

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

NEWSLETTER

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THURSDAYS - NO PARKING ON SCHOOL HILL PLEASE

MESSAGE FROM MR YELLAND

This last year seems to have flown by and has been as frenetic as usual, with concerts, sports events, school trips and interesting visitors. However, a personal highlight was in April when I had the pleasure of hosting ex Findon pupils and taking them on a tour of the school. Many of these ex-pupils were in their 60s, 70s and more but they were amazed to both see how the school has changed and at the same time to be transported back to their childhoods. One of them visited again this week to be interviewed by KS2 children for their history work.

In writing this I had the chance to stop and think, so I decided to go back through our Twitter feed; I have realised that although seeing the huge range of opportunities that the children have been given fills me with pride, the strongest feeling is appreciation. Appreciation for the time and effort that parents, teachers, pupils, governors and the PTA put into so many events. Without this team effort the school would be a poorer place in so many ways.

The children are fortunate to be part of such a strong school community. I hope the next generation of “Old Findonians” will look back at their time here with the same fondness as the group who visited in April, and so I wish our leavers the very best for the future and maybe we shall see them again one day.

We would also like to give our best wishes to Miss Smith who is getting married later this month and who will return in September as Mrs Griffiths.

LEAVERS' SERVICE – MONDAY 22ND JULY 2019

The whole school will be attending the Leavers' Service at St John the Baptist Church. We will be leaving school at **9.00 am** and would welcome parents to help us walk up to the church. However, the paths leading to church are narrow and uneven in places and unsuitable for younger siblings and pushchairs. Please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to help. We have organised for MS Services to help us cross the A24. We hope you will be able to join us at this service which will start at 9.30 am. After the service, all children will return to school.

FREEDOM LEISURE CLUBS – Y4, Y5 & Y6 FOOTBALL & Y3 TO Y6 BADMINTON CLUBS

These clubs will start again w/c 16 September and we will send out booking forms early in September.

PTA INFORMATION

Don't forget to buy any last minute summer disco tickets before Friday – it's going to be a fantastic night! Please also note that this year's discos will begin thirty minutes earlier.

We're also promoting more eco-friendly events so children will be using their own water bottles instead of throw away plastic cups. Please don't forget to send them to the disco with them. If they'd like squash it can be added on request with your approval.

We can't wait to see you too so get ready to enjoy the well-stocked bar and BBQ – we take both cash and card!

Save the Date for the Findon Village Sheep Fair on Saturday 14th September, where we'll be running the main refreshment marquee. We need to get a rota together, so if you're free to help for 30 minutes or more do let us know. Friends, family and older children welcome too! It's one of the top local family days out so don't miss it and be a part of the day.

With the summer holiday approaching, we would like to give a huge thank you to everyone involved in the organising and running of the PTA events over the last academic year. It has been another fantastic year of fundraising, allowing for some amazing purchases and subsidising coaches for school trips!

We wish you all a great summer holiday and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the **AGM on Wednesday 18th September**.

Thanks for your continued support from the PTA Committee.

PARKING ON SCHOOL HILL

This morning we received a phone call from a very unhappy resident of School Hill, complaining that a car was parked outside her house, obstructing the only entrance and exit to the house. She had also taken the registration number of the car.

We would encourage all parents/carers to avoid parking on School Hill, if possible, as the road can become very congested, very easily. Please do not park outside our neighbours properties, blocking their access even if it's only for 5 minutes.

ADVANCE NOTICE FOR YEAR 6 (2019/2020) - BIKEABILITY TRAINING

If your child is currently in Year 5, moving on to Year 6 in September, they will have the opportunity to take part in West Sussex County Council Bikeability training from Monday 21st October to 25th October 2019.

PANTOMIME TICKETS

For your information, we have now purchased tickets to take the whole school to the pantomime on 19th December to see Cinderella.

ROUNDERS REPORT FROM FREYA, YEAR 6

On 9th July, our school took part in a rounders tournament against four other schools at the Angmering School.

The participants in the team were Freya, Rhianna, Vinnie, Luke, Callum, Ollie, Leon, Gabriel and Joseph C. They all did really well and won a couple of their games but unfortunately lost some of them as well.

Overall, their hard work paid off and the team came third out of five schools. Thank you to Mr Cumming for giving the team a chance to practise against Holly Class before the match.

KS2 SWIMMING GALA

On 8th July 2019 pupils from St John's went to Littlehampton Swimming centre to take part in a Locality Schools Swimming Gala. The children who took part were Ellie, Rhianna, Zach, Grace, Toby, Daisy, Mabel, Callum, Henry, Leon, Vinnie, Logan, Savannah A and Joseph C. The other schools who took part were East Preston, Ferring, and Georgian Gardens. The different races were boys and girls two and one length back stroke, boys and girls one and two length breaststroke and freestyle, boys and girls 1 length butterfly race and lastly, the relay race, and the t-shirt race. Overall, out of five schools, we came fifth. Our school did a fantastic job and tried amazingly hard.

By Ellie and Zach - Oak Class

CHARTWELLS PACKED LUNCH SURVEY

Chartwells' nutritionists have put together a packed lunch survey to gather some info about what is going into lunchboxes.

They hope this will give them an idea of the nutrition and also what children like when considering our menu changes. We have been asked to share the survey link with parents. The link is found below. The survey is open until August 1st

Here is the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/K7FXJJW>

REMINDERS:

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| July | 19 | Year 4 Key2Music concert at 2.20 pm PTA summer disco |
| | 22 | Leavers' service at St John the Baptist Church at 9.30 am Year 6 leavers' party at 3.20 pm |
| | 23 | Year 6 lunch-time treat Last day of term |
| September | 02 | Inset Day |
| | 03 | Inset Day |
| | 04 | Return to school |