

St John the Baptist C of E (Aided) Primary School, Findon

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WELCOME BACK FROM MR YELLAND

I would like to welcome you all back after the summer break and it is lovely to see everyone again; especially our new children and families, both in Reception and throughout the school.

This year looks like being full of excitement for the children and the teachers alike. We have planned lots of exciting activities and events to keep everyone engaged with what we are both doing in class and with our local community.

I would particularly like to highlight some key dates, which are listed below.

DATES FOR YOUR DIAIRES

September	17	Holly Class parents' meeting at 2.30 pm
	18	Rowan Class parents' meeting at 2.30 pm
	19	Oak Class parents' meeting at 2.30 pm
October	01	Harvest Festival Service at St John the Baptist Church at 9.30 am
	10	Six Weeks In meeting for our new parents at 8.50 am – info to follow Nasal flu vaccination session – please return forms
	15	Parents Evening: 5.30 – 7.30 pm – letter to follow
	16	Parents Evening: 3.30 – 6.00 pm
	21	Year 6 Bikeability training – letter/info will be sent out soon
	28 – 1	Half term holiday
November	w/c 4	Scholastic Book Fair
	09	PTA Findon Bonfire and Fireworks evening
	14	Astracolour school individual photographs
June 2020	06	Summer Revels

We will be adding more dates to the above over the next few weeks, so please keep reading the Newsletter!

ROWAN, HOLLY AND OAK

Here's a reminder that KS2 classes are having class meetings for parents this year, where we will discuss expectations for children, including homework, developing independence, non-negotiables etc. We hope these meetings will be beneficial to all, so please return your slips ASAP to indicate that you will be able to attend.

Holly - Tuesday 17th Sept 2019, **Rowan** - Wednesday 18th September 2019, **Oak** - 19th September 2019

ACCELERATED READER

We are launching Accelerated Reader in the school later this year and in preparation we need to audit our current stock of books. This is beginning on Thursday, 12th September, so if you are free to help, even for part of the day, then please contact Cheryl Kidd (PTA) or Margaret Allen (School Governor) mallen@stjbps.co.uk

LE CLUB FRANCAIS

Le Club Francais starts again on Thursday 12th September, after school, for Years 1 to 4.

If your child has not brought home a letter about the club, there are spare copies on the letter carousel or please ask for more information at the school office.

COOKING HELPERS

Can you spare 1 hour next Wednesday, 18th September at either 9 am or 1.10 pm to help with the cooking sessions please? Please let the office staff know if you're free to help. Many thanks.

KS2 – ROWAN, HOLLY & OAK – NETBALL CLUB

Mrs Griffiths will be running a Netball Club for all children in KS2 on Tuesdays, starting 24th September after school. We will be sending out permission letters soon.

ATTENDANCE

It is really important that the children attend school as much as possible. The beginning of the school day is also very important. The children have activities and tasks to do in class from 8.40 am and the register is taken at 8.50 am, which only takes a minute or two then the children begin class work. If your child arrives after 8.50 am they are already off the pace for the first lesson so please ensure that the children are in class before 8.50 am.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENTS & ATTENDANCE

We would request that children in Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6, in particular, are not taken out of school during April, May and June as they will be preparing for and taking national assessment tests during this time.

CONTACTING US - SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS

If you wish to contact the school office or a member of the teaching staff, please use the office email address, which is regularly monitored – office@st-john-baptist.w-sussex.sch.uk. The newsletter is circulated via sbaird@stjbps.co.uk but this address should NOT be used for general enquires.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Have you moved house or changed your telephone numbers over the summer holiday? If so, it is very important that you let us know so can update the children's records and are then able to contact you if your child is unwell.

FREEDOM LEISURE BADMINTON COACHING FOR KEY STAGE 2 (YEARS 3 TO YEAR 6)

Freedom Leisure will be starting KS2 Badminton Clubs next week and booking forms were given at the end of last week. You will find plenty of spare forms at school if your child did not receive one. Please return forms and payment to the school office.

Year 3 & Year 4 will start at 8 am on Thursday 19th September and finishes on 12th December.

Year 5 & Year 6 will start at 8 am on Friday 20th September and finishes on 13th December.

THE ANGERMING SCHOOL - YEAR 6 PARENTS & YEAR 6 CHILDREN

Mr Simon Liley, Headteacher at The Angmering School, will be coming along to **our** school on Monday 23rd September at 2.30 pm to talk to Year 6 parents and children. The talk is usually for about 20 minutes and then there will be a question and answer session afterwards.

MONDAY FOOTBALL CLUB FOR YEAR 4, 5 AND YEAR 6

Once again we are very pleased that Lee Tillyer from Freedom Leisure will be running football coaching for Year 4, 5 and Year 6. This will start on **Monday 16th September** after school – 3.20 pm – 4.20 pm. Booking forms have been given to the children or you can find spare forms on the letter carousel.

If you have any concerns about paying for clubs, please contact the office staff.

'NUT FREE SCHOOL'

May we please remind you that nuts and food items containing nuts are **NOT** allowed in school. This includes peanut butter, chocolate spread and certain cereal bars. We would appreciate your support in being extra careful when packing your child's lunchbox because we have children in the school who have serious nut allergies. This means that they could suffer from anaphylaxis should they come into contact with any nut products or into contact with someone who has recently eaten nuts.

INSET DAYS 2019/2020

We have planned INSET days for this academic year as follows:

Monday 24th February

Monday 1st June

Monday 20th July

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child is eligible for free school meals if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Child Tax Credit (**with no Working Tax Credit**) with an annual income of no more than £16,190.
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you **stop qualifying** for Working Tax Credit).
- Income Support.
- **Income-based** Jobseeker's Allowance.
- **Income-related** Employment and Support Allowance.
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit.

If you already receive Free School Meals, then this will continue unless your circumstances have changed.

If eligible, then children not only qualify for a free hot meal, but other subsidies including a free school sweatshirt, polo shirt and free milk. If you are not sure if this applies to you, then please come and talk to Mrs Baird or Mrs Johnson in the school office, in confidence.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

For our new families, we have a tradition where we like to invite the children to wear non-school uniform on their birthday. If their birthday falls at the weekend, or during a holiday they can wear non-school uniform on the Friday before.

HEALTHY BREAKTIME SNACKS

Just a reminder for families who have children in Rowan, Holly and Oak classes, if your child would like a snack during our morning break, then they can bring in a piece of fruit or vegetable.

All children in Ash and Willow class receive free fruit or vegetables daily from the Schools Fruit and Vegetable Scheme.

'BEFORE AND AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB'

Booking forms are now available; before school club starts at 8 am Monday to Friday and after school from 3.15 to 4.30 pm, Monday to Thursday. If you need more information, please speak to the school office. Please note the after school club does not take place on Fridays. We would encourage you to book and pay in advance as we cannot always guarantee a space at short notice.