



NEWSLETTER Term 1: 25th October 2024

Upcoming Whole School Dates

October	Friday 25th : Last day of term
November	Monday 4th : INSET DAY Tuesday 5th : First day of term Tuesday 5th : Parent's Consultation 3.30-6pm Thursday 7th : Parent's Consultation 3.30-6pm Tuesday 12th : Friends AGM Friday 15th : Mufti Day - Tombola Donations Monday 25th : Pantomime Performance Saturday 30th : Christmas Fayre inc. Elfridges
December	Tuesday 17th : Reception Christmas Sing 9AM & 2.30PM Wednesday 18th : Nativity Year 1 & 2 at 2.30PM Thursday 19th : Nativity Year 1 & 2 at 9.15AM Friday 20th : Christmas Church Service (PM) and Last day of term 2

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*Whole School
Reminder:*

NO NUTS

*are to be brought in to school.
Thank you.*



End of Term News

It has been a great end to the term, and we have spent some time sharing all the things we are grateful for.

As part of this Celebration worship, I shared the following e-mail we received from a member of the public who met the children in Year 5 & 6 who were on the London trip this Wednesday:

" Hi - I was travelling home from work on Tuesday afternoon and boarded a train travelling between Haywards Heath and Eastbourne containing what I believe to be some of your students returning from a trip.

At first, when I saw the age and number of students on the carriage; I was filled with dread, however, I ended up being so impressed with the behaviour and polite manner of the students that I simply had to send this email.

Furthermore, it was so refreshing to see them engaging with each other and playing card games as opposed to sitting on phones. The teachers on this trip were so engaged and I was impressed with how regularly they checked the carriages.

If these were your students, please can you pass along my compliments to the teachers."

It was lovely to share this acknowledgement with the children and staff.

Much goes on behind the scenes to make things happen and give children valuable experiences.

The parent volunteers had a huge part to play in this as well and we really are grateful.

Reward System

We hope to launch our improved rewards system after half term. This will allow parents to see the rewards their child/children get on this on both their Arbor app and as an e-mail to begin with and after term 2- it will be on the App only. More to follow after our Inset day on the 4th of November.

On the Inset day we will also be continuing our work on the **school vision and values**.

The feedback from the children and staff so far suggests that this is an area for development. A senior leader from St Catherine's College and members of DCAT are helping us shape this at this stage.

I hope to share our work with you at and leaders of St John's church so that we can have everyone's input.



Thank you to those that have responded so far. It really does not take long and your positive comments are really used to motivate us and our work. Suggestions and areas for development are also welcome so that we can continue to improve.

There is still time to have your say by following this link:

[St John's Meads Parent View Survey - October 2024](#)

Closing Wednesday the 6th November 2024.

Open mornings

We welcomed about 35 families this week and they were really impressed by all that they saw. Some children did not want to leave.

The children were a real credit to the school, they happily chatted to the adults and visiting children, showed off their work, provided great answers when asked questions and were great ambassadors for our school.

Thank you also to The Friends who had set up a little refreshment stall and welcomed every family in as they arrived. It really was such a great team effort.

Have a lovely half term break everyone and we will see you in term 2.

By the look of the calendar, it is full of lovely activities and events that I am looking forward to enjoying with the children, and hope you are too!

Mrs Byrro



We are delighted that our school has been awarded **East Sussex Healthy School Status**.

This is in recognition of the priority our school places on the health and wellbeing of the whole school community and a commitment to continuous improvement in:

- PSHE Education
- Healthy Eating
- Physical Activity and
- Social Emotional and Mental Health

Thank you to Mrs. Pillar and Mrs. Foster for all their hard work in securing our Healthy Schools Award!

Highlights from Year 3

Year 3 have been writing their very own Roald Dahl inspired stories after looking at 'Fantastic Mr. Fox'.

Lots of animals getting up to mischief and taking on the humans!

We have also said our goodbyes to the lovely Grace as she sets off on a new adventure. We wish her all the luck in the world. She shall be missed!



Friends of St John's Meads presents

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Friends of
ST JOHN'S MEADS
CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

- Live Entertainment
- Crafts & Games
- Santa's Grotto
- Hot Food & Mulled Wine
- Raffle & Tombolas

SATURDAY
30 NOV

12 - 3PM

St John's Meads School
Rowsley Road
Eastbourne

❄️ £1 ADULT ENTRY / KIDS FREE ❄️

➤ Online booking coming soon

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All the proceeds from this event will go to the Friends of St John's Meads; a charity dedicated to raising money to benefit pupils at St John's Meads CE Primary School. Registered charity 1106227.

5 REASONS TO JOIN THE FRIENDS

Friends of
ST JOHN'S MEADS
CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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FOR THE CHILDREN

Our events are great fun for the children, raising funds for their education, which improves their school experience. Win win!

FOR THE SCHOOL

School budgets are tight. We fund resources & activities that might not otherwise happen. Your voice can input into these decisions.

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FOR YOU

Volunteering is a rewarding experience - be part of a team that has a lot of fun! Whatever your skills, you can play a part.

MAKE CONNECTIONS

There is no better way to know what's happening in school. Connect with others that share the same passion for St John's.

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KEEP THE FRIENDS GOING

When parents leave the school, we need new members to keep the fundraising going. Give as much or as little time as you like.



**FIND OUT MORE AT OUR AGM
TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER, 9AM**

All are welcome. RSVP by email: chair@stjohnsmeadsfmsa.org.uk

All Saints' Youth Team
Invite you to our brilliant

Light Party!

Tuesday 5th November 2024
4.30pm to 6pm. £4 per child
Craft - Games - Food - Fun!

Suitable for Reception - Year 4.

Please book your child's place using this link

<https://allsaintseb.churchsuite.com/events/nkydqmrn>

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

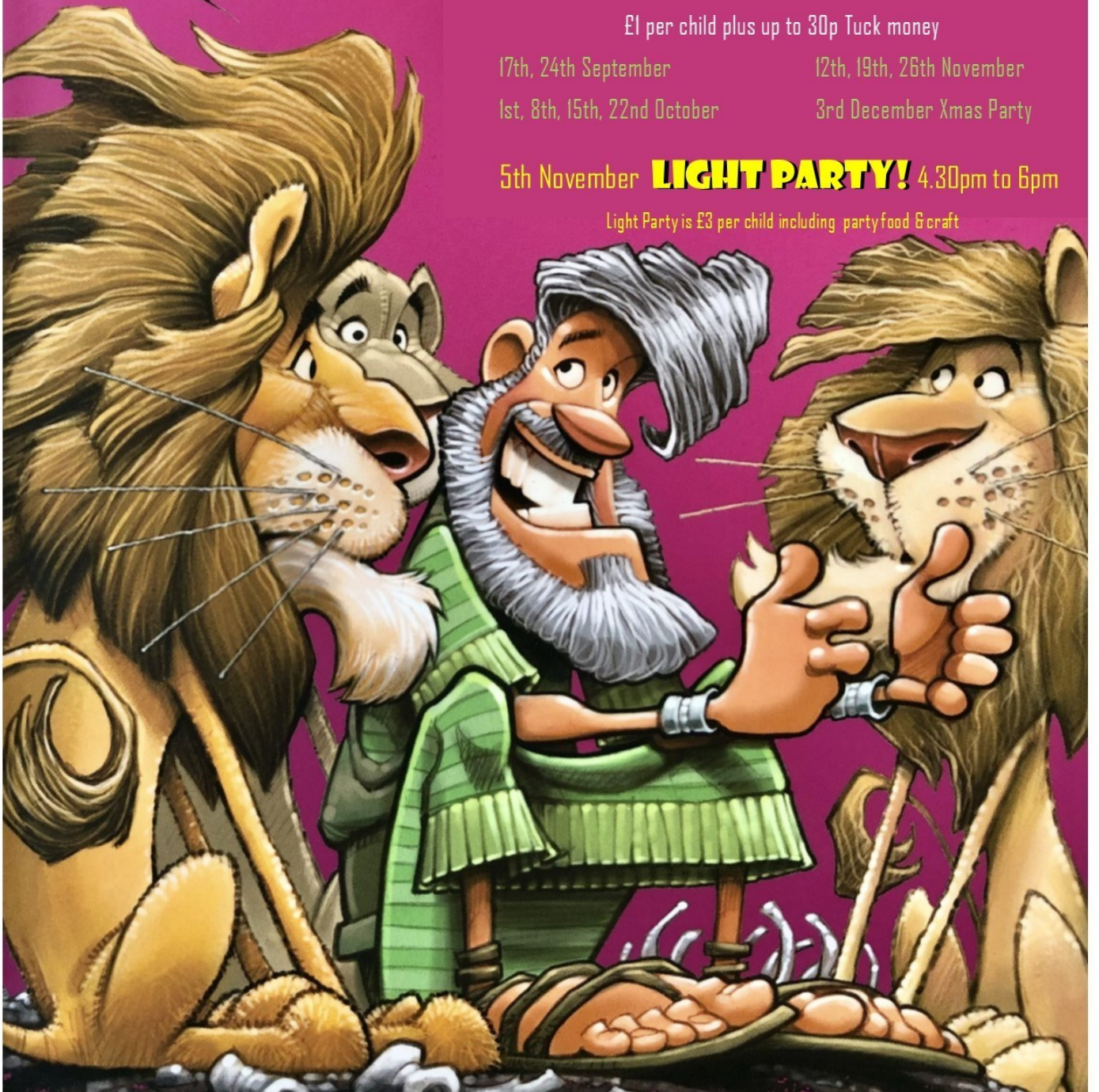
12th, 19th, 26th November

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

3rd December Xmas Party

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

Light Party is £3 per child including partyfood & craft



Willingdon

HOLIDAY CLUBS

Spooky Season - October Half Term

Weds 30th October 2024

Thurs 31st October 2024

9.30am-2.30pm



CREATIVE



FUN

Multisport

Basketball, Football, Benchball
Badminton, Table tennis, Just dance

Students welcome from Year
groups 4-8 from all schools

Team Challenges

Taskmaster, STEAM, Photography
Logic Puzzles, Scavenger Hunt Team

Rates

£40 per day per child.
10% sibling discount
PP students attending year 7 or 8 at
Willingdon Community school 50%
discounted rate

All enquiries to holidayclubs@willingdonschool.org.uk