

Michaelmas Term 2018

Next Open Day

**Pre-Reception and Reception
Tuesday 5th February 2019**

Dear Parents and Pupils,

As the ink dries on the last report and I joyously walk down the corridors glistening with magic from the glitter on so many lovingly hand made Christmas Cards, I write to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas.

This half term has been packed with wonderful events for all our pupils. Including Prize Giving, in particular welcoming back our 2017/ 18 Year 11 pupils who achieved 96% 5 or more A* to C / 9—4 grade GCSE's, Christmas Plays, our Senior Carol Service, Pantomime visit, parties and discos!

Our chef and his team made a delicious Christmas dinner and the Savoy rocked with Christmas tunes and decorations. So much love and joy.

So once again I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. I can't wait to see our beautiful pupils return to school in January refreshed and ready for a hard working term.

Take care and keep safe whether you are at home or travelling to distant shores.

As always,
Kindest wishes



Mrs F S Armour, Headmistress



St John's School 91st Annual Prize Giving

On Friday 16th November 2018, the Monty Green Sports Hall was filled with pupils, past and present, along with their proud families to celebrate our 91st Prize Giving evening.

Steeped in tradition, the evening commenced with Mrs Armour, Headmistress, giving her annual review with the theme 'Simply the Best'. This was followed by performances by the Songbirds Choir, Junior Choral Verse and a wonderful piano solo.

The Head Boy and Girl gave an inspiring speech to all. The evening celebrated the achievements of our pupils throughout the past year. In particular, the highlight was to welcome back our GCSE pupils who achieved amazing results.



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Prizes for Achievement

Pre-Reception	Iris Philipowitz	L3Bl	Bharathwaj Srinivasan
RA	M. Adyan Azhar	L3Br	M. Ayaan Azhar
RN	Jack Headley	L3L	Harry Morgan
RW	Omorose Nicklin	U3R	Isabella Chapman
LKES	Blake Webster	U3W	Sophie Marsh
LKG	Freya Tsui-Rayment	L4C	Ruby-Mae Coyne
UKH	Ugochukwu Nwaiwu	U4G	Josh Madell
UKR	Taraoluwa Morafa	L5B	Edward Smith
F1F	Deehan Heer	L5F	Lucas Stillman
F1S	Mayomide Taiwo	U5B	Oliver Markscheffel
L2C	Jessie Newman	U5J	Nancy Wood
L2T	Eleanor Sobolev	U5S	Charlotte Woodrow
U2B	Nickolas Finch		

Prizes for Progress

Pre-Reception	Lorcan Moreira	L3Bl	Annabel Jones
RA	Oliver Mathews	L3Br	Nathan Thompson
RN	Harry Headley	L3L	Alexander Skinner
RW	Isabelle Srisathkurunathan	U3R	Jessica Hornsby
LKES	Sirat Khan	U3W	Harry Vanstone
LKG	Scarlett Kent	L4C	Rachel Gilheany
UKH	Thomas Harrison	U4G	Jacob Pullum
UKR	Royale Akerele	L5B	Ella Vanderhook
F1F	Adivah Adetoro	L5F	Aryan Malik
F1S	Edward Ames	U5B	Maggie Madell
L2C	Max Wood	U5J	Theo Taylor
L2T	Braiden Dolan	U5S	Reece Eatherton
U2B	Katy Ames		

Certificates for Endeavour

Pre-Reception	Elizabeth La-Thangue	L3Bl	Ruby Athol
RA	Isla Young	L3Br	Jessica Pullum
RN	Billy Dean	L3L	Mary Jo Munyonga
RW	Leonard Wallis	U3R	Klay Felstead
LKES	Jenson Brown	U3W	Jack Stillman
LKG	Riya Kanagasabai	L4C	Ankitha Gatterm
UKH	Teydon Schnel	U4G	Thomas Wallace
UKR	Georgia Dixon	L5B	Taylor Clements
F1F	Samuel Redgrave	L5F	John Gilheany
F1S	Olivia Winter	U5B	Isobel Richardson
L2C	Riley Keegan	U5J	Zack Thorpe
L2T	Rochelle Roy	U5S	Elizabeth Keen
U2B	Damilola Verissimo		

At Prize Giving there are three awards given per class for Achievement, Progress and Endeavour. The prize for Achievement is awarded for the highest overall exam results, the Progress prize is awarded for academic progress throughout the year and the Certificate for Endeavour is awarded for consistent diligence and hard work.



Success at the Chelmsford Festival

Students from St John's entered the Chelmsford Competitive Festival of Music, Speech and Drama on Saturday 10th November and achieved excellent results.

All students were awarded either Merit or Distinction, and one student achieved Honours. Individual skills entered included Verse Speaking, Prose Reading, Solo Acting, Duo Acting and Poetry Duologue. Four trophies were awarded to St John's students within these categories - The Richardson Trophy, The Evelyn Wall Trophy, The Lightfoot Trophy and the Gray Trophy. The Choral Verse group entry with The Vet were awarded the St Anne's Cup.

What wonderful results! Mrs Zoller and Mrs Manders wish to send their congratulations to each and every participant.



Junior and Senior Carol Concert

The children in the junior and senior schools joined together to participate in our annual Christmas Carol Concert. Featuring performances from Vox, our boys' vocal group, and the Songbirds, our junior choir, the event was a showcase of talent from our wonderful pupils.

We are very proud of each pupil who participated, whether in the orchestra, the chime group, reading, singing in a group or singing a solo. It was also lovely to welcome so many parents to join us in celebrating the festive season.

Thank you for the generous donations collected after the concert. The money raised will go towards our chosen charity for 2018/19 which is BOSP (Brighter Opportunities through Supported Play).



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PSC Christmas Activities

Our annual Parent Social Committee Christmas activities have been in full swing over the last couple of weeks. The committee spent hours preparing the sports hall for the children's Christmas Bazaar. Large inflatables, a photo booth, tombola and Santa's Grotto were very popular with all the pupils who visited.

The PSC Christmas Raffle was drawn on Wednesday by the Head Boy and Head Girl. The top prize being a virtual reality headset, second prize a £100 Amazon voucher and third prize was Afternoon Tea at Greenwoods.



Staff Changes

As we finish this Michaelmas Term we sadly bid farewell to our wonderful Physics teacher Mr Sullivan, who is retiring having worked at St John's for 12 years. We wish him every happiness as he embarks on the next chapter in his life. In his place, we would like to welcome Miss Barrett to St John's School.

Diary Dates Lent Term 2019

Tuesday 8 th January	FIRST DAY OF LENT TERM BREAKFAST CLUB & HOMEWORK CLUB RECOMMENCE KINDERGARTEN AFTERSCHOOL CLUB OPERATING
Friday 11 th January	KARATE LESSONS BEGIN
Monday 14 th January	INDIVIDUAL MUSIC LESSONS BEGIN LUNCHTIME AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS RECOMMENCE
Tuesday 22 nd January	UPPER 5 (YR 11) PARENTS EVENING
Thursday 24 th January	SENIOR ENTRANCE ASSESSMENT (FOR YR 7 ENTRY 2019)
Friday 15 th February	BREAK UP FOR FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Who to Contact

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Please state your child's name, form and reason for absence.

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