



# NEWSLETTER Term 1: 4th October 2024

## Upcoming Whole School Dates

<b>October</b>	Friday 4th : Individual photographs Monday 7th : SEND Parent Drop In 11-12AM Monday 14th : SEND Parent Drop In 11-12AM Friday 18th : Elfridges Gift Drop Monday 21st : SEND Parent Drop In 11-12AM Tuesday 22nd : Flu Vaccinations Friday 25th : Last day of term
<b>November</b>	Monday 4th : INSET DAY Tuesday 5th : First day of term Tuesday 12th : Friends AGM Friday 15th : Mufti Day Friday 29th : Meads Magic Saturday 30th : Christmas Fayre
<b>December</b>	Thursday 5th : Elfridges Wednesday 18th : Open Classroom Event Friday 20th : Last day of term and Christmas Church Service (PM)

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*Whole School  
Reminder:*

**NO NUTS**

*are to be brought in to school.*

*Thank you.*



## STAFFING NEWS:

Mrs Melanie Onuzi remains unwell and has made the decision to resign from her position at St John's Meads. We know she will be missed by many, and we thank her for all she has done at the school.

Mrs Katie Sanders (teacher in Year 5) is due to have a baby and will be on maternity leave from Jan 2025.

We are advertising the roles and do hope to secure suitable candidates in the next few weeks. We will update you once this is finalised.



## **Year 6 SATS Meeting for Parents**

Year 6 parents are invited to join us in the hall on **Thursday 10th October** at 8:50am for information about SAT's. Please drop off your child and head in to school via the office. No need to book.



## **Y1 and Reception - Phonics meeting for Parents**

Please join us in the hall on **Thursday 17th October** for a phonics meeting. Drop your child off as usual and head into school via the office. We will explain how your child will learn phonics at school and how you can support them at home too. It will last around 25 minutes. No need to book.

## This week at St. John's Meads

We are one month in and the children at St John's Meads have certainly overwhelmed me with their kindness after my recent bereavement. It has been a lovely distraction, but I had to laugh when some children thought that they needed to offer me their condolences daily. Fortunately, we have moved on from that now. Thank you again for your kindness as well.

The Harvest service was beautiful, the children sang beautifully and our new children in reception did incredibly well in their first service. Thank you for your generosity, it was so very appreciated by the Food bank as well.

In the classroom - I have seen a real step up with the quality of work Year 5 & 6 are producing. Year 4 have been excellent with their comprehension skills and more recently the use of punctuation in dialogue. Year 3 are working well on their editing skills and becoming more independent too.

I have seen some great effort with Year 2's phonics and adding up, and in Year 1 there was lots of great work going on in the recent Geography lesson. I was truly impressed with their knowledge and understanding of which countries make up the United Kingdom prior to being taught about it!

Reception children have settled in well and I could not be prouder of how kind the rest of the school have been towards them. During breaks and lunches, they are never alone, and they seem to know so many names already. They have been practicing their sounds with Little Wandle and already know the difference between graphemes and phonemes. I must admit I do have to plan to spend more time when I visit their class as it is such a joy to watch them learning and be a part of the fun.

### Little Wandle and Phonics

I have been so impressed with the work of the staff in Year 1 and Year 2 involved in the teaching and intervention groups of Little Wandle. All staff have been on it with their training and getting things off the ground with a new way of teaching phonics; this included early assessments that were carried out so that every child could have support pitched at their level.

The children are thoroughly enjoying it too and it is amazing to see how quickly they are developing their confidence. The children in Reception are due to start later this month, after their parent workshop.

**Mrs Byroo**





# Highlights from Reception



This week, Reception have been learning about the story of The Little Red Hen linked to Harvest.

They had lots of fun retelling the story together, playing with the farmyard small world and also creating their own story maps.

We also learned about how bread is made and made some ourselves. We enjoyed it with some butter and jam. It was delicious!



Even the staff in the office got to enjoy some of the tasty rolls.. Thank you!



# Highlights from Year 6

Year 6 have been busy over the past few weeks!

In science, they have been learning about the heart and how to keep it healthy.



We want to say a huge thank you to Mrs Aston and Mrs Marsh for bringing in a real sheep's heart for the children to experience dissecting!

In PE, they've been keeping their hearts healthy with lots of fitness and football on the field.



Back in class, we have been so impressed with their focus and hard work especially in English and Maths!

Well done on a great year so far Year 6!

**Don't forget to come along to our SATs information meeting on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 8:50am in the school hall.**

## Uniform sale – thank you!

Our pre-loved uniform and donut sale last week was a great success, raising a massive **£130!**

**Thank you so much for coming and supporting the sale.**

## Elfridges Gift Drop – Friday 18 October

Elfridges is our in-school event in December where children have fun choosing a gift and wrapping it up for a family member – but we need your donations to maAke it happen!

On Friday 18 October, please bring into school any unused items that would make a lovely gift for a grandparent, mum or dad. These could be smellies, socks, candles or books, for example.

We especially need gifts suitable for Dads!

**Drop your donation into the Elfridges box inside the main entrance. Thank you so much.**



## Christmas Fayre – seller stalls for £15, plus raffle prizes needed!

**Do you know a small business looking to sell their wares?**

At our Christmas Fayre on 30 November, businesses can book a seller table in our mini market for just £15. For more info and to book, **email: [secretary@stjohnsmeadsfmsa.org.uk](mailto:secretary@stjohnsmeadsfmsa.org.uk)**.

We are also on the look out for prizes for our fayre raffle.

Perhaps you have a contact at a local shop, soft play, adventure park, café or restaurant for example, that we could get in contact with. Or even a national retailer or cinema chain. Any ideas and leads are very welcome – just ping us an **email: [secretary@stjohnsmeadsfmsa.org.uk](mailto:secretary@stjohnsmeadsfmsa.org.uk)**.

## Shop at Asda? Sign up to Cashpot for Schools today!

Asda are donating money to schools this Autumn and you can help us get some cash!

Download the Asda Rewards app, opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign, and select 'St John's Meads'. Asda will then donate an initial £1 to our school, plus 0.5% of the value of your basket every time you shop, online or in store. **Sign up today as the scheme ends 30 November.**

Thank you to those who have already signed up.



Friends of  
ST JOHN'S MEADS  
CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# ELFRIDGES GIFT DROP

**Please donate any unused items that would make a lovely gift for an adult.**

**FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER**

**Drop your donations into the Elfridges Box, located inside main entrance. Thank you.**

*Your donations will be used at 'Elfridges' gift wrapping event for pupils on Thursday 5 December.*





# CHRISTMAS FAYRESTALLS

Are you a small business looking to reach a new audience?



Sell your wares and promote your business at the St John's Meads Christmas Fayre this November.



**£15 PER TABLE STALL**  
For more info and to book, email:  
[secretary@stjohnsmeadsfmsa.org.uk](mailto:secretary@stjohnsmeadsfmsa.org.uk)

**SATURDAY  
30 NOV**

**12 - 3PM**

St John's Meads School  
Eastbourne, BN20 7XS





## Join the fun and support a GREAT cause!

Every ticket you buy helps us raise money and 100% of the money raised makes a real difference in our community!



East Sussex Deaf Children's Society

# Online Raffle

**Prizes to be won:**

- ★ A health club pass for 2 for The Grand, Eastbourne
- ★ Voucher for 5 meals at McDonalds, Eastbourne
- ★ A family voucher for Ordinary climbers gym, Polegate
- ★ Voucher for 2 lunches at DBM art cafe, Eastbourne
- ★ A litre bottle of Pimms
- ★ A bottle of prosecco (x3)
- ★ Chocolates
- ★ and other lovely things!

Purchase raffle tickets:

**1 TICKET FOR £2**  
**3 TICKETS FOR £5**  
**10 TICKETS FOR £10**



The raffle will be drawn during the committee meeting on 4th November and streamed live on Facebook. Winners will be contacted individually, and all money raised will go to the East Sussex Deaf Children's Society

For more information, contact: Rachael on 07842553637



How to Enter: Grab your tickets:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/east-sussex-deaf-childrens-society-1>

**Let's make a difference TOGETHER!**



## STAFF WANTED

### Relish – School Casual Catering Assistants

Relish are currently recruiting for the above position to work within our school kitchens, covering staff absence.

If you are looking for casual or zero hours working between 11am & 2pm we may have the job for you, term time only.

If you are interested, please pass your contact details onto the school or contact Andrew Harvey on 07979 259236 or email [andrewharvey@relishschoolfood.co.uk](mailto:andrewharvey@relishschoolfood.co.uk)



All Saints' Youth Team would love to invite your children to join us at our Tuesday afternoon Youth groups. Explorers is suitable for Reception age up to Year 4, and Ignite is for Years 5 -7.

Please contact Annelie at: [anneliecooper@allsaintseastbourne.com](mailto:anneliecooper@allsaintseastbourne.com) for more information

**AUTUMN TERM 2024**

# ignite

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

**Will there be BACON in Heaven?  
Animals, Us and God's Plan. What the Bible  
teaches us about Creatures, Creation and Christ.**

## **AUTUMN 2024 TERM DATES**

**17TH & 24TH SEPTEMBER CLUB NIGHTS**

**TUCK, GAMES, CRAFT & BIBLE STUDY.**

**1ST OCTOBER WAFFLES & ICE-CREAM**

**8TH & 15TH & 22ND OCTOBER CLUB NIGHTS**

**5TH NOVEMBER**

***Sector 7* LASER TAG NIGHT**

**12TH & 19TH & 26TH NOVEMBER CLUB NIGHTS**

**3RD DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY!**

**6pm to 7.20pm Tuesday Evenings @ The Lounge, All Saints' Church**

**21a Grange Road, BN21 4HE For Years 5 to 7—Invite your friends!**

**07522335021 or [Juliandale@allsaintseastbourne.com](mailto:Juliandale@allsaintseastbourne.com) £2 per person & up to 60p Tuck money**



Autumn 2024 @ Explorers Club

# 9 VERY AMAZING ANIMALS

and How God Used Them

3.30pm to 5pm on Tuesdays for Reception to Year 4

In the Lounge at All Saints' Church, 21a Grange Road, Eastbourne

07522335021 Juliandale@allsaintseastbourne.com

£1 per child plus up to 30p Tuck money

17th, 24th September

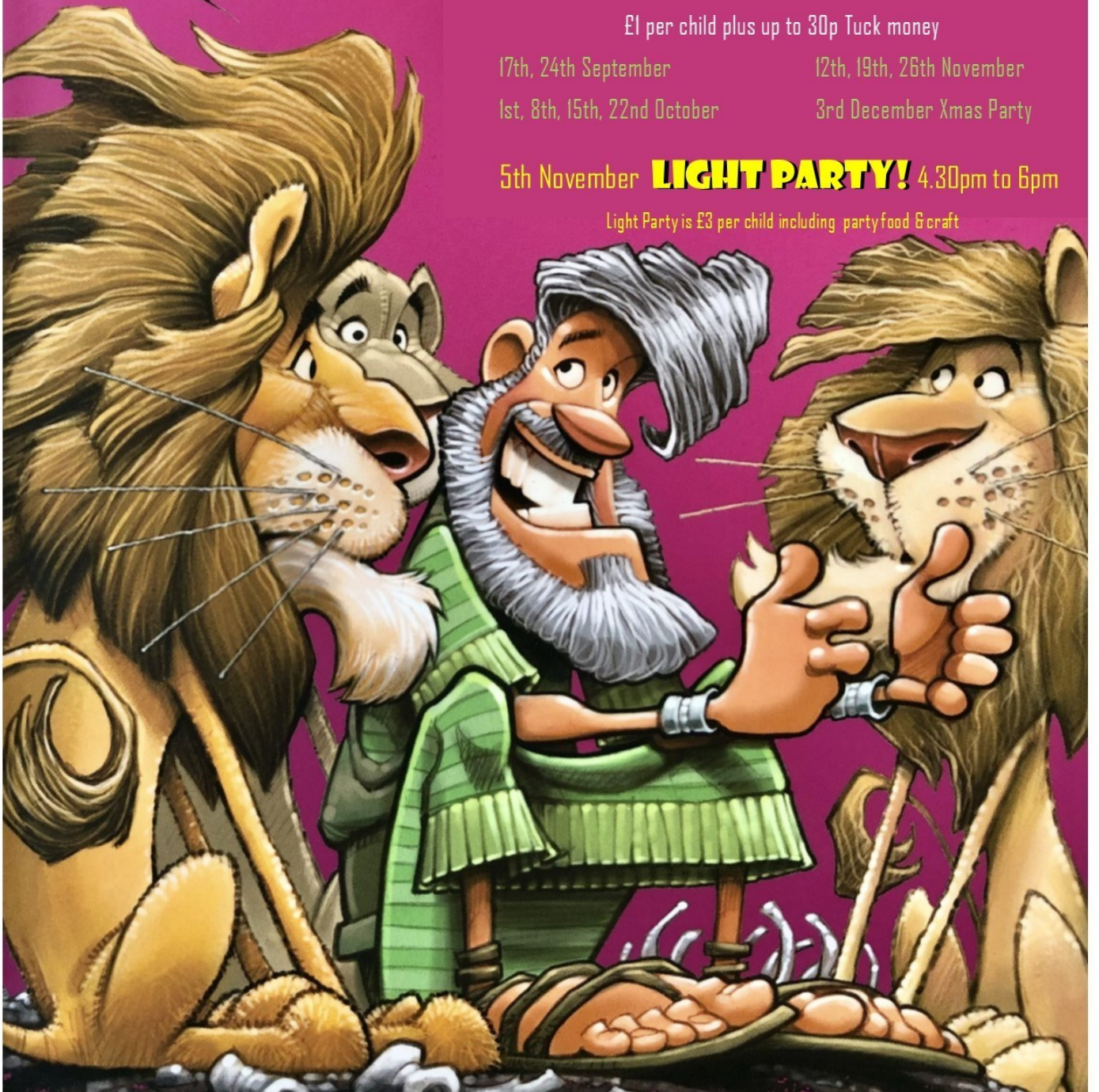
12th, 19th, 26th November

1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd October

3rd December Xmas Party

5th November **LIGHT PARTY!** 4.30pm to 6pm

Light Party is £3 per child including party food & craft





# Supporting a Child with ADHD



Challenge the stereotypes and get practical help

**Tuesday 24th Sept & Thur 10th Oct (7pm to 9pm) £24**

Available to book now  
[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)



Would you like to improve communication with your teen?

## face2face



Get professional support to improve mutual understanding and respect

Two Part online course £60

Young people do not have to appear or speak on camera

**Advanced Communication Skills certificate for teens  
on completion of the course**

for more info and to book

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Are you looking for some new strategies for children aged between 5 and 12?


# Facing Defiance



Six week course: 6 online Teach sessions (one hour on Sundays)  
plus applying the strategies at home during the week  
£72 (1 or 2 parents can attend)

for more info and to book

[info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk](mailto:info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk)



## SEP/OCT TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each  
Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

<b>FREE SESSIONS</b>	
<b>Supporting Kids with School Anxiety</b>	<b>26 SEP</b>
<b>Introduction to Facing Defiance</b>	<b>24 OCT</b>
Understanding Anger	23 SEP
Supporting a Child with ADHD	24 SEP
Understanding the Teenage Brain	7 OCT
Raising Self-Esteem	8 OCT
Decreasing Depression	15 OCT
Anxiety Explained	17 OCT
Understanding Anger	21 OCT
Drug Awareness for Parents	22 OCT
Autism: Improving Communication	28 OCT
Introduction to OCD	29 OCT
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	31 OCT
Improving Family Communication	4 NOV
Raising Self-Esteem	5 NOV

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