



NEWSLETTER Term 1: 20th September 2024

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Upcoming Whole School Dates

September	Monday 23rd : Open Classroom Event Thursday 26th : Harvest Church Service (AM)
October	Friday 4th : Individual photographs Tuesday 22nd : Flu Vaccinations Friday 25th : Last day of term
November	Monday 4th : INSET DAY Tuesday 5th : First day of term Saturday 30th : Christmas Fayre
December	Thursday 5th : Elfridges Wednesday 18th : Open Classroom Event Thursday 19th : Pantomime Friday 20th : Last day of term and Christmas Church Service (PM)

Whole School

Reminder:

NO NUTS

are to be brought in to school.

Thank you.



PLEASE NOTE:

As we now use **Medi-tracker** to email notifications to parents for all minor injuries, please add: **donotreply@medicaltracker.co.uk** to your email contacts, to ensure these notifications reach your inbox rather than your junk/spam.

Many thanks

This week at St. John's Meads

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a real pleasure to meet the children and staff at St John's Meads this week, along with many of you on the gate in the morning. Over the past week, I have been particularly struck by the kindness displayed by the children and the excellent manners I have seen.

It is joyful to watch the children enjoying the various playground activities that are available to them, especially seeing so many of them enjoying dressing up and role play. The Year 6 buddies have established wonderful friendships with our youngest pupils.

Last Friday, a team of volunteers helped Mr Avery to paint areas of our school along with putting up noticeboards. **Thank you very much** to you all - your help was really appreciated.

We will be sending photos from our weekly Celebration Assembly and our Rainbow Award winners directly through Arbor on Fridays, and the fortnightly newsletters will be a way to share messages, upcoming local events, important dates, Friends news and highlights from the classrooms.

Please continue to send in your photos to the school office throughout the week of any achievements your child has made outside of school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the St John's Community for making me feel so welcome. I hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

Miss Watson

Highlights from Year 1

This week, year 1 went on an adventure around the school while reading *The Everywhere Bear*.



The children acted out the story in English, including birds, trees and bears.

There were lots of shapes to be sorted in Maths..



..and a retelling of the Creation story in RE using play dough.

Highlights from Year 5

This week in Maths, year 5 spent time comparing and ordering numbers up to 1,000,000 using place value mats and counters.



The children learnt different jumps and rolls in gymnastics...

.. and enjoyed playing instruments to the theme tune 'Fresh Prince of Bel-Air' in Music.



Friends news

Welcome...

to the new school year and a special welcome to all our new starters. We hope you soon feel at home at St John's Meads.

We are **The Friends** - a group of parents and carers who raise money for the school through cake sales, quiz nights, fayres and more. Last year our generous community here at St John's **raised over £7000!**

Please help us to raise even more for our school this year as we host the following events:

Class reps

Each year group has a Friends class rep who will keep you posted about events and answer any questions you may have. Your reps this year are:

- Reception: Helen
- Year 1: Carry, Rhi & Dani
- Year 2: Hannah & Helena
- Year 3: Lisa & Shemane
- Year 4: Tom & Jo A
- Year 5: Amanda & Tracy
- Year 6: Becca & Emma

Join our team

We are a small team and really need more volunteers to join our committee. You can offer as much time as you like - many of us work, so we fit planning events around our schedules. It's a lot of fun and you'll make great friends too. If you're interested, drop us a line on the contact details below.



Events this Autumn

Tuesday 24 September UNIFORM SALE

Pre-loved logo and non-logo uniform, plus donut sale.

October PERSONALISED CARDS

Your child's own designs printed onto cards. More info soon!

Tuesday 12 November ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Hear more about The Friends, plus committee elections.

Saturday 30 November CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Crafts & games, gift stalls, raffle, food & mulled wine.

Thursday 5 December ELFRIDGES

Children wrap up gifts to take home for a family member.

COMING EARLY 2025 QUIZ NIGHT

Adults only. More info to follow.

Email: chair@stjohnsmeadsfmsa.org.uk



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FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S MEADS PRESENTS

UNIFORM SALE

pre-
loved

Pick up pre-loved school uniform for the year ahead at our playground sale

**TUES
24 SEP**

3.15PM

PLAYGROUND

Logo uniform: donation
Non-logo uniform: free



PLUS £1 donut sale



All proceeds will go towards fundraising for St John's Meads CE Primary School. Registered charity. 1106227

A Message from St. John's Church

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We're so excited for you to be joining us for your Harvest Festival. Over harvest we are collecting for Eastbourne Food Bank.

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Most needed food items



- UHT MILK
- TINNED COLD MEAT
- CEREALS
- SUGAR
- JAM & OTHER SPREADS
- TINNED TOMATOES
- TOILET ROLLS
- SOUP

Parental Childcare Sufficiency Survey

The Childcare Sufficiency Duty report is a legal requirement. It outlines how East Sussex County Council (the Council) plans to secure enough childcare places as far as is reasonably practicable, for parents and carers who are working, studying, or training for employment.

The report covers childcare for children from birth to 14 (or up to 18 for disabled children). The feedback from parents and carers will help East Sussex County Council to form the 2025 Childcare Sufficiency Duty Report. The survey can be completed by clicking the link below and you will need to submit your responses by the 7th October.

<https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/childrens-services/copy-of-childcare-sufficiency-duty-parental-survey>

Thank you very much for your time and support.



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

Raring2go! Autumn magazine

From the editor: For our Autumn edition, we have focused on Reading... how important reading as a family really is and some great book reviews for the season.

Along with tips for dealing with Homework and our usual, Raring2Make & Grow. We hope you enjoy our magazine as much as we did pulling it together...

Raring2go! Eastbourne



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 for more information

AUTUMN TERM 2024

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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 £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

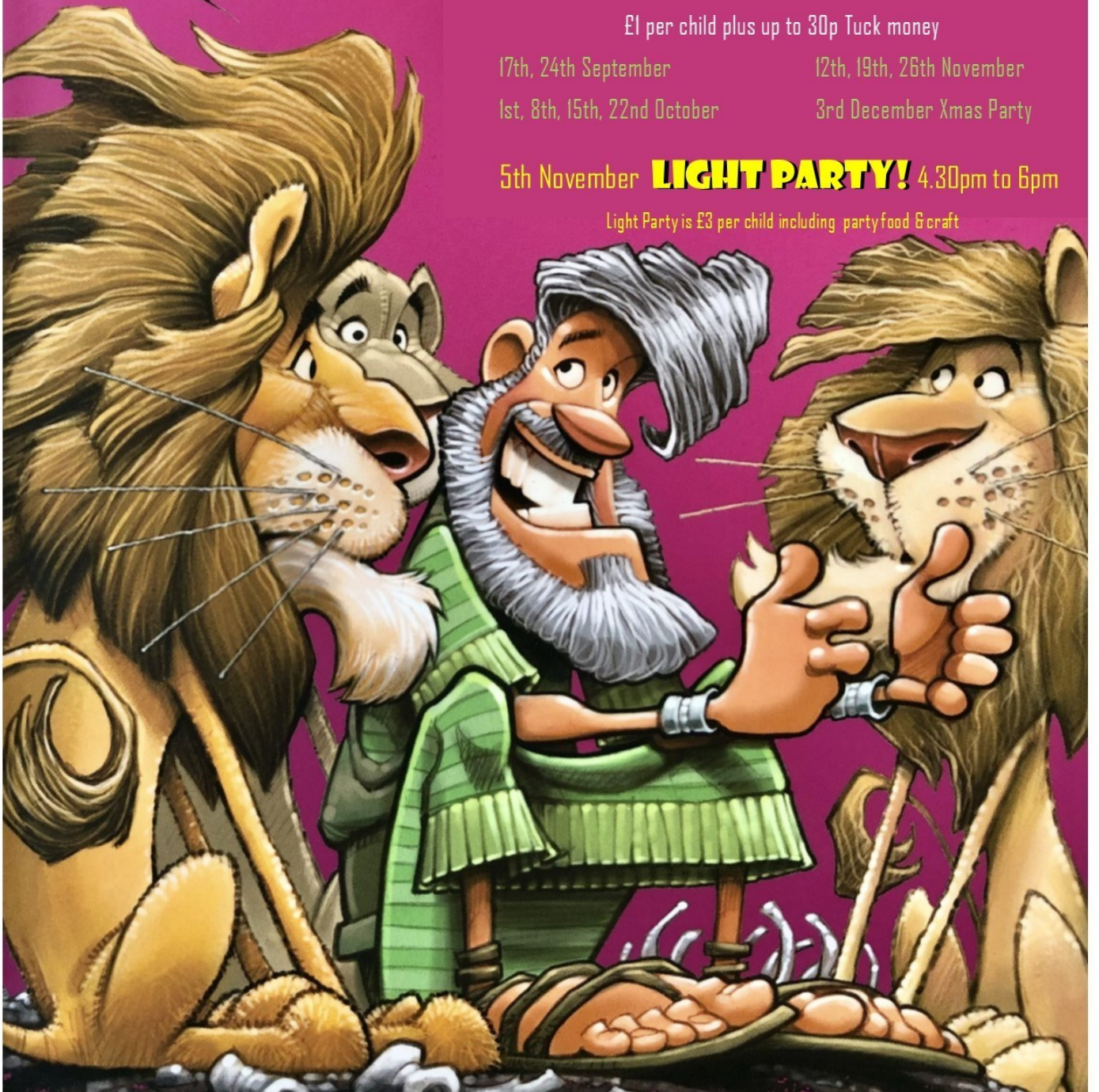
12th, 19th, 26th November

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



Save Herstmonceux Observatory & Science Centre

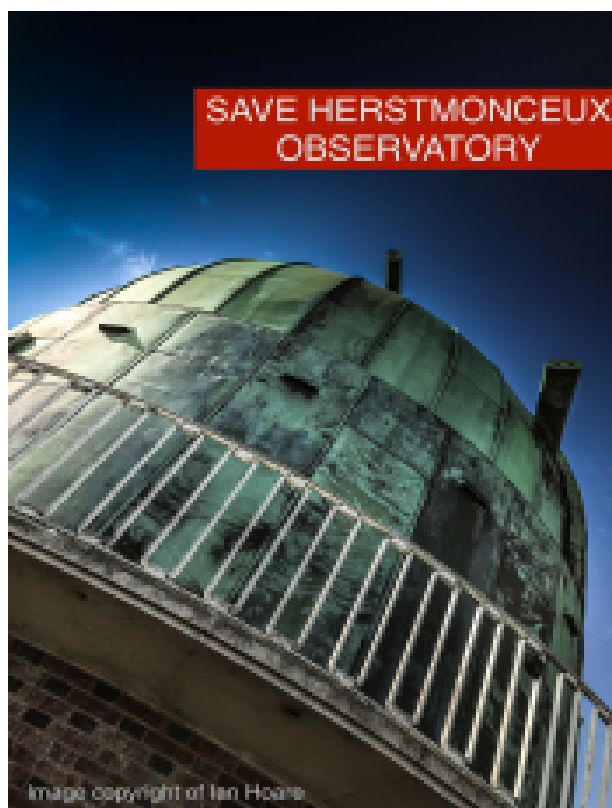
A well-loved, local science education resource and popular destination for school visits is likely to close.

This local education charity has promoted and supported science in the community for nearly 30 years.

The Grade II* listed building and telescopes, former home of the Royal Greenwich Observatory at Herstmonceux, East Sussex are at risk. The Canadian landlords, Queen's

University, are not renewing the Science Centre's lease, so come the end of the 2026 season the Science Centre will be homeless.

Help save this unique site by signing the petition and joining the conversation.



Sign the petition

