

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

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents / Carers

For the last two years, classes in Key Stage 2 have been working with Chris Hare, a local historian from the Friends of the South Downs Group. They have been involved in compiling historical information for the South Downs Living History Project. Our children visited Cissbury Ring to look at its history and also met with past pupils of the school to understand what school life was like back in the 1940's, 50's and 60's. We learned so much together. One of the project's aims was to capture this fascinating information on audio and visual. These can now be found on their website www.southdownsgenerations.org.uk. Look out for our children on there too!

As part of our gratitude to Chris Hare and his group, I wondered if I could call upon your help. Evaluating the project is essential to their financial situation as they have to show what they have achieved is good value for money. The information that has been recorded is SO interesting as I'm sure you will agree when you view it. If you are able to watch the videos and complete this evaluation form attached, then Chris would be extremely grateful.

So many of our children are interested in history and so, as it is local history of places they know and recognise, it brings this subject alive. Enjoy the viewing.

John Cumming

A FEW REMINDERS

YEAR 1 CHILDREN

Please ensure that your child has a set of gardening clothes and appropriate footwear in school at all times. (We will send the clothes home if they get dirty.)

FOOTWEAR FOR THE NATURE TRAIL

If children would like to enjoy the nature trail, they must have a pair of wellies or similar (not trainers) to change into please.

MESSAGE FROM HELENA - ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

We will have a 'pancake party' as part of Messy Church from 3.30pm on Shrove Tuesday, March 1st, everyone welcome! Messy Church will be as usual on 1st February. I'm also planning a 'Thank You Mum' party at Findon Church for Mothering Sunday, 27th March, at 4pm in the church. There will be a short Service to start, followed by tea and cake, with a craft activity for the children.

FLU NASAL SPRAY – CATCH UP CLINICS

Please see the message below from the NHS Immunisation Service.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Immunisation Service have recently attended your school for the Flu Nasal Spray. If you have already completed a form and your child missed it in school, you will have received a separate email with clinic booking instructions and do not need to complete another form.

However, If your child did not receive the flu vaccination, and you would like them to be vaccinated, it's not too late. Please ensure that you complete an online consent form, if you have not already done so. The online consent form will re-open at 11am today and is available for completion.

How do I consent / refuse to my child having these vaccinations?	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Visit the following web address: www.susseximmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu2. Enter and confirm your preferred email address – you will receive a confirmation email following submission of the consent form.3. Enter the school code: SX1260274. Complete and submit the consent form, indicating your choice of consent - Please ensure you provide the child's registered address and GP.
How do I book an appointment for my child to be vaccinated?	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Click the link in automated email you will receive on submission of your completed consent form(s) to book an appointment at one of our Community Catch up Clinics, for your child to receive the vaccination(s) – You will require your booking reference number which can be found in the email.2. Arrange for an adult to accompany your child to their clinic appointment.

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE PTA

We hope you all enjoyed the festive break and hopefully many of you were able to enjoy the Naughty Elf trail, which proved to be very popular once again! We also hope that 2022 is full of good things for everyone.

A gentle reminder that the **next PTA meeting is on Tuesday 25th January at 6pm** at The Gun in the private dining room. We can also offer a Zoom link to anyone who wishes to join in that way. Please let us know if you can make it or otherwise feel free to email us on FindonPTA@gmail.com with any ideas and suggestions for events and fundraising or just to say hi!

Hi there,

I just wanted to say how grateful I am for the very generous cheque and the photo book which has really made me laugh. I have such fond memories of working with the PTA. Please pass on my gratitude to all those who so kindly donated.

I shall put the money to good use but it won't last as long as the wonderful memories of PTA events that I have.

Thank you, Richard Yelland