

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

NEWSLETTER

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'DON'T FORGET - NO PARKING ON SCHOOL HILL THURSDAYS!'

HEADTEACHER FOR THE DAY - YASMIN, OAK CLASS – THURSDAY 15TH MARCH 2018

Tomorrow I will be Headteacher for the day. The children will still come to school in uniform but are allowed to bring a toy or a table top game with them (preferably not cuddly toys or teddies) that they would be happy to share with others, is not too expensive, electronic and is not breakable!

During the day we will be playing with the toys/games, decorating biscuits, having a disco, doing arts and crafts, having singing sessions and enjoying an ice cream.

We are looking forward to an exciting day and I will also be attending meetings with Mr Yelland to discuss a new path and swimming for this summer. Thank you, Yasmin.

STAFFING

We are pleased to announce that we will have two new members of staff working with us after Easter.

Miss Emily Browne will be working in Willow Class when Mrs Lorne goes on maternity leave. Miss Charlotte Moss will be the class teacher in Rowan Class during the summer term.

They have both been in school meeting the children and teachers as part of the transition process and are also planning to attend parents meetings next week. This will enable them to meet you and find out how each child is doing. We look forward to welcoming them to our team.

GARDENING AND COOKING HELPERS NEEDED PLEASE

Can you spare an hour helping on Friday 16th March please? We need assistance at the 9 am cooking session and also with the 1.10 pm cooking slot please.

EASTER BONNET PARADE – WEDNESDAY 28TH MARCH 2018

The Easter Bonnet Parade has been a long-standing tradition at our school and we hope the children will once again amaze us with their imaginative creations!

For those of you who are new to the school, children are encouraged to make an Easter Bonnet and parents are invited to watch the Easter Bonnet Parade in the school hall at 9 am on Wednesday 28th March. Please note that prams and pushchairs will not be allowed into the hall as part of our school fire regulations.

Here are a few suggestions to help you: a circular band cut out of paper or card decorated with the Easter theme, a sunhat or baseball hat decorated with eggs, chicks and flowers, papier mache balloons to make eggs, or cereal boxes can be made into Easter flower gardens. All children taking part will receive a chocolate egg and special awards will go to the most creative bonnet in each class.

NETBALL REPORT BY ALICE AND RHIANNA

On the 8th March 2018, the school netball team took the challenge of playing against Ferring. It was a close game, as the final score was 3-3. The determined team included, Alice, Millie, Chloe, Rhianna, Zach, Bobby and Rachael. Unfortunately, Ruby was not able to participate in the match through illness, which meant that we had no subs but everyone played their best.

FERRING MATCH REPORT

On Thursday 8th March, the football team visited the Ferring School to play a match that was eight minutes a half. We played an amazing game. During the first half, while we were 1-0 down, someone handballed in the area. We were devastated! The striker took the penalty, shooting bottom right, and Toby got down to it and saved it. We were all so relieved.

In the second half, they scored a second with the ball rolling gently in as no one managed to clear the ball. It was a very unfortunate loss despite it being a very competitive game. Our boys should be very proud of themselves.

EASTER SERVICE – THURSDAY 29TH MARCH 2018

On Thursday 29th March, we will be holding our Easter Service at St John the Baptist Church. We will be leaving school at **9.00 am** and would welcome parents to help us walk up to the church. However, the paths leading to church are narrow and uneven in places and unsuitable for younger siblings and pushchairs. Please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to help. We have organised for Protak Events Services to help us cross the A24. We hope you will be able to join us at this service which will start at 9.30 am. After the service, all children will return to school.

Free Tenor Horn Lessons at Worthing Music Centre

Dear Parents/Carers

West Sussex Music is offering free Beginner Tenor Horn lessons in the Summer Term with local WSM Brass teacher, Steve Barron. These will be lessons on Saturdays, at Worthing Music Centre which is hosted at Bohunt School, Worthing between 11.15am and 12pm. An instrument will be provided free for the students to take home and practise between lessons to achieve the best result. This offer is open to **year 5/6** students and there are 8 places, the only condition being that applicants have an interest in learning a brass instrument and will be supported by their family.

This hands-on experience with a professional brass teacher will hopefully inspire students to take up lessons, thereby enhancing their learning beyond the classroom. There are many benefits of learning a musical instrument including increased concentration, self - esteem, brainpower, creativity and emotional development.

For further information about carrying on lessons after the free taster lessons, please click on this link

<https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/page.cfm?title=home>

Details of cost (including reduced fees for low-income families) and other information can also be found there.

To apply:

Please email sally.sanderson@westsussexmusic.co.uk, stating the student's name, school, age and musical experience (if any). Places will be allocated on a first come- first served basis.

OPEN MORNING AT WORTHING MUSIC CENTRE

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing from West Sussex Music with news of the musical opportunities we offer and our forthcoming Open Morning at Worthing Music Centre at Bohunt School on March 24. The Open Morning is not for children to come and play this time, it's to see the groups in action and also there will be opportunities of partaking in two workshops.

I am really keen to get more families through the door, so any help you can give in advertising the morning to your friends and family would be great please. The activities list of ensemble times and rooms is attached for your information along with the extra opportunities that we offer.

On March 24:

All ensembles are rehearsing at their normal times and parents/new students can go in to listen to an informal performance for the last 20 minutes at the following times:-

9.15am ensembles – Parent's time 9.40-10am

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11.15am ensembles – Parent's time 11.55-12.15am

Soul and Gospel Workshops in room F27

Siggi Mwasote will lead this for up to 40 people. It's open to children aged 10+ and can include adults. It will run between 9.15-12.15 and will include an informal sing in the tuckshop

Places on this workshop will be on a first-come, first served basis

Double Reed Workshops in room G18 aged 8+

Two x 1 hour sessions – 10 -11am & 11.15 -12.15pm

Oboe and bassoon taster sessions with Angela Kirsten and Clare Worth, with instruments being provided. A tuck-shop Bassoon Bonanza at 10.50am will show off their achievements and hopefully some students will be inspired to take up lessons.

This Double Reed workshop needs to be booked before the day. Please apply to Angela Kirsten (Angela.Kirsten@westsussexmusic.co.uk)

Please do come along and see our young musicians in action and enjoy Worthing Music Centre, if you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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