

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

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to what we call Spring 2 – the second half of the spring term. I hope that you have had a good half term break and that you are now back into the routine of the early morning starts.

If a job is worth doing... it's worth doing well! We are encouraging the children to do their very best in all that they do, irrespective of the subject that they are doing or whether or not it is their favourite.

We have been noticing that so many more children are taking a great deal of pride in what they are doing, whether that is with their handwriting, painting, maths investigations or their homework. We have seen some real quality outcomes from children across the whole age range of our school. We are so proud of what they are achieving. Some of their homework has been presented beautifully and with a great deal of pride. If you notice that your child is doing their homework with such pride, please encourage them to continue with this fantastic effort.

Thank you.

John Cumming

REMINDERS – KS2 TRIP TO BIGNOR ROMAN VILLA – TUESDAY 8TH MARCH

- Coaches will leave school at 9 am, so please don't be late
- Wear school uniform, wellington boots or similar
- Lightweight rain jacket
- Packed lunch and a drink (not a glass bottle)
- Small rucksack
- May bring mints for the coach journey only, no sweets or chewing gum
- We will be back at school by 3 pm

FORTHCOMING SPORTS EVENTS

- Tuesday 8th March – KS2 Angmering Mile at 3.45 pm
- Monday 14th March – Year 1 and Year 2 Angmering Half Mile at 3.45 pm

FANCY A SWIVEL CHAIR FOR THE OFFICE?

On Monday 7th March at 3:20pm, we will be selling blue swivel chairs, which we no longer use, at the foot of the school driveway. It will be on a first come, first served basis. The cost of each chair will be £20, cash only. The money raised will go towards providing resources for the children.

COMIC RELIEF – FRIDAY 18TH MARCH – MUFTI DAY

For Comic Relief this year, the School Council have come up with a variety of fun ways to raise funds for this worthwhile cause.

In addition to a **MUFTI day on Friday, 18th March**, we are delighted to be able to hold a cake sale again. Please bring baked donations to school on the day and be ready to purchase some delicious treats in the school hall at 3.20 pm.

If cakes are not your thing, you could enter our 'funny pet picture competition'. Bring a funny photo of your pet, with an amazing caption to make us giggle. Don't worry if you do not have a pet; draw a picture of a dream pet with a caption. Please attach 20p to your entry and give it to Ms Lyle, week beginning March 14th. All entries will be displayed, with prizes for the funniest pictures. Good luck.

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR PARENTS

Thank you to Mr Gamble for his kind financial donation from his company director. This is much appreciated. This money will be very well spent on learning resources for the children.

Also, a massive thank you for the very kind and generous gift of the sports bibs from Mr Chris Lambourne from Dominion Garage. The children will look and feel amazing in them as they compete in the various competitions against other schools in the locality. They will be wearing them with pride, next Tuesday 8th March in the KS2 Angmering Mile and then the following week Monday 14th at the KS1 Angmering Mile.

FOOTBALL REPORT BY JOSHUA

On Thursday 17th February, St John the Baptist School played against East Preston Junior School at their school. The game had just started when Josh had clonked heads badly with another player, but they were both ok. A few minutes later, William scored an incredible goal from close range. Not long after that, East Preston almost scored, was it not for Dillon's skilful save. A couple of minutes later, Arthur scored a goal with a tremendous long distant shot. The score was now 2-0.

In the second half, East Preston were really starting to get into the game. They had a few attempts to score but none were successful. Towards the end of the game, we had many throw-ins for some reason. On a one-to-one situation with the goal keeper, William scored leaving East Preston helpless. The final score was 3-0.

HIGH FIVE NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Our year 5 and year 6 netball team took part in a tournament at the Angmering School yesterday afternoon. There was some fantastic play from our team, who finished in 4th place. They played absolutely brilliantly, winning their group and getting through to the semi-finals. They lost 3rd/4th place play off by just one goal.

We are super proud of you all – Olivia, Amelia, Robyn, Darcie, Celeste, Maud and Hollie.

ADVANCE NOTICE – NEW DATES

- **Wednesday 6th April at 2.30 pm**
Year 2 parents – Y2 assessment tests - meeting with Mrs Lax and Mrs Lorne
- **Tuesday 17th May at 2.30 pm**
Year 5 and Year 6 parents – Little Canada, Isle of Wight trip information meeting
- **Thursday 23rd June at 1.30 pm**
Sports Day on the school field

PTA FORTHCOMING EVENTS

PTA Meeting – Tuesday 8th March

You are all invited to attend the PTA meeting at The Gun at 6.15 pm on Tuesday 8th March. Please go along to find out more about PTA fundraising events planned for this year.

Summer Revels Art Competition

We need your picture by Friday 4th March please. We are looking for pictures for the Summer Revels' programme and front cover.

A Night at the Races – Saturday 26th March 2022

Please contact the PTA for tickets – findonpta@gmail.com Tickets are £12 per person, which includes a curry and a welcome drink.

UKRAINE DONATION DROP-OFF POINT

Garden Cottage Nursery are collecting items (see attached list for details). Please take any donations to Garden Cottage Nursery by 9.30 am on Monday, 7th March. Thank you.