

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

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Dear Families

School has been busy this week and children have had the opportunity to be creative. Some of our children had a great day out at the O2 Young Voices event. They were part of a large number of schools to create one choir that filled the O2. Our children represented the school brilliantly with high levels of energy and enthusiasm. Amazing! Check out our Facebook page to see photos of the children in action. <u>Facebook Link</u>

We have also had children showing off their art skills designing 3D animals using a range of mixed materials. These will form one of our displays in school. Please see the pictures below.

Creativity is part of school life and provides children with a broad range of transferable skills in later life helping to improve future outcomes. Creativity also supports children's health and wellbeing.

John Roche and I had the opportunity to meet our local council to discuss the issue of crossing the A24 to get our children to church. We discussed options, who to approach and our next steps. John and I are preparing letters to send out to various people in the authority to see how we can move forward with this. I will keep you informed.

Best wishes Jane Sharrock









IMPORTANT – CHARTWELLS LUNCHES

As our school is on a Holiday Return Menu on Monday, 24th February, after the half-term break, ParentPay have updated the meal ordering system and all orders have been cancelled. Please can parents reorder for Monday 24th February if you wish to select the following meal for your child.

> Jacket Potato with tuna mayonnaise or baked beans & sweetcorn as the side vegetable Pudding is custard and/or peaches Medical diets will be offered jelly pot

PTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

You are invited to our AGM on Tuesday 28th January, at 6pm in the School Hall. This meeting is worth attending for numerous important reasons but we are also making it a special '**Pringles and Prosecco**' evening but don't worry if you are not a fan of Prosecco, there will be some other options! So, please do come along to find out more about the PTA and all that has

happened in the past year, vote for committee members and socialise with other parents.

CHOIR CLUB

Choir Club (3.20pm – 4.15pm) will be recommencing on Monday 27th January, preparing for a service at St John the Baptist Church on Sunday, 2nd March at 10am. Our choir will be opening the service with songs and hymns. We will also be working on songs and hymns for the Easter Service at school on Thursday, 3rd April at 9am, which Rowan Class will be leading.

We look forward to as many children from KS2 and Year 2 as possible joining the choir, as the 02 experience proved what talented singers we have in the school, and I know that there are many more children at St. John's who have lovely voices.

KS2 - THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE

Here is a polite reminder for anybody who has not yet paid for the KS2 theatre trip in March. The deadline is next Thursday 30th January. As always, your support is very much appreciated to fund this trip. This is an exciting opportunity for the children to watch the classic story, The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe and we are very much looking forward to going.

MESSY CHURCH



The next Messy Church is on Tuesday, 4th February, 3.30 – 5.30pm in Findon Village Hall. All children welcome with an accompanying adult for crafts, a story, singing and food!

RECENT CORRESPONDENCE

PTA questionnaire Y2 – Y6 Choir Club Ash & Willow Classes – Hawking About (13.2.25)

We are always happy to supply paper copies of any correspondence.



DATES FOR THE SPRING AND SUMMER TERMS

Over the weeks, we will add new dates/events in red, so please make sure that you regularly check this list and update your diaries.

JANUARY 2025 Mon 27 January	Y2-Y6 Choir Club starts with Mrs Stoner (3.30pm – 4.15pm)
Tues 28 January	PTA AGM (6pm, school hall)
Thurs 30 January	Y5 & Y6 Football & Netball matches at Angmering
FEBRUARY 2025 Tues 4 February Thurs 6 February	Messy Church in Findon Village Hall (3.30pm – 5.30pm) Deanery Celebration Service, St Mary's Church, Broadwater – KS2 invited (7.30pm) Y3 & Y4 Girls' Football Tournament at Angmering – letter to follow
Wed 12 February	Reception assembly (2.45pm) – parents invited
Thurs 13 February 17-21 February	Hawking About visiting school – Ash & Willow (am) – more info to follow Y3 & Y4 Boys' Football Tournament at Angmering – letter to follow NO Y5 & Y6 NETBALL OR FOOTBALL TRAINING Half-term break
Mon 24 February	Back to school
Tues 25 February Wed 26 February	Parents evening (3.30pm – 6.30pm) No Instrumental or Boys' Vocal Clubs today. Reception Health Screening Parents evening (3.30pm – 5.30pm)
MARCH 2025 Sun 2 March	Choir will be singing at St John Baptist Church service (10am) – info to follow
Mon 3 March	Y3 & Y4 Netball event at Angmering School – details to follow
Thurs 6 March Tues 11 March	Y5 & Y6 Rugby Tournament at Angmering – details to follow NO Y5 & Y6 NETBALL OR FOOTBALL TRAINING Y1 & Y2 Football Tournament at Angmering – details to follow
Thurs 13 March	KS2 Trip to the Theatre Royal, Brighton NO ART CLUB
Tues 18 March	Y5 & Y6 High Five Netball Tournament – details to follow
Thurs 20 March	NO ART CLUB
Fri 21 March	NO ART CLUB
Fri 28 March	Last Art Club
Mon 31 March	Y4 -Y6 Basketball at Angmering – details to follow

APRIL 2025 Wed 2 April	Holly Class assembly (2.45pm)
Thurs 3 April	Easter Service led by Rowan Class at school (9am) Y5 & Y6 Netball and Football at Angmering – details to follow Last Art Club Easter Break
7 – 21 April	
Tues 22 April	INSET Day
Wed 23 April	Back to School
MAY 2025	
Mon 5 May	Bank Holiday, school closed
Mon 19 May	Oak Class Assembly (2.45pm)
26 – 30 May	Half-term break
JUNE 2025	
Mon 2 June	INSET Day
Tues 3 June	Back to school
Sat 14 June	SUMMER REVELS
Wed 25 June	Year 6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral (1.15pm service)
JULY 2025 Tues 8 July	Y5 & Y6 Production (6pm)

Wed 9 July	Y1 & Y2 Assembly for parents (2.45pm)
	Y5 & Y6 Production (6pm)
Tues 22 July	Last day of term