

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

NEWSLETTER

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FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM MR YELLAND

Dear Parents

As you know I am retiring this Christmas and I just wanted to thank you for your support over the years.

When I started here in September 2001 I didn't know what a positive impact being part of this community would have on me. Being the Headteacher of this school is so much more than a job – it has been one of the greatest joys of my life.

I have seen children grow in confidence as they have begun life's journey.

I have seen so many acts of kindness and generosity from both children and parents, who all give so much to make this school a happy and vibrant place to be.

I have had the good fortune to work alongside Governors who give freely of their time to contribute to the life of the school.

I am constantly impressed by the tireless efforts of the staff, who all work so hard with families and children to ensure that they receive the very best start in life, particularly during the challenges that the pandemic has and continues to provide for us all.

Many of you involved with the school work so hard together for the benefit of the children. It is this shared passion to help each other that I shall remember as I look back at my time at this school.

I often finish the Leavers' Service with the Irish Blessing. Please indulge me as I include it as a way of thanking you for the last 20 years.

*May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

All the best.

Richard Yelland

PTA NEWS - REMINDERS

Second hand uniform

We have lots of items of good quality clean second hand uniform in various sizes and styles. Do please chat to one of us anytime or email finodnpta@gmail.com to enquire about any items in particular or more information. Make a donation for anything you wish to buy!

Findon Village Elf Trail 2021

Those cheeky elves will be let loose, all over the village again very soon! The trail starts on Saturday 18th December and runs through to Christmas Eve. Pick up your £2 festive goody bags after school on Thursday 16th or Friday 17th December and have fun whilst getting some fresh air! Bags are also available all week from the Findon Village Store. Any entries handed back to the village shop will be entered into a prize draw to win some fun family treats. Please see the poster attached for more details!

REMINDER – CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY – FRIDAY 17TH DECEMBER

This year the children's Christmas party will take place on Friday 17th December.

The Day

Ash and Willow Class will hold their party as a 'KS1 Bubble'. They will come together for party games in the Hall during the first part of the morning, and will then spend the rest of the morning in their own classroom. At about 11.30am both classes will return to the Hall for a special Christmas party lunch.

Rowan, Holly and Oak Classes will spend the morning in their own classroom where they will be involved in class Christmas activities. At about 1pm, all the classes in KS2 will come to the Hall for their Christmas party lunch, and will sit in their usual lunchtime 'Class Bubble' groups. Time will be allocated to each of the KS2 classes in the afternoon, so that they can come to the Hall to enjoy some party games.

Clothes

Children can come to school wearing their own clothes for the Christmas party. However, the children will still be going out to play as normal, and you should bear this in mind when they are choosing what to wear. They should have clothes that are going to keep them warm, with flat shoes or trainers.

Food

The children **DO NOT** need to bring a packed lunch to school, and hot school meals will **NOT** be provided on Friday 17th December. Instead, please send a voluntary contribution of £1 (cash only please) to school by **Friday 10th December**, and our staff will go shopping to buy the party food. If your child is a vegetarian, has any kind of food allergy, or a medical condition that prevents them eating certain foods, then please talk to your child's class teacher at the end of a school day.

Drinks

The children will need to make sure that they have their water bottle in school, as they will take this into the Hall as their party drink. We will add squash to their water bottle if they would like squash to drink instead of water.

Unfortunately, due to the current situation, we are unable to invite parents/carers into school to help this year.

Please ask your child to give their “party £1” to their class teacher as soon as possible.



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU BACK

AT SCHOOL ON

WEDNESDAY 5TH JANUARY 2022.