

Mexborough St John The Baptist C of E Primary School

Sedgefield Way, Mexborough, South Yorkshire, S64 0BE.



We love and value all of God's children, creating an inclusive environment that helps all to flourish.



15.11.24

Collective Worship

Huw Thomas, from the Diocese of Sheffield visited school to host our collective worship on Armistice Day. We thought about remembrance and thought about the loved ones who are special to us.

Celebration Children

Our celebration children have shown excellent attitudes to learning so please join us in congratulating them on their achievements. Well done to all!



Young Readers

This week's young readers are...

F2: Amelia	Y1: Matthew	Y2: James	Y3: Maisie S	Y4: Fox	Y5: Niamh	Y6: Freya
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Our wonderful children have chosen a book from our vending machine. Well done everyone for your positive attitude towards reading! Keep up the hard work!

Attendance

Whole School Attendance: **93.8%**

This week's attendance scores are below.

Cherry Tree/FS1	92.8%	Willow/Y3	91.8%
Acorn/FS2	88%	Maple/Y4	98%
Rowan/Y1	94.8%	Chestnut/Y5	94.6%
Cedar/Y2	92.8%	Oak/Y6	97.1%

Our school attendance target is 96%. **Well done to Y4 & Y6 for achieving our target.**

Please revisit the communication regarding attendance by visiting

https://www.mexboroughstjohn.co.uk/files/ugd/ef9da6_f0d83299378745889fc44faca10a2658.pdf

Remembrance Day

On Monday we held a one-minute silence to remember the fallen.

To continue our month of remembrance, our Memory Tree will remain in the school reception. Children/parents/carers can add the names of loved ones to our tree. This is lovely way to show remembrance to those we love.

Anti-Bullying Week

This week we have supported 'Anti-bullying Week'. During assembly we looked at what it means to be a good friend and how we can treat others with kindness. Classes have individually included this within their English lessons. On Tuesday we showed our support by wearing 'Odd Socks'. The 'Anti-bullying Company' held an interactive online session this morning around the theme 'Choose Respect'. We have linked this back to our school values. Further information about our school values can be found by visiting <https://www.mexboroughstjohn.co.uk/aims-values-vision>

Children in Need

Today we have supported Children in Need, we have held a non-uniform/wear spots day. Thank you for your generous donations. All funds raised will be passed to Children in Need. Total funds TBA.

Remember to order your child's Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner day is on Thursday 19th December. To allow the kitchen to place their order, we need to know if your child will be having a school meal on the day. Please complete the attached form <https://forms.office.com/e/SiW1q52THc> before **Monday 25th November**.

The food options available on the day are:

- Roast Turkey Dinner
- Quorn/Vegan Sausage Dinner

Please be aware, chill choice and jacket potatoes will **not** be available on the day.

Santa Dash

Our sponsored Santa Dash will return to MSJ on the afternoon of Wednesday 4th December (time TBC). This will take place on our school field to raise funds for outdoor play equipment.

This is a fun afternoon where the children are encouraged to run/walk a mile in 15 minutes and dress up in their Christmas jumpers and Santa hats if they wish. Appropriate footwear and an outdoor coat are essential.

Sponsor forms are coming home today. As always, we appreciate your support.

If parents/carers would like to join in the fun please bring along your Santa Hats too.

School Meals.

The new school meal menu starts next week. It is always handy to take a look at home and discuss with your child prior to arrival at school. Menus can be found on the school website by visiting <https://www.mexboroughstjohn.co.uk/school-dinners>

Please remember- the government currently fund school meals for children who are in F2 (Acorn Class), Year 1 (Rowan Class) and Year 2 (Cedar Class).

We encourage anyone who thinks they may be entitled to free school meals to apply via <http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/free-school-meals>

Internet Safety

We are aware that some of our children have the social media app 'Snapchat'. We have been informed that within snapchat some of our children are part of a group titled 'Beef'. The content of the group is not age appropriate.

We kindly ask that parents/carers check children's devices and phones.

We understand the pressures of social media and the desire for children to have access to apps and group messages, but would also like to remind parents that most apps are age 13+ (this includes snapchat, Instagram, Facebook, TikTok, Twitter)



E-Mail school@msj.jmat.org.uk
Website: - www.mexboroughstjohn.co.uk



Information about keeping children safe online can be found on the following sites:

- <https://www.bupa.com.au/healthlink/family-pregnancy/kids/social-media-and-kids-the-benefits-risks-and-how-to-stay-safe>
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online>
- <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/social-media-guides>

Friends of School

The next FOS Coffee Morning will take place on Tuesday 26th November after school drop off. Everyone is welcome. Please pop in to the school bungalow and join us for a cuppa and a chat. Extra treats provided by The Proper Ice Cream Company-Mexborough.

FOS Christmas raffle will be announced next week.

Midday Supervisor

We are looking for an enthusiastic, caring, team player to join our team. Applicants need to be calm, responsible, and enjoy being in the company of children. This post includes supporting the children with eating their food, supervising the children's behaviour, coordinating their play activities outside and occasionally attending to minor injuries / administering first aid.

This is term time, for one hour per day (12:00pm - 1pm), to start as soon as possible. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Loftus in the school office via email school@msj.jmat.org.uk

Please note that all positions are subject to appropriate references, a DBS check and a probationary period.

Key Dates

November 24

Tuesday 26th FOS Coffee Morning – 08:45 at School bungalow

December 24

Wednesday 4th Santa Dash
Tuesday 10th F1 Carols & Crafts – 1:30pm – AM children are invited back for PM
Tuesday 10th Y1 Visit to Cast Theatre
Wednesday 11th Christmas Fayre – 2pm-4pm
Thursday 12th Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 12th F2 Christmas Nativity – 09:30am
Thursday 12th Y2 Visit to Leeds Playhouse – Mr Snow
Tuesday 17th KS2 performance – 9:30am
Tuesday 17th KS1 performance – 1:30pm
Wednesday 18th KS1 performance – 9:30am
Wednesday 18th KS2 performance – 1:30pm
Thursday 19th Christmas Dinner and party day

*Term dates & inset dates available here: <https://www.mexboroughstjohn.co.uk/term-dates>

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