

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

### NEWSLETTER

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### **FAREWELL MRS BECKETT**

Mrs Beckett will be leaving us at the end of this term to take up the opportunity to work closely with a charity that supports the rehabilitation of cancer patients. Although sad for the school, we know that this is a great opportunity to play a valuable role in this worthwhile venture. Mrs Beckett will be greatly missed for her smiling positive attitude and for all the support she has given the children by attending so many sporting events over the year. We hope that she will return to teach swimming in the summer but we would like to thank her for her enthusiasm and energy.

We have appointed Mrs Penfold to work in Ash Class from January. Mrs Penfold is an experienced teaching assistant and has experience in early years and throughout the school. We look forward to welcoming her to the team.

### **KS1 CHRISTMAS NATIVITY**

There are spare tickets available for both performances of the Ash and Willow class nativity performance 'The King is Born'. Performances are next Tuesday 12th December at 2 pm and Wednesday 13th December at 6 pm. Any parents in KS2 who would like to come along are more than welcome too.

If you are unable to make arrangements for older brothers and sisters (no under 5s) for the Wednesday performance, please come and talk to us. We will try and accommodate them in Ivy Room but it would be helpful to know as soon as possible.

### **ANGMERING MILE**

Yesterday after school, a group of KS2 children took part in the last Angmering Mile of 2017. Everyone ran brilliantly and managed to finish before it got too dark. The boys finished in 4<sup>th</sup> position and the girls 5<sup>th</sup>; Joseph Collis was our first boy home finishing in 7<sup>th</sup> place and Martha our first girl finishing 26<sup>th</sup>.

For Martha it was her first Angmering Mile and she wrote the following piece for the newsletter to try to encourage others to compete, even if they are feeling a bit nervous about doing so. We desperately need more girls.

*"Today I took part in the Angmering Mile for the first time. I was very nervous before the race. Once I started running I really enjoyed myself and I am looking forward to taking part again."*

Well done to all the team: Joseph Collis, Logan, Ollie, Henry, Joseph Clapp, Fenton, Rory, Connor, Callum Hogan, Ethan, Martha, Evelyn.

## **FOOTBALL REPORT FROM JOSEPH AND CHRISTIAN**

### **St John the Baptist School v St Margaret's – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

This match was great one. We played very well and that's why James Speed scored 2 goals in the first 3 minutes. In the next few minutes St Margaret's scored the next goal. Half time came with the score at 2-1. The second half was very tense because St Margaret's scored the next goal but Miles came back with another goal to make it 3-2. However, towards the end of the match they scored to equalise to make it 3-3. That was the final score. The team were: Joseph Collis, Miles, James S, Joseph Hatton, Harvey, Thomas F, Christian and Toby.

A great game that we should have won – especially as we wore our new smart football kit!

## **TREMENDOUS TIGERS MATCH REPORT BY CALLUM H AND HENRY**

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November St John the Baptist School Tigers played in a football tournament at Angmering. They played four matches in total. The first two games did not go too well, losing 1-0 and 2-0. The last 2 games went brilliantly, with wins of 1-0 against both teams. The Tigers' third game was a lucky one because the other team hand-balled into the goal area and we had the option of goal or penalty and chose a goal. The Tigers last game could have been a 2-0 win because the team were 1-0 up and were awarded a penalty, which Callum took. It was close but it hit the crossbar. The Tigers came top of the 3<sup>rd</sup> place group. Congratulations to the Tigers!

## **ST JOHN'S PANTHERS - MATCH REPORT**

At the Angmering School on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November, St John the Baptist Yr3-4 Panthers played four games in a football tournament. The first game went pretty well because they won against St Wilfrid's 2-0, goals scored by Joseph Clapp and Logan Hunt! The second game was not so successful because we drew 1-1 where Logan Hunt scored. The third game went very well because we won 1-0, Logan being the scorer (again!) Our last match was the best match of all because we won 3-0, a goal scored by Gabriel Partington and the rest by Logan Hunt. This is our team that took part: Callum H, Connor, Vinnie, Tommy, Leon, Henry, Rocco, Reuben.

We came first in our second placed group. Congratulations to the Panthers

## **NETBALL MATCH REPORT BY ALICE AND MILLIE**

On the Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 we played against St Margaret's Primary school. The netball team played extremely well as we won 8-2. The goal scorers were Alice Regan (3 goals) and Bobby Minter (5 goals) we scored the first goal in the first minute. The sensational players include year 5 and year 6: Alice, Millie, Ruby, Chloe, Bobby, Rhianna, Rachael and Zach.

## **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Please return your orders by Friday morning, 8<sup>th</sup> December, or alternatively you can order photos on line at [www.astracolour.co.uk](http://www.astracolour.co.uk) – usernames and passwords are on the proof photo.

## **VIOLIN CONCERT**

Our violin pupils gave a lovely performance in assembly last week. We also had the chance to hear a viola. If you would like your child to have violin or viola lessons, you can apply on line at [www.westsussexmusic.co.uk](http://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk) or contact the Upper Strings teacher Mrs Burns at [Margaret.burns@westsussexmusic.co.uk](mailto:Margaret.burns@westsussexmusic.co.uk).

## **REMINDER OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

December	7	Y6 heights and weights Y5/6 Football & Netball –v- Ferring Primary School
	8	Whole school trip to the pantomime at 9.15 am Code Club
	12	Ash & Willow Nativity at 2 pm
	13	Ash & Willow Nativity at 6 pm
	15	PTA Christmas Disco
	17	Choir singing at church – 9 Lessons and Carols at 5 pm
	18	Christmas Service at 9.30 at church
	20	End of term
January	04	Return to school