

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

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Isn't the internet an amazing resource! I can just ask a question in a search engine and receive an answer. I can play games and chat with friends online. I can learn from information, videos and educational games. The possibilities are endless.

However, do you know what your children are doing on-line? Often, our children can be more proficient at using the internet than we as parents are.

We have had children in our school who, at home, have purchased items online without their parents knowing (until they received the bill!); We have had children, who at home, have had 'chats' that have not been kind or caring and have caused offence; We have had children who are on social media that are designed for those aged 13+ and have seen inappropriate material. Do you know what your child is really doing online at home?

We have, on our school website, helpful information about e-safety online. This can be found using the link: <https://www.stjbps.co.uk/parent-zone/e-safety.html> May I encourage all parents and carers to spend some time looking at this information in order that you are well equipped to support your child. I know it will take time to do this, but it may save your child from upset, offence and trauma.

Let's protect our children and help them navigate safely the incredible and positive resource the internet is.

John Cumming
Interim Headteacher

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Yesterday, your child should have brought home an appointment letter for face-to-face parent consultations at the end of the month. We have attached the letter just in case it didn't make it home!

RECEPTION CHILDREN HEALTH SCREENING

The Sussex 5-19 Healthy Child Programme screening team will be visiting on Monday, 14th March, to carry out health checks on all children in Reception. Please refer to our email dated 16th December 2021, or contact the school office, for more information.

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, at the beginning next week. All entries will be displayed, with prizes for the funniest pictures. Good luck.

PE KIT

As PE forms an important part of the curriculum, please can we ask parents and children to ensure that kit is always in school. Here is a reminder of the school PE kit.

- Red T-shirt
- Black shorts/skorts
- Trainers/plimsolls
- Jogging bottoms/leggings/tracksuit for outdoor lessons, if it is cold

EASTER BONNET PARADE – WEDNESDAY 6TH APRIL AT 9 AM

The Easter Bonnet Parade has been a long-standing tradition at our school. For those of you who are new to the school, children are encouraged to make an Easter Bonnet at home. All children will receive a chocolate egg, with special eggs going to the most creative bonnet in each class. The PTA has kindly offered to donate the Easter eggs.

There are plenty of ideas on the internet, along with the following suggestions to help you:

- A circular band cut out of paper or card, decorated with the Easter theme.
- Sunhat or baseball cap decorated with chicks, flowers, eggs, etc.
- Papier mache balloon to make an egg.
- Cereal boxes can be made in Easter flower gardens.

We are hoping that parents will be able to come into school to watch the spectacle, but we will not be able to make a final decision until nearer the time.

PTA NEWS

A Night at the Races – Saturday 26th March 2022

There are still tickets available for this event at Findon Village Hall on Saturday 26th March at 7 pm. It is looking to be a fun night. Please see the attached PTA flyer or email findonpta@gmail.com for more information.

'I Love You Day' sale

Keep an eye out for more exciting information to follow regarding our little PTA marquee popping up on the 23rd, 24th and 25th March after school in the playground, to celebrate all the wonderful women in our lives on Mothering Sunday. The children can purchase a gift for their loved ones and raise funds for our school.

Thank you for your support.

St John the Baptist PTA Committee

REMINDERS - ADVANCE NOTICE

- **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