

**St John the Baptist C of E (Aided) Primary School, Findon**  
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**WELCOME BACK FROM MR YELLAND**

I would like to welcome everyone back to school after the summer break, and especially those children in Reception who are having their first days in school. There are lots of exciting activities planned for this term and indeed the year ahead.

We have included some of the dates we have for clubs and events but please keep an eye on the school website for more information and please follow us on Twitter too. If you follow us on Twitter then you will see up to date information and also be able to see what is going on each week.

**ATTENDANCE**

It is really important that the children attend school as much as possible. The beginning of the school day is also very important. The children have activities and tasks to do in class from 8.40 am and the register is taken at 8.50 am, which only takes a minute or two then the children begin class work. If your child arrives after 8.50 am they are already off the pace for the first lesson so please ensure that the children are in class before 8.50 am.

**REMINDER - YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 PARENTS**

You are invited to a meeting with Mrs Lax and Mrs Lorne on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30 pm to discuss the Year 1 and Year 2 curriculum and expectations for the year.

**KARATE CLUB**

Sama Karate Club restarts next Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September after school; more information is available at school. This club is available to all year groups; however, children in Reception may find it too tiring after a day at school but may wish to consider it after Christmas. Please enquire at the office, if you would like to know more about this club.

**FREEDOM LEISURE BADMINTON COACHING FOR KEY STAGE 2 (YEARS 3 TO YEAR 6)**

Freedom Leisure will be starting Badminton Clubs next week and booking forms were given out yesterday. You will find plenty of spare forms on the letter carousel if your child did not receive one. Please return forms and payment to the school office.

**Year 3 and Year 4 will start on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September and finish on 14<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Year 5 and Year 6 will start on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September and finish on 15<sup>th</sup> December.**

**SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS**

If you wish to contact the school office or a member of the teaching staff, please use the office email Address, which is regularly monitored – [office@st-john-baptist.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-john-baptist.w-sussex.sch.uk). The newsletter is circulated via [sbaird@stjbps.co.uk](mailto:sbaird@stjbps.co.uk) but this address should not be used for general enquires.

## **THE ANGERMING SCHOOL - YEAR 6 PARENTS & YEAR 6 CHILDREN**

Mr Simon Liley ,Headteacher at The Angmering School will be coming along to **our** school on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 3 pm to talk to Year 6 parents and children, prior to The Angmering School Open Evening on 21st September at 5.30 pm. The talk is usually for about 15 minutes and then there will be a question and answer session afterwards. Also a former student from our school will be present to answer questions.

## **LE CLUB FRANCAIS**

Le Club Francais starts again on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September after school for Year 1 to Year 4. There are booking forms available on the letter carousel.

If your child has not brought home a letter about the French Club, there are spare copies on the letter carousel or please ask for more information at the school office.

## **MONDAY FOOTBALL CLUB FOR YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6**

Once again we are very pleased that Lee Tillyer from Freedom Leisure will be running football coaching for Year 5 and Year 6. This will start on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September** after school – 3.20 pm – 4.20 pm. Booking forms have been given to the children or you will find spare forms on the letter carousel.

## **KS2 NETBALL CLUB (YEAR 3 TO YEAR 6)**

Mrs Fenton will be running Netball Club from Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September after school. We will be sending out permission letters very shortly, which need to be returned to the school office before the club starts.

## **ALLERGY INFORMATION**

Can we please remind you that nuts or food items containing nuts are **NOT** allowed in school. This includes peanut butter, chocolate spread and certain cereal bars. We appreciate your support in being extra careful when packing your child's lunchbox because we have children in the school who have a severe nut allergy. This means that they could suffer from anaphylaxis should they come into contact with any nut products or into contact with someone who has recently eaten nuts.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Have you moved or changed your telephone numbers over the summer holiday? If so, it is very important that you let us know so that we are able to contact you if your child is unwell at school.

## **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

The school gets extra funding for children whose parent(s) receive some kind of Income Support, Income based Jobseekers Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, Child Tax credit with an annual income of no more than £16,190 and other benefits as well – the school office can provide you with a full list. If you already receive Free School Meals then this will continue unless your circumstances have changed.

If eligible, then children not only qualify for a free hot meal, but other subsidies including a free school sweatshirt, polo shirt and free milk. If you think this applies to you, then please come and talk to Mrs Baird or Mrs Johnson in the school office in confidence.

## **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

For those of you who are new to our school, we have a tradition where we like to invite the children to wear non-school uniform on their birthday. If their birthday falls at the weekend, or during a holiday they can wear non-school uniform on the Friday before.

## **HEALTHY BREAKTIME SNACKS**

Just a reminder for families who have children in Rowan, Holly and Oak classes, if your child would like a snack during our morning break, then they can bring in a piece of fruit or vegetable.

All children in Ash and Willow class receive free fruit or vegetables daily from the Schools Fruit and Vegetable Scheme.

## **'BEFORE AND AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB'**

Booking forms are now available on the letter carousel; before school club starts at 8 am Monday to Friday and after school from 3.15 to 4.30 pm Monday to Thursday. If you need any more information, please speak to the school office. Please note the after school club does not take place on Fridays. We would encourage you to book in advance as we cannot always ensure there is space at short notice.

## **PRO COACHING FOOTBALL ACADEMY – YEAR 1, YEAR 2 & YEAR 3**

We are waiting for the booking forms from Pro Coaching to arrive and we will get these to you as soon as possible.

## **A FEW DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

September	11	Y1 & Y2 Parents meeting at 2.30 pm	
	13	PTA AGM at 7 pm	
	18	Angmering Headteacher visit – Year 6 & parents at 3 pm	
	23	PTA Baby Sale at school 9.30 am	
	26	Song of Sounds meeting for R, Y1 & Y2 parents at 6.30 pm – letter to follow	
October	11	9.30 am - Harvest Festival service at church – information to follow	
	w/c	16	Year 6 Bikeability Training week
		19	Six Weeks In meeting at 8. 50 am for new parents – info to follow

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PTA**

A huge welcome to everyone at the start of this academic year! We have some fantastic events and exciting plans lined up for 2017/2018.

Join 'St John's C of E PTA' Facebook Group or check out the school's weekly newsletter for updates, offers and fantastic pictures.

The AGM is at 7pm on Wednesday 13 September at school. If you wish to help run some fantastic events, have any fundraising ideas or would just like to see how it all works behind the scenes come down and be a part of a friendly, relaxed evening.

The Findon Village Circus Spectacular has now been confirmed for Wednesday 27 September!!!! For one night only 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)

A separate letter has been sent out with full details.

Wishing everyone a fantastic year ahead – Sadie Collis – PTA Chair