



In Sunday's Gospel, Mark 10:35-45, two disciples, James and John, suggest to Jesus that they would like to be seen as more important than the other disciples.

Jesus tells all his disciples they should be humble. He tells them they should not act like great leaders who have full power over the people they rule – Jesus lived in the Holy Land when it was ruled by the Romans. Instead, he told them, they should not assume they are more important than anyone else, but act as servants to others; humble and helpful to others in all they do.

Jesus' message is, we are all equal in the eyes of God.

Closing prayer: God of hope, encourage us to reach out when we see people who need our help. Open our hearts so that we may work together to make our community a fairer place for all people. Amen.

Andrew Olive, Headteacher



St Swithun's Church Christmas Fair

St Swithun's Church is holding its Christmas Fair on Saturday 24th November between

2pm and 5pm. If you would like to have a table at the event, please contact the parish on 02392 828305.



Mothers' and Grandmothers' Prayer group

On Tuesday 30th October at 2pm, there will be an opportunity for mothers and grandmothers who wish to pray for their children to come together. This meeting is a preliminary meeting when we hope to arrange convenient times and places to meet regularly. This meeting will take place at the back of St Swithun's Church. Please pray and think about joining together with other mothers, for your families and children.

Class Masses

These will normally be held on **Fridays** at St Swithun's Church, commencing at 10 am.

Date	Class
Thursday 1st November	Whole School
16 th November	Zebras
23 rd November	Leopards
30 th November	Kangaroos

Class Assemblies

These will be held in the School Hall every Wednesday afternoon. Please join us for your child's class assembly, which begins at 3.10pm for which you may arrive at the School Office from 3pm.

Wednesday Date	Class
31 st October	Zebras
7 th November	Dolphins
14 th November	Leopards
28 th November	Starfish



Portsmouth High School Technology Day

On 25th September, 4 girls from Year 6 were chosen to go to Portsmouth High School for a technology day. This was a very interesting experience for all. During this amazing day, we designed and created our own monorails which were supposed to travel from Portsmouth to Gosport. We were given many materials such as scissors, masking tape, card, paper, the base of the car and 'Freddos' as the passengers.



We worked very well together and we kept on editing it until we had our final draft. Each time we made a correction, we tested the monorail on a practice round. We had a presentation board which displayed all our different ideas and logos. We ended up using Eri's design and Milly's logo. Our monorail company was called 'Timeless Travels' since it was a time efficient way of travelling from Portsmouth to Gosport. We won first place out of ten schools and we are very proud of our success.



We want to give thanks to Mrs Waszak who supervised us in this event. We also want to thank Mrs Webb and Mr Field for hosting this event. We really enjoyed this opportunity and we hope everyone who gets to do this in the future will enjoy it as well.
By Eri, Milly, Kirsty and Damilola

Teach Week

Years 5 and 6 celebrated Teach Week by sharing their skills and teaching others a skill that they knew already. It was a wonderful opportunity for children to share their knowledge and abilities in subjects not usually explored in school.



Many pupils taught skills outside, such as football and dance whilst others taught arts and crafts and other activities indoors.



"We really enjoyed watching people persevere and try harding to learn new skills; we had fun teaching too."
Bronte.

"I enjoyed teaching other people to do activities that we wouldn't usually do in school, like boxing. I also thought it was fun learning from other people." Fabian.



"I really liked it when other people listened to me and focussed on the skills I was teaching them." Ben.



"It was really fun because you got to see people's talents and skills that you wouldn't usually see." Joan.

We are all definitely up for doing another event like this in the future.

Ceilidh

On Tuesday 16th October, members of the school orchestra went to the Ceilidh and had a wonderful time. We all danced to joyful songs with two other schools. Everyone was smiling and laughing so the atmosphere was very bright. We got to dance with new people and got to play our own songs that we had practised. It went faster than expected and everyone tried their best. The band 'Jigfoot' were really good with the St Edmund's band. Thank you to Mrs Bacon who supervised us, Jo Harmer who ran the event, and to the parents who helped to walk us there and transport our instruments.



Overall it was a very fun afternoon.
By Kirsty.



Year 6 Football Tournament

Recently, pupils from the Year 6 football team took part in a tournament at Goals. We had a fantastic time!! We played against very challenging schools but we learned from our mistakes and played as a team. We got off to a promising start, winning 1 – 0 against our rivals, Corpus Christi. We were overjoyed with this win but our happiness soon ended when we faced a very talented side and lost 2 – 0. Our goalkeeper Manuel was injured when saving a tremendous shot and ended up spraining his finger. He missed 2 matches and Oscar went in goal instead. After that terrible situation, we lost our knockout match against St John's and that ended the tournament for us.

Overall, we played 10 games and won 5. We scored more goals than we let in. The goal scorers were Sterling, Oscar, and George who scored 14 goals!

By Manuel and Oscar.



Rock Steady – Oxjam Festival 2018

The Rock Steady team took some of the children to perform at Oxjam Festival on Saturday 13th October. Matt from Rock Steady said the children were the most popular thing at the event, performing in front of around 200 people. To watch some of their performances, please click [here](#).



Scholastics Book Fair



Arriving after half term we have our Annual Scholastics Books Fair. A variety of books available with prices starting at just £1.99. No postage! Take the goods home on the day! Watch out for emails regarding opening times after half term. Hope to see lots of you there!



School Nurse Drop-In

School Nurses are offering a drop-in for parents to discuss their child's health. If you have any concerns about allergies, asthma, growth, sleep, or something else, please come and see the School Nurses between 9.15am and 11am on:

- Thursday 1st November
- Thursday 29th November
- Thursday 20th December



FOSSS WINTER DISCO



THURSDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

**Early Years and KS1 –
3.30pm-5pm**

KS2 – 5.30pm-7pm

****Tickets On Sale Soon****

Please contact a member of **FOSSS** if you are able to volunteer on the day.

Senior School Open Days

St John's College is holding an Open day on Tuesday 13th November. Please call 023 9281 5118 or visit www.stjohnscollege.co.uk to book your place.



Office News...

Letters

Please [click here](#) or see below for a list of letters that were sent home recently:

Whole School –

- Annual Consent Form for Local Trips

Year 1/2 –

- Cookery Club

Year 3/4 –

- Sporting Festival (Selected Pupils Only)

Year 5/6 –

- Netball Club (Year 6 Only)
- Dockyard Trip

All letters are now sent via email and are available on our website. If you have reason to receive a paper copy, please let the School Office know.

INSET Days

Please note that the dates on the Portsmouth City Council website **DO NOT** include our INSET days. These can be found here in our newsletters, or on our website.

- **Monday 25th February 2019**
- **Monday 22nd July 2019**
- **Tuesday 23rd July 2019**
- **Wednesday 4th September 2019**

Holiday care is available for all of these days – please see the School Office.