

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

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WELCOME BACK FROM MR YELLAND

We would like to welcome everyone back after the summer break. The children certainly seem refreshed and ready for a busy year!

We are pleased to welcome two new teachers to our team; Miss Foggett, who will be teaching Willow class for 2½ days a week whilst Mrs Lorne is on maternity leave, and Miss Smith who is the class teacher for Rowan class with our year 3 children.

You will find, in this newsletter, a list of dates for this half term. We would suggest that you sign up to Twitter as we publicise events and give out information via Twitter. You can also view our Twitter feed on the school website www.stjbps.co.uk, where we also provide updates about school events.

The weekly newsletter is sent out by email on Wednesdays and can also be found on the school website and on the notice board at the bottom of the school drive. **Please make sure we have your email address so that we can be sure that you receive the newsletter.**

This term we are putting a particular focus on encouraging the children to improve the presentation of the work in their books. Examples of this are on display in the entrance of the school under the heading “Better Never Stops” borrowed from the GB team during the London Olympics. We will be sending out information as to how you can support your child with this shortly.

Please look closely at the topic letters provided by the class teachers so that you are clear about what your child will be studying this term.

NEW GOVERNOR

We are pleased to announce that Mr Gary Cane will be joining the Governing Body as a Parent Governor following our request for expressions of interest in the summer term.

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.

CONTACTING US - 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. The newsletter is circulated via sbaird@stjbps.co.uk but this address should not be used for general enquires.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Have you moved house or changed your telephone numbers over the summer holiday? If so, it is very important that you let us know so can update the children's records and are then able to contact you if your child is unwell.

VILLAGE WALK

As part of this term's topic 'Knock Knock', the children in Years 1 and 2 will be going for a walk around Findon village on Wednesday 12th September. They will be looking at the different types of houses that are in the village and identifying some of the main features of a house.

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

Freedom Leisure will be starting KS2 Badminton Clubs next week and booking forms were given out yesterday. You will find plenty of spare forms at school if your child did not receive one. Please return forms and payment to the school office. **Please note the finishing dates, which are earlier than normal due to the coach going on his honeymoon.**

Year 3 and Year 4 will start at 8 am on Thursday 13th September and finishes on 29th November.

Year 5 and Year 6 will start at 8 am on Friday 14th September and finishes on 30th November.

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 17th September at 3 pm to talk to Year 6 parents and children. 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 13th September, after school, for Years 1 to 4.

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

MONDAY FOOTBALL CLUB FOR YEAR 4, 5 AND YEAR 6

Once again we are very pleased that Lee Tillyer from Freedom Leisure will be running football coaching for Year 4, 5 and Year 6. This will start on **Monday 10th September** after school – 3.20 pm – 4.20 pm. Booking forms have been given to the children today or you can find spare forms on the letter carousel.

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

If you have any concerns about paying for clubs, please contact the office staff.

Y1 TO Y3 FOOTBALL CLUB

Freedom Leisure hopes to restart this club as soon as their football coach recovers from a recent hip operation.

'NUT FREE SCHOOL'

May we please remind you that nuts and food items containing nuts are **NOT** allowed in school. This includes peanut butter, chocolate spread and certain cereal bars. We would appreciate your support in being extra careful when packing your child's lunchbox because we have children in the school who have serious nut allergies. 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.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child is eligible for free school meals if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Child Tax Credit (**with no Working Tax Credit**) with an annual income of no more than £16,190.
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you **stop qualifying** for Working Tax Credit).
- Income Support.
- **Income-based** Jobseeker's Allowance.
- **Income-related** Employment and Support Allowance.
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit.

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 are not sure if this applies to you, then please come and talk to Mrs Baird or Mrs Johnson in the school office, in confidence.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

For our new families, 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; 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 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 and pay in advance as we cannot always guarantee a space at short notice.

INSET DAYS 2018/2019

Monday 29 October
Friday 15 February
Monday 25 February
1 more date to be decided

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

September	10	Freedom Leisure Football Club, Years 4, 5 & 6 at 3.20 pm
	12	Y1 & Y2 Village Walk
	13	Y3 & Y4 Badminton Club at 8 am
		Y1 to Y4 Le Club Francais after school
	14	Y5 & Y6 Badminton Club at 8 am
	17	Mr Liley, Headteacher at The Angmering School visiting Y6 & parents at 3 pm
	26	Harvest Festival Service at church at 9.30 am – info to follow
October	04	Ash & Willow visit to Arundel Castle – letter to follow
w/c	15	Year 6 Bikeability training all week
Half term	22 – 26 th	October
	29	INSET DAY
	30	Back to school

Please look out for more dates in next week's newsletter.