



THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

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2 December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we enter the period of Advent, we focus our time on prayer, penance and sacrifice. The John Fisher School is a wonderful example of sacrifice, so often for those in most need. Tomorrow, our parent/carer association, The JFA, will be at Plough Lane selling Christmas trees to raise money for the school followed by Christmas hamper packing for our most in need families, ready for delivery in the following week. The refreshments for staff and students after rugby will be prepared and served by parents/carers giving up their time to help others. Last night we welcomed over 120 parent/carers and staff to our Christmas Bonanza concert, which showcased nearly 100 students' God-given talents in action. So many of these opportunities would not happen without the sacrifice of our staff, parents/carers and students.

We also look ahead to our multi-day on Friday 9 December (*voluntary donation on ParentPay of £2 for Years 8-13, £1 for Year 7 who are in games kit*) as we support; Together for Short Lives, NSPCC, Link to Hope Show Box Appeal and the Catholic Relief Services.

Some important messages for you:



JFA Christmas Tree Sale, Saturday 3 December 9.00am – 1.00pm

The JFA will be selling Christmas trees, wreaths and reindeer on Saturday 3 December at Plough Lane. If you have not yet bought a tree, you can still do so on the day. All profits will be going back into the school to support the continued investment in I.T.



Parent/Carer Mental Health Talks

Please see the menu of talks for parents/carers being facilitated by the South-West London and St. George's Mental Health Cluster. These include sessions on supporting your son through anxiety and teen years, as well as supporting him with exam stress. Sign up information is on the flyer attached.

Christmas Bonanza

Thank you to the students, staff and parents/carers who attended last night's Christmas Bonanza. The programme included the choirs, guitar club and junior orchestra. It was the first Christmas event we have hosted in person since 2019 due to Covid, so it was lovely to see a fully packed Main Hall. Well done to all those who performed.



JFA Christmas Hamper Raffle sponsored by Tutor Doctor Tuition

The JFA continue to offer Christmas hampers to those Fisher families in need at Christmas. To raise money to maintain this, they have launched the Christmas Hamper Raffle, sponsored by Tutor Dr Tutors. Raffle tickets are £1 and can be purchased on ParentPay. Tickets are now on sale until 12pm, Thursday 15 December. The draw will be at 2.30pm on the same day. The winner will be notified and required to collect their hamper on Friday 16 December. <https://www.tutordocor.co.uk/>

Children's Book Drive

In collaboration with The Children's Book Project, we are holding a Book Drive for the charity during the week beginning 5 December. Please bring in any books your children have grown out of so that they can find new homes with children across London. We can accept any children's books in good condition (see attached poster for details). Books can be brought into Reception throughout the week up until Friday 9 December!

For more information visit www.childrensbookproject.co.uk



Cross Country: The Judd Cup

This week we experienced a first for us in Cross-country. Three brothers Christopher, Daniel and Thomas all represented the school in the same Cross-country team. Well done to them all.

The John Fisher School Sports Gala Dinner 2023

Tickets are now on sale for next year's Sports Gala Dinner. These can be purchased here: <https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/jfssportsgaladinner23>

The dinner, held on Friday 7 July 2023, will welcome a number of sporting superstars including Shane Williams (Lions and Wales) Alex Dombrandt (Alumni, England and Harlequins) and Martyn Rooney (Alumni, triple Olympian). You can find out more by clicking the link above or on the poster attached.

Please find the arrangements for the final day of term below

All students should arrive to school at normal time. Students will have a limited offer of food and drink available to them at break time; they are asked to bring a snack/drink.

Students will be dismissed from 12.00pm, using their normal entry/exit gates.

Some key dates for your diary:

- **Saturday 3 December:** JFA Christmas Tree Sale (9.00am-1.00pm at Plough Lane)
- **Monday 5 December:** Westside Care Home Carol Singing
- **Thursday 8 December:** Sutton Schools Student Council Joint Meeting
- **Thursday 8 December:** Sutton Sings Christmas (7.30pm at St. Andrew's Church, Cheam)
- **Friday 9 December:** Mufti Day (Christmas jumpers encouraged)
- **Friday 9 December:** Hill House Care Home Carol Service.
- **Wednesday 14 December:** Drama Production: A Christmas Carol (5.30pm in the Main Hall)
- **Thursday 15 December:** Service of Lessons and Carols by Candlelight (7.00pm in the Chapel)
- **Friday 16 December:** End of term for students – dismissal from 12.00pm
- **Tuesday 3 January:** Staff Inset day – school closed for students
- **Wednesday 4 January:** All students return for Term 2

Final Prayer

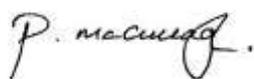
'Oh Lord my God, You give me all the strength that I need in life. As I undergo this trying moment, offer me a yoke that is good to bear and a burden that is light.

Dear Father, You may take away this burden that I have, but if it is Your will that bears it, then shower me with Your strength and fortitude.'

Amen,

Wishing you and your families a restful weekend,

Yours sincerely,



P E McCullagh
Headteacher



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John Fisher Sport

The JFA presents..



Christmas Tree Sale

SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER

PLOUGH LANE PLAYING FIELDS

9.00AM-1.00PM

CHOOSE YOUR OWN BEAUTIFUL NORDIC NON-DROP
CHRISTMAS TREE:

4-5FT - £35

5-6FT - £40

6-7FT - £45

7-8FT - £60



PRE-ARRANGED LOCAL DELIVERY: £5

ALSO AVAILABLE: CHRISTMAS WREATHS & REINDEER

TEA/COFFEE AND BACON ROLLS

ORDER NOW ON PARENTPAY OR EMAIL: THEJOHNFISHERASSOC@GMAIL.COM



Upcoming Events For Secondary Parents 2022/23 Supporting your teenager's mental health webinars

**22ND,
26TH OR
27TH
SEPT**

Mental Health during the teenage years -
an introduction and overview
For year 7 & year 8 parents

**9TH,
10TH OR
15TH
NOV**

Supporting your teen through emotional
storms - emotion regulation skills and
strategies
For all secondary school parents

**26TH,
30TH OR
1ST
JAN/FEB**

Understanding and supporting anxiety
during the teenage years
For all secondary parents

**13TH,
16TH OR
17TH
MAR**

Supporting and managing exam and
assignment stress: top tips and ideas for
parents
For all secondary parents - year 11 and 13 focus

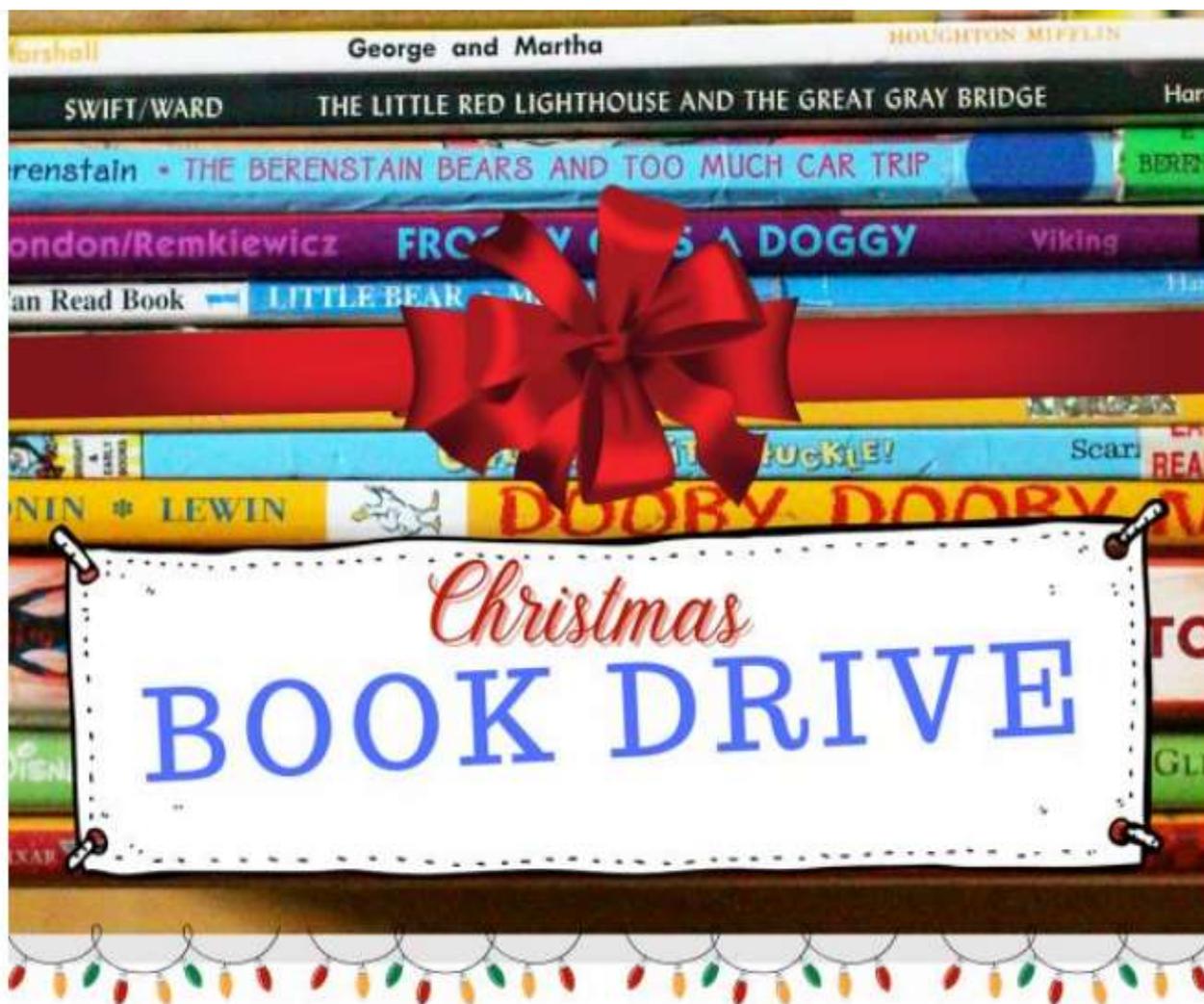
**4TH,
9TH OR
11TH
MAY**

Understanding and supporting teen sleep:
an overview of the research and
recommendations
For all secondary parents

We also provide free 1:1 support programmes for parents to support with their child's anxiety or behavioural challenges. Speak to your school to find out more

Scan QR code with your phone's camera to sign up for free via eventbrite or search:
www.eventbrite.com/cc/secondary-parents-nhs-wellbeing-workshops-725989





PLEASE BRING IN ANY BOOKS
YOU'VE GROWN OUT OF

We cannot accept:

- Old or tatty books
- Encyclopaedias, textbooks or revision books
- Religious texts
- Ex library or reading scheme books

**Drop off your donations to the
Christmas Book Box in Reception
by 9th December!**



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Children's
Book
Project



SPORTS GALA DINNER 2023



Friday 7th July, 2023

Surrey National Golf Club

7PM: CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION 7.30PM: SIT DOWN 3-COURSE MEAL 12AM: CARRIAGES

SPONSORED BY:



FOR TICKETS: WWW.JUMBLEBEE.CO.UK/JFSSPORTSGALADINNER23



PLATINUM AND GOLD TABLES AVAILABLE WITH A SPORTING STAR

THE JOHN FISHER SCHOOL
MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Service of Lessons & Carols

By Candlelight

The John Fisher School Chapel

Thursday 15th December 2022

7pm

Free entry; retiring collection

