvoice.org

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