

**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 Families

We have had another busy week of learning in school and I have had the opportunity to observe more lessons and to see 'Open Futures' in action.

In our food tech room, Reception children have been making Hungry Caterpillar sandwiches, Y1 have made some amazing hedgehog shaped bread and Y2 have had a go at 'Toad in the hole'. KS2 are linking 'Cook it' to their topic on Commonwealth countries and Holly class have made Kenyon vegetable pasties. How wonderful it has been to be working in my office with all these lovely aromas wafting into my room.

I would also like to say a big well done to our Y6 children who have completed all of their SATs this week. They showed great perseverance and positivity.

Finally, we are in for some lovely weather so make the most of the sunshine and have a great weekend.

Warmest wishes.

Mrs Sharrock

**REMINDER – YEAR 1 PHONICS**

There will be a meeting on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> May at 2.45 pm to inform you about Year 1 phonics and phonics screening.

This meeting will give you an opportunity to find out about the assessment arrangements and ask any questions you may have. Mrs Sharrock will also be present at the meeting.

**REMINDER – PGL TRIP MEETING**

Year 5 and Year 6 parents are invited to a meeting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30 pm to discuss the arrangements for the forthcoming trip.

If you are unable to come along to the meeting, please let the school office know so we can arrange to pass on the relevant information.

**SUMMER REVELS – SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

Please let us know immediately if your child is unable to come to this event.

## **DODGEBALL RALLY**

Yesterday, some of our Year 5 and Year 6 children played Dodgeball at the Angmering School. There was fantastic play from everyone in the team – Darcie, Maud, Phoebe, Celeste, Marcus, Charlie, Aiden, William, Tristan, Gabriel. All the games were fast paced, and incredibly exciting to watch. The whole team improved and grew in confidence with each game that they played. The team were eventually placed 2nd overall. Well done.

## **PTA SPONSORED BOUNCE AND PEDAL**

Thank you to all the children who took part at the recent sponsored event. From all the donations and pledges for donations we will be able to purchase another interactive whiteboard for the children, which is amazing.

The winners for the sponsored bounce and sponsored pedal for each class are below:

Ash - Erin and Flynn (bounce)

Willow - Freddie and Ivy (bounce)

Rowan - Max and Mia (bike), William and Bethany (bounce)

Holly - Bea and Ewan (bounce), Ruby and Harrison (bike)

Oak - William and Amelie (bounce)

If you haven't already paid the donation, please can we ask that this is completed by Friday 20th May 2022.

Many thanks.

The PTA

## **NEWS ABOUT FINDON VILLAGE SWIMMING POOL**

As most of you are aware, the school (and community) pool is currently closed. In September last year, we noticed there was a crack across the bottom of the pool, which is in need of a significant and expensive repair. We have already submitted various grant applications and are waiting to see if we are successful in securing the funds. Whether we are or not, this will only cover half of the cost, the other half we are trying to raise ourselves, through a Crowdfunding project, which we have just launched. Our aim is to secure the pool's future for all children and the wider community and you can read about our aims and objectives here: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/findon-swimming-pool--help-keep-us-afloat>.

What is great about the Crowdfunding project is that we have also managed to secure match funding from The National Emergencies Trust Local Action Fund. This means that they will match any donation you make up to the value of £250 per donation. So, if it is £5, £10, or £20 per family or even more, that is doubled towards the fund. This is invaluable and keeps the pool afloat for future generations to learn how to swim and use these fantastic facilities. This is Phase 1.

Unfortunately, there will also be Phase 2 as the gas boiler is on its last legs and will not be sustainable in heating the pool in the future. We need an effective air source heat pump system to make this happen.

With everyone's help we will soon reach our Phase 1 goal.

Will the pool open this year? We don't know, it depends on the success of our various grant applications. We'll keep you updated.

Radio Sussex will be interviewing our Chairman on Friday to raise awareness to the local community.

With your help and support we can get the pool open again.

Mick Dicker - Chairman

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