

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

**NEWSLETTER**

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

**MR YELLAND**

Mr Yelland will be away from school until the end of this half term as he is having a minor operation. He plans to be back after half term. If parents have any concerns, as usual the first port of call would be the class teacher but Mr Cumming, as Deputy Headteacher, will also be available.

**YEAR 6 BIKEABILITY TRAINING**

Our Year 6 children will commence their cycle training with West Sussex County Council next Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October. They will be bringing their bikes to school each day so we would ask that parents/carers be considerate when parking in and around School Hill to allow them space to push their bikes along the paths.

**YEAR 2 COOKING – 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017**

HELP please! – We are looking for a helper for Friday's cooking session at 1.10 pm. Thank you.

**REMINDER - WALL DISPLAY – 'PERSEVERANCE'**

We are planning a wall display for next term demonstrating things we have had to persevere at in order to achieve.

We would like the children to bring in a sentence, a drawing or a photo of something that has been a challenge but they have really worked at – it could be anything from a personal goal (learning to tie shoelaces or dress independently), to a sporting triumph or an academic achievement. Please bring any contributions to school or email them to [office@st-john-baptist.w-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-john-baptist.w-sussex.sch.uk) before the end of this half term.

**REMINDER - 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.

## **COMMUNICATION**

We are using Twitter and our school website to keep you up to date about forthcoming events, such as today's Harvest Festival donations, and new INSET dates. Please also check Twitter and the **Notice Board** on the website for up to date information regarding cancellation of sporting events at short notice.

You can also find photos of events that take place at school so please remember to regularly look so that you can keep up to date.

## **SCHOOL HILL**

Yesterday we were contacted by a concerned resident of School Hill complaining that cars were parking directly outside their front gate and obstructing the exit to the property. Please can we kindly ask that parents and carers park considerately to avoid upsetting our neighbours.

Also as School Hill does become congested, below are some reminders to keep School Hill safe:-

- a. Do not drop off children from your car at the bottom of the school slope.
- b. Avoid parking on the corners at the top and bottom of School Hill.
- c. Do not park so that two cars are opposite each other, across the road, as this can easily cause a blockage if a larger vehicle uses School Hill.

For our new parents we would encourage you to take part in the 'NO PARKING ON SCHOOL HILL THURSDAY' initiative, where we ask parents either not to drive, if possible, on Thursdays or to find alternative parking in the village. There are spaces within a short walk from the school, for instance Pond Green, Horsham Road and the High Street (but please avoid parking opposite the bus stop at The Gun Pub).

We would ask that parents pass on this information to grandparents and other child carers too.

## **REMINDER – TOY MUSEUM**

If you haven't sent in a £1.50 voluntary contribution for KS1 Toy Museum outreach visit on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October, please do so as soon as possible.

## **LOST PROPERTY**

Has your child lost a watch recently or a Specsavers glasses case, if so please enquire at the school office.

### **Letters sent out recently:**

Letter to Netballers – Regarding the cancellation of tomorrow's match.  
Before and After-school Club letters going home today.