

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

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/ Carers

We are so pleased to be out of bubbles, being able to learn and play as classes, year groups, key stages and as a whole school. Thank you for your continued support in staying safe and keeping others safe.

During these past two years of Lockdowns and government restrictions, the children have experienced a whole range of feelings and emotions, unfamiliar learning situations at home and at school, with different routines and expectations. As a team together, parents, grandparents, friends and all the staff here at St Johns have continued to do our very best to ensure the children's mental well-being, physical well-being and learning have continued to be supported and developed. Well done everyone, especially in the most challenging of times.

One of many things that we have noticed over this period, in many children, is the impact on resilience or the ability to persevere with something – whether this is working out a tricky maths problem, creating an extended piece of writing or tackling something that looks as though it might be difficult. As a school, we are aware of this and are trying to help the children in a number of ways, the first being encouragement and praise. We all respond to this, including me being an interim Headteacher!

When things get tricky, we have been talking about other areas of the curriculum where they have persevered well and been successful, hoping to encourage them that they can achieve success with this particular problem too, if they used this 'stickability' attribute. Using strategies like drawing out the problem or using practical resources to assist them, can help most children see what to do to when they are stuck. There are also opportunities to nominate others around them when they have seen them being a 'Tough Tortoise', or have time to reflect on their own strengths and how they themselves can take steps to improve or progress.

In time, with patience and encouragement from us all, we will see all of our children 'shine like stars in the universe.'

ROAD SAFETY

It has been brought to our attention that there have been a number of very near misses on the road outside the school with young children and cars. The children have, once again, been reminded in school of the road safety procedures that are crucial to their safety and the safety of others. As parents, we know that you take the utmost care when driving on School Hill and on the surrounding roads at drop off and pick up times. However, there are other drivers on the road, who may not be so careful. Please continue to be vigilant when supervising your own children and others around you when crossing roads. Thank you.

REMINDER - ASH AND WILLOW PICK UP

Please can we remind parents and family members to stay at the top of the drive, by the main gate, until a member of staff indicates that you can come down to the car park area, as cars need to have safe access to and from the school car park before the end of the school day.

Please can we also ask that all children (preschool and children from Ash and Willow class) stand next to you until you leave the school premises. We have told the children that they shouldn't be climbing on the walls, playing on the steps or ramp, or running around the area outside school. We thank you for your co-operation.

KS2 CHOIR CLUB

Mrs Stoner is looking forward to welcoming the children back to Choir Club today. Please collect your child at 4.15 pm.

The new date for the church service that the choir will be leading, is Sunday, 3rd April. Our choir is an amazing group of singers, who work very hard in our rehearsal sessions, so it would be great if as many children as possible can be part of this service; please save the date.

DANCE CLUB IS BACK!

This fun and energetic Dance class, will run afterschool, Tuesdays in the school hall.

- Dates: 1st March - 5th April, **excluding 29th March** (Parents evening)
- For years 1 - 6
- Times: 3.20pm - 4.05pm

Please see the attached flyer.

The cost for the half term is £17.50. To reserve a place in the club please text "DANCE - Pupils name & Class" to 07863 105453.

Thank you. Dani Heppenstall, 07863 105453

FOOTBALL REPORT BY DILLON CANE

On Thursday 3rd February, the school football team (Dillon, Aiden, William, Evan, Joshua and Arthur) played a football game at home against Georgian Gardens School.

We started off strong with quick attacks, but missed two good shots. They came back with a counter attack but it was saved by me, the goalkeeper. Joshua showed some good defensive work, supporting the goalkeeper. They retook possession at the half way line and shot from the edge of the box, and it was saved again. Then the whistle went for the first half. Mr Cumming was pleased with the boys' performance so far.

In the second half, they got an amazing goal from the half way line. It just dipped over the goalkeeper (1-0). Aiden and Evan had two good shots but they were both saved. Evan and William were the only ones defending that half, so then it kept being 2 v 1 on the goalkeeper. Georgian Gardens scored their second and third goals and then the whistle blew. The final score was 3 – 0 to Georgian Gardens. We deserved better as the score line was somewhat flattering to them. Still, next time!

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is fast approaching - Thursday 3rd March. We will be working on a variety of exciting activities in school to further enthuse and inspire children to enjoy reading and to learn from what they have read. This year, children will come to school in their school uniform and not as a book character. With a Mufti day and a Red Nose day coming up this term, we thought that parents would be pleased not to have to be creative too many times in one term! We look forward to enjoying our World Book Day after the half term break.

MISSING FOOTBALL KIT

Can we ask you to have a search at home for school football kit please? We are missing a yellow football keeper's shirt. Many thanks.

CHARTWELLS NEW MENU

Please find attached a copy of the new menu, which is due to start April 2022, after the Easter holidays.

DATES FOR YOUR DIAIRES

February	14	Year 1 & Year 2 Multi-Skills event
	16	KS2 Angmering Mile
	17	Football & Netball fixture –v- East Preston Junior School
	18	PTA MUFTI day - donations for the Summer Revels please
	21-25	Half-term holiday
	28	Back to school
March	01	Dance Club starts
	03	World Book Day
	08	KS2 visit to Bignor Roman Villa KS2 Angmering Mile PTA meeting at 6.15 pm – The Gun
	14	Year 1 and Year 2 Angmering Half Mile
	18	Red Nose Day – information to follow
	25	PTA – Mother’s Day sale – details to follow
	26	PTA – Race Night at Findon Village Hall
	29	Parent consultations 3.30 to 6 pm – letter to follow No Dance Club
	30	Parent consultations 5.50 to 730 pm
	April	03
04		Year 1 and Year 2 Multi-Skills event
06		Easter Bonnet Parade at 9 am – more info to follow
07		Easter Service at St John the Baptist Church at 9.30 am
08		Last day of term
25		INSET Day – Mrs Jane Sharrock, Headteacher starts
26		Children back to school KS2 Angmering Mile