

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

**NEWSLETTER**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following on from last week's newsletter about safety on line, a number of people have pointed out how useful the following information was to them. This was through the link to the Childnet leaflet:

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/supporting-young-people-online/>

I have included one of the messages below that others found a helpful checklist.

**SMART** Rules for primary aged children:

**Safe:** *Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too.*

**Meet:** *Do not meet up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, as they are still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/ videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)*

**Accepting:** *Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) and do not accept something if you are unsure who the person is or what they've sent you.*

**Reliable:** *You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. Always compare 3 websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you find online.*

**Tell:** *Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. You could talk to a teacher, parent, carer or a helpline like Childline 0800 11 11.*

**Heart:** *Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.*

Parents have found these helpful to start a conversation with their child related to these SMART rules. I hope you find these useful too.

John Cumming

## **COMIC RELIEF – FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> 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.

**This Friday will be a MUFTI day, when the children can wear any clothes in exchange for a voluntary contribution of £1 please. Also, we are delighted to be able to hold a cake sale again at school. 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. To allow as much space as possible for everyone, please do not bring pushchairs or prams into the hall.**

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 tomorrow morning. All entries will be displayed, with prizes for the funniest pictures. Good luck.

## **HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL**

We are pleased to announce that Phoebe Burnell and Oliver Wilson have been chosen as the new Head girl and Head boy respectively. Over the years, we have seen these two children grow and mature and they are now ready to take on this role with its responsibilities.

Our gratitude and thanks go to Celeste Partington and Rory Panter, the out-going Head girl and Head boy, for their wonderful work since the beginning of the year. They should be proud of their achievements. Thank you.

## **RECEPTION CHILDREN HEALTH SCREENING**

Unfortunately, the Sussex 5-19 Healthy Child Programme screening team did not carry out the Reception health screenings this week because they were short staffed. They will be in contact shortly to arrange a new date.

## **CHARTWELLS SURVEY**

Please take a look at the attached annual parent survey from Chartwells, our hot meals provider. They would like as many parents as possible to complete the survey.

## **NEWS FROM THE PTA**

We hope you have received the letter that was sent home with children this week regarding the I Love You Day sale that we are hosting next week to celebrate all the wonderful women in our lives. After school on Wednesday 23rd, Thursday 24th and Friday 25<sup>th</sup>, we will have a pop up marquee in the Netball court with gifts available to purchase by the children in secret! All gifts are £8 and under and we can take cards or cash on the day.

It's the final furlong for race night tickets! On Saturday 26th March at 7pm we are hosting a race night at the village hall, £12 a ticket for a delicious curry and horse racing on a screen. Bar available. Get your bets on for a good night out! Email for tickets or available to buy from Cheryl after school this week on Thursday and Friday.

If the weather looks ok, we will display some second hand uniform after school on Thursday and Friday this week. Donations welcome for anything you wish to purchase.

Please email [FindonPTA@gmail.com](mailto:FindonPTA@gmail.com) with any questions, queries or comments. Thank you!