

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

NEWSLETTER

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REMINDER – NO PARKING ON SCHOOL HILL ON THURSDAYS PLEASE

STAFF NEWS

Welcome back and Happy New Year.

We would like to welcome Mr Steve Southall as our new Premises Officer. It is a great relief to have a new Premises Officer after almost a year. He is looking forward to helping us with the upkeep of the school and general maintenance.

CLAIMING FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS – RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

All Reception and KS1 children are currently entitled to universal infant free school meals. All children throughout the whole school, from Reception to Year 6, may also qualify for free school meals under the Pupil Premium Funding.

Even if your child already receives a hot universal infant free school meal in KS1, the school will still be able to claim additional funding under the Pupil Premium Free School meal grant if you are in receipt of any of the benefits listed on the attached information sheet.

This means that claiming for Free School Meals, **whether your child is in Reception or Year 6**, could also help you to receive other benefits at school, for instance help with the cost of school trips, free milk, school uniform and additional support in school.

Please read the attached handout for more information or speak to the school office staff in confidence.

IMPORTANT PTA NEWS

Please don't forget that **THIS FRIDAY is MUFTI DAY** - No school uniform in exchange for unwanted Christmas gifts, luxury food, biscuits, chocolates and drink for the Summer Revels Tombola! Please make sure any perishables will be in date after Saturday 18th May 2019.

In addition, there is a chance to have a really a good clear out, so bag up your old teddies, towels, shoes, bedding and clothing for **Bags 2 School on Tuesday 29th January** – Letter to follow.

We also take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year. It's going to be a really exciting 2019, where we hope to work harder than ever this year and beyond to bring our events to life in support of raising funds for our PTA!

Kind regards
Sadie Collis

KS2 NETBALL CLUB

Miss Smith will be restarting Netball Club next Tuesday, 15th January after school.

If the weather deteriorates during the day, please remember to look at Twitter or call the school office if you are in any doubt about the club running. Many thanks.

HELP NEEDED PLEASE NEXT WEDNESDAY - COOKING

Are you around to help with any of the 1 hour cooking sessions at 9.00 am, 10.40 am and 1.10 pm next Wednesday, 16th January? The helpers' timetable is displayed by the school office. Many thanks.

WANTED PLEASE!

- Willow Class would like any children's comics for their book corner please.
- We are very short of spare tights and socks for our younger children, so if you have any spare unwanted items, please bring them in. Many thanks.

HAIR ACCESSORIES AND NAIL VARNISH

Could we please ask that children do not wear nail varnish or elaborate hair accessories to school. Long hair should be tied back with narrow Alice bands, clips or bands to hold hair back from their face.

FLU CATCH UP CLINICS

The NHS Community NHS project has extended their catch up clinic dates for the flu nasal spray for children in years Reception to year 5. Please see attached information.

Letters sent home recently:

- Ash & Willow – Welcome back & Spring Term 2019 gardening & cooking groups
- Rowan, Holly & Oak – Spring Term 2019 topic letters
- Booking forms for Monday Football Club & Thursday Y3/4 Badminton and Friday 5/6 Badminton Club

A FEW DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

January	11	MUFTI DAY Code Club starts at 3.20 pm
	14	Y4,5,6 Football Club starts at 3.20 pm
	16	KS1 Angmering Half Mile at 3.45 pm
	17	Y3 & Y4 Badminton Club at 8 am KS2 Choir club starts at 3.20 pm – letter to follow
	18	Y5 & Y6 Badminton Club at 8 am
	February w/c	04
08		Year 4 Key2Music concert for families at 2.30 pm
14		No After School Club
15		INSET Day
18 – 22		Half-term break
25		INSET Day
March	27	Ash & Willow visiting Worthing Fire Station
	15	Red Nose Day
	26	Parents Evening – 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm
April	27	Parents Evening – 3.30 pm – 5.30 pm
	03	Easter Bonnet Parade at 9 am – details to follow
	04	Easter Service at 9.30 am – venue to be confirmed
08 – 22	Easter break	
23	Back to school	

We will add more events during the term but please keep this list close to hand for future reference.