

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

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all of you who are supporting your children to learn the value of each number, number bonds and multiplication tables in the children's homework tasks. We have seen an increase in those children's ability to recall these quickly, which helps them with their daily maths activities.

Following on from the Maths training at our INSET day, the staff have undertaken to team teach, learning best practice from one another. Likewise, the children will again be engaging in mathematical investigations where they will develop their knowledge and skills, becoming more independent, spotting patterns in number, asking questions and proving their hypothesis, which they will then share and learn from each other. It is exciting being in a classroom today.

John Cumming
Interim Headteacher

ADVANCE NOTICE – SATs INFORMATION

Our **year 6** children will be following the national timetable for their end of year Key Stage 2 SATs in the week commencing Monday 9th May 2022. These dates are set by the Department for Education, not by school. The outcomes from these tests and teacher assessments will be used to ascertain whether your child is working at age expectations in Reading, Writing, Grammar and Maths.

Our **year 2** children will carry out their SATs over a period of two weeks in May 2022 in as informal a manner as possible to mirror normal classroom practice. These assessments will be used to support teacher assessment judgements for Reading, Writing and Maths.

Our **year 1** children will complete the National Phonics Screening Check in school with a member of teaching staff they know during June 2022.

Year 4 multiplication checks will be carried out within 3 weeks of 6th June.

KS2 CHOIR CLUB (ROWAN, HOLLY & OAK)

Choir will start on Thursday 20th January, preparing for a service on Sunday 6th March at 10 am. Our choir will be opening the service with three songs based on the theme of temptation.

It was fantastic to have so many children attending last term and, as always, their singing was highly commended by all who heard them, so it will be great to replicate that this term. Choir practice is on Thursday afternoon from 3.20 to 4.15 pm. We will then continue with these sessions, as we practise for the Easter service at the end of the term.

Mrs Stoner
Oak Class



REMINDER - ROWAN, HOLLY AND OAK (KS2) – OPEN FUTURES

Further to the letter sent home last week, KS2 children will not need gardening clothes or appropriate footwear for the gardening sessions because the activities are based around investigations connected with plants, animals and their habitats and the environment.

Recent correspondence:

- Year 1, Year 2, Reception & Oak class topic letters
- Email/letter regarding updated Covid-19 guidance
- KS2 Choir Club

Paper copies of correspondence are always available from the school office.