

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

NEWSLETTER

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'DON'T FORGET - NO PARKING ON SCHOOL HILL THURSDAYS!'

Dear Parents and Carers

May I take this opportunity of saying a massive thank you to all of you who have supported the school through the transition from Mr Yelland to our new Headteacher, Mrs Sharrock. I have met with Mrs Sharrock on many occasions since her appointment, to enable a smooth handover into her new role. You will soon get to know her well, as we as a staff are doing. I know that you will give her the 'St John's warm welcome' as she takes on the leadership position at our school after Easter.

As you know, the whole staff team that we have at St John's are often seen to go beyond that which they are employed to undertake. I am extremely grateful for their support through this past term, a term, yes of Covid, but a term of gradually getting back to some kind of 'normality'. They have worked so hard and I cannot thank and praise them enough.

I can assure you that the school, with the leadership of the governing body, has not stood still. We continue to strive to give the children an outstanding education now and for many years to come. It is with this in mind, that again, I would like to thank you for working with us, as a team, to raise a generation of happy and successful children for today, tomorrow and into the future. Thank you.

May I wish you a very happy and peaceful Easter break.

John Cumming

LAPTOPS

We would like to say a massive thank you to Specsavers who have kindly donated two laptops to the school. We very much appreciate these gifts that will continue to help the children with their ongoing computing skills. Special gratitude to Adam Rockliffe who made this all possible. Thank you

FROM THE PTA

Sponsored Event

We hope you all have received letters home this week regarding the sponsored bounce for KS1 and the sponsored bounce/pedal for KS2- the events are taking place on Friday 29th April. This year is the 150th anniversary of our school opening on its current site so we are hoping children can raise £20.22 over the Easter holiday to celebrate this special anniversary in 2022! Remember to drop the forms back into the PTA box in reception at the start of next term to give permission for your child to be able to participate on the day. Thank you for helping to raise funds for our school!

Any questions please email findonPTA@gmail.com

SPORTS CLUBS

In a recent PTA meeting, a number of parents were asking about sporting clubs for their children to attend in order to keep them moving and fit. We know that so many children in our community attend out of school clubs. Therefore, if you know of any that your children enjoy attending and can recommend them to other parents then please would you let the school know via email to the office.

We need a

Club name:

Activity:

Age group:

Venue:

Cost:

Contact email or phone number:

The PTA will then put them on the PTA Facebook page for all parents to see.

Obviously, parents will need to check each club out for their own peace of mind and assurance regarding safeguarding purposes. St John the Baptist CE Primary School does not recommend any of these clubs and cannot take any responsibility for vetting these organisations

FOOTBALL REPORT

Wednesday 6th April 2022

Year 5/6 Football Tournament at The Angmering School

In our first match against St Margrets, Rory started on the bench. We conceded 3 goals from poor defence from all of us, but on the attack we looked lively and threatening as we nearly scored a goal. It was a good game, but they were the better team at the time.

Our next match was against Kenya B. We attacked very well, we drew, but we deserved a goal.

After we played a match against Kenya B, we played against Kenya A. Our defenders were in the right place and our attackers were perfect but William was fouled and it was a free kick. William took the free kick, Kenya A's players stood no chance and William scored a great free kick! It now became 1-0. Kenya A took a kick off. They did some great passing and they almost scored a goal but it wasn't enough. They also scored an own goal!! Then it was 2-0.

East Preston were the last team we played. We lost 4-0 but the referee made some questionable decisions and they scored from these.

The tournament standings were:

1st St Margaret - Australia 14 points: GD 13

2nd East Preston- Trinidad and Tobago 14 points: GD 11

3rd St John the Baptist- New Zealand 7 points: GD -5

4th St Georgian Gardens-Kenya B 7 points -10

5th St Georgian Gardens- Kenya A 4 points -

Thank you to Mr. Gwynn and the Angmering School Sports Ambassadors for running this event

Aiden and Evan

INSET DAYS

Our inset days in the Autumn term will be Thursday 1st September and Friday 2nd September. Children will be returning to school on Monday 5th September @8.40am

DATES

25.4.2022 – INSET Day

26.4.2022 – KS2 Angmering Mile @ 3.45pm

AND FINALLY

LETTER FROM THE GOVERNORS

As we reach the end of term we are writing to say a warm-hearted thank you to all our parents, carers and stakeholders – especially to all of our staff - and to express our gratitude for the support given to the school during the last two years of uncertain times, in particular during this last term of headship transition. The care taken by you to fulfil your role as parents has benefited our pupils and all the other stakeholders involved with the life of our school.

This last term has been particularly difficult as we have been through the transition period between head-teachers. We are very grateful for the way that everyone has pitched in to cover the gaps caused by this interregnum and by the ongoing existence of Covid. We now hope that, with the arrival of Mrs. Sharrock as our new HT, we can look forward to continuing the stable existence that has been created by our caring staff, overseen by Mr. Yelland during the past 20 years and nurtured by Mr. Cumming during this last seemingly very long school term.

As Governors, we have not been in school as much as we would have liked over the last two years or so, but (thanks to Teams), have at least been able to stay in close touch with all that has been going on. We know how hard it has been for all our staff, both in and out of school, and realise that as we leave for the holidays, everyone will doubtless be glad of the Easter break. I can promise that you will be seeing us around much more from next term. In the meantime, we wish everyone a very restful and enjoyable Easter.

Kind regards,

John Roche.

Chair of Governors.