

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

**NEWSLETTER 1 - 2021/2022 - 9th SEPTEMBER 2021**

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**WELCOME BACK FROM MR YELLAND**

It has been lovely to see all the children back in school and enjoying each other's company, particularly as they now get the chance to play together outside.

We are busy planning events for the coming term and are trying to do this in ways which do not involve large groups of adults meeting inside the school, in line with Dfe and local authority guidance. We will keep you informed of the procedures for each event as we approach them.

**YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2**

We are very excited to have the Rainbow Theatre Company visiting our school next Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> September. The Rainbow Theatre will be with us during the afternoon and will be working with all the children from years 1 and 2. They will be performing a 'Fairy Tales' show, which will then form part of this term's topic work for these children.

**REMINDER - BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

Before and After School club starts on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September. If you would like to use this provision, please book and pay for each session in advance. Contact the school office – [office@stjbps.co.uk](mailto:office@stjbps.co.uk) if you would like more information. Paper copies of the booking form are available.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

"Tuesday Dance" with Dani Heppenstall is back, starting on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September in the school hall. The club is for children in years 1 to 6 and will be from 3.20 pm until 4.05 pm. The cost for the term is £38.50 and to reserve a place, text "DANCE – pupil's name & class" to 07863 105453. More information is attached.

"Le Club Français" is returning too, starting next Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> September at school, from 3.20 pm to 4.20 pm and is open to children in years 1 to 3. A booking information is attached and paper copies are available at school too.

**REMINDER - PTA MEETING**

Why not join our next meeting and see what we're up to and how you can help? Our next meeting is Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7.15 pm in the school hall

Please can you make sure that you have a negative lateral flow test before attending.

## **YEAR 6 – WSCC BIKEABILITY TRAINING**

All Year 6 children have the opportunity to take part in a Bikeability Training course at our school during week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> October. The course will be run by West Sussex County Council Cycle training staff.

We will shortly be sending out an email to year 6 parents with more detailed information from WSCC.

## **NATIONAL ASSESSMENTS & ATTENDANCE**

We would request that whenever possible 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@stjbps.co.uk](mailto:office@stjbps.co.uk).

## **EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

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

## **NEW INSET DAY 2021/2022**

We have planned an INSET day for Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The children will start back after the Christmas holiday on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

## **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. Please can we remind you that because of the current situation no 'treats' should be brought into school to share with the rest of the class.

## **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 veg daily from the Schools Fruit and Vegetable Scheme but may bring in fruit or veg of their own choice should they wish.

## **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

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.

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.

### **RECENT CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Year 6 parents email – **IMPORTANT** information regarding secondary school transfer
- Year 6 parents email – Invites to St Oscar Romero & St Andrews
- Year 1 & Year 2 topic letters have been emailed to parents
- Whole school email – PTA AGM – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7.15 pm

**Paper copies of correspondence are always available.**

## **MESSAGE FROM FINDON RECTORY**

You are invited to a Pet Service on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 3 pm at St John the Baptist Church, followed by a “sausage sizzle”! All pets and people welcome.

## **CHARTWELLS VACANCIES**

Chartwells Catering has asked us to share the attached job advert with our parents. Please contact them directly if you require further information.