

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

**NEWSLETTER**

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**'DON'T FORGET NO PARKING ON SCHOOL HILL THURSDAY'**

**HEAD GIRL AND HEAD BOY**

We are delighted to announce that Ruby Scott and Kyle Maclean have been appointed as the new Head Girl and Head Boy. They are looking forward to showing prospective parents around the school during this first half term and taking on various roles of responsibility.

**NATURE TRAIL**

To enable us to use the nature trail all the year round, from next Monday all children will have to wear their boots whilst playing in this area to avoid getting their school shoes dirty. KS1 currently store their boots in school and provision will be made KS2 children to keep their wellies here too.

**KS2 NETBALL CLUB**

Netball Club starts today, 20th September, 3.20 pm until 4.20 pm.

Due to the large number of children attending Netball Club, we are unable to phone parents on the day if Netball Club is cancelled due to rain or other unforeseen circumstances. We would, therefore, suggest that you phone the school if you are in any doubt. Many thanks.

**NEW ART ACTIVITY**

We have launched another art activity, which this time encompasses the Christian element of our school. The children have been asked to create a cross constructed from various materials such as shells, sticks, twigs, dried flowers, shells, fabric, buttons, old coins or any other materials you or the children can think of. There are pictures on Twitter of a painted cross made of twigs, which can also be seen in Oak class. We would like your child's contributions to be handed in the week after the half term holiday.

**PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE**

The Governors are very conscious that they have not fed back to parents the findings of last term's parent questionnaire. They are in the process of working through the information and will feedback to you as soon as possible.

## **TELEPHONE MESSAGES**

Please can we ask parents that any changes to collection arrangements at the end of the school day must be phoned through before lunchtime, wherever possible, so notes can be put in the class registers. This will ensure that the message does get to the teacher and the child promptly, as we cannot always ensure that there will be time to deliver messages that are phoned through just before pick up.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER**

Please find below our school uniform policy. We would like to remind children that only red, black or green small hair accessories should be worn to school (not JoJo bows).

### **School uniform policy**

All children, when the weather demands, wear green sweatshirts embroidered with the school logo. Trainers are allowed purely for break time wear. Summer sling back open toed sandals are not permitted for health and safety reasons. No shoes with heels more than 1" or 2cm are permitted. Winter shoes should be black. Boots are not permitted. Anoraks are recommended in wet weather. Sweatshirts, polo shirts and T-shirts with the school logo may be purchased from the school.

### ***Summer Uniform***

GIRLS:

Red & white small check dress/skorts with short sleeves

Green school sweatshirt/green school sweatshirt cardigan

White socks

BOYS:

Red polo shirt

Grey/Black short tailored trousers

Grey/Black socks

Green sweatshirt

### ***Winter Uniform***

GIRLS:

Red polo shirt

Green school sweatshirt/green school sweatshirt cardigan

Grey tunic or skirt or black or grey plain tailored trousers

Black, red or grey tights OR white socks

BOYS:

Red polo shirt

Green school sweatshirt

Grey or black tailored plain trousers

Grey/Black socks

### ***Games & PE***

Red T Shirts, black shorts, trainers

In the Hall, children work in bare feet for safety

A tracksuit for outdoor games for all children, trainers and football boots for children in Key Stage 2. Shin pads are needed for football.

## **SPORTS DAY 2018 – ADVANCE NOTICE**

Our annual whole school Sports Day will take place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30 pm.

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PTA**

### **FINDON VILLAGE CIRCUS SPECTACULAR**

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the Findon Village Circus Spectacular on Wednesday 27 September. For only one night the circus big top will be at Nepcote Green. All tickets are only £6 with under two's free.

Tickets can be purchased from Peckham Butchers, Curtis Estate Agents and online via [www.FindonVillageCircus.eventbrite.com](http://www.FindonVillageCircus.eventbrite.com) or put your ticket request and money in the PTA box.

If you have bought a ticket but not yet received it, please let the office know.

### **BIKE AND SCOOTER PARKING FACILITY**

With the help of PTA funds we are working towards providing our school with a bike and scooter parking facility. We have a very small number of fantastic volunteers but we desperately NEED MORE! There is a small area at the front of the school that we are trying to dig out so the concrete foundations can be laid. Just 1 hour of your time would make a huge difference either digging or doing a tip run.

Please contact George 07968 208640 who can provide bags and access to this area 7 days a week, thank you.



### **Beginner Violins**

Applications are now being accepted for pupils to begin violin lessons next term. Pupils may be Year 1 or above.

Lessons are held during school time and may be Individual twenty or thirty minute lessons or Shared lessons.

If you are interested in lessons for your child please visit the West Sussex Music website where you will find details of current costs, application forms, details of instrument hire and other opportunities for music with West Sussex Music.

Visit [www.westsussexmusic.co.uk](http://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk).