

**St John the Baptist C o f E (Aided) Primary School, Findon
NEWSLETTER**

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REMINDER – NO PARKING ON SCHOOL HILL THURSDAYS

BABY NEWS!

Huge congratulations to Mrs Lorne and her husband on the safe arrival of their beautiful baby son, William, who was born in the early hours of yesterday morning.

FANTASTIC ACHIEVEMENT!

As the outright winners of the Locality League, our netball team represented the Locality schools at the Southern Area Netball tournament at The Angmering School yesterday afternoon.

The team had to play High Five Netball which requires them to change position after every game, but they never gave up and played their hardest - BRILLIANT PLAY from our netball team. Well done to Bobby and Rhianna who both scored goals. Also thank you to the parents for supporting the children.

PEACE

Mr Yelland is giving out Headteacher awards to any children that can explain what the pictures/symbols mean on our display board in the entrance of the school. We have attached a copy of the display board for your information. Children just need to write or draw their answers and bring them in to school.

MESSAGE FROM THE RECTORY

Findon Rectory
2nd May 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of the Year of Prayer, Bishop Richard is undertaking a pilgrimage across the Diocese between Ascension Day and Pentecost (the period of prayer called 'Thy Kingdom Come') and will be visiting Findon Church around 3.15 on May 16th. I'd like to have a display of children's work in the church, so at my assembly today, I've asked if pupils could do a picture or piece of writing to show what they think God's Kingdom would be like.

This is of course a voluntary activity, but I'd really appreciate your support with this, and the work needs to be handed in at school for me to collect on Friday 11th May.

Thank you!

Every blessing, Helena

COOKING HELPER NEEDED PLEASE!

We have just one session to fill on Friday 4th May so if you can spare an hour at 9 am, please let us know. Many thanks.

KS2 CHOIR CLUB

Choir Club starts again next Thursday, 10th May after school (3.20 – 4.25 pm). Please return permission slips.

INFORMATION FOR YEAR 6 PARENTS

To help with your planning, the Year 6 leavers' service at Chichester Cathedral will take place on Monday 25 June at 1.15 pm. We will send out a formal letter nearer the time. However, it is the parents' responsibility to ensure their child has transport to and from Chichester. Children will be ready to leave school at 11 am, we will meet outside the Bell Tower of the Cathedral by 12 noon and parents are encouraged, if possible, to stay with us for a picnic lunch and the service.

ATTENDANCE

We fully understand the pressures of work and the price differences between going on holiday during term time or school holidays. However, we would ask that parents try wherever possible to avoid taking children out of school during term time.

In some ways what is more disruptive to children's learning is repeated lateness. If a child arrives after the register is taken at 8.50am, then they will have missed part of the input for the first lesson, which means they have to spend time catching up at the start of the day which is unsettling for them. So this term please make an extra effort for your child to be in school before 8.50 am.

SUMMER REVELS – SATURDAY 9 JUNE 2018

The Summer Revels take place on Saturday 9 June; children should be dropped off at school at 10.30 am where they will wait with their teachers and teaching assistants. It is preferred that boys wear a plain t-shirt, shorts or trousers and girls a dress or skirt. Children should wear their trainers or plimsolls for dancing. At 11 am the school will process to Pond Green for the country dancing before returning to school for the maypole dancing and the crowning of the May Queen, which finishes at approximately 12 to 12.30 pm. After this the summer fair is officially opened and your child returns to your care.

Letters sent out recently:

Letter to Year 6 parents regarding SATS Breakfast Club
Letter to KS2 – Bignor Roman Villa trip – 22 May 2018
Letter to KS2 – Choir Club

There are some fantastic photos on the school Twitter page of
the ANIMAZING visit this week!

PTA NEWS

Tesco's Bags of Help – We need your votes!

Recently we applied to Tesco's Bags of Help community scheme for a grant to fund this exciting project. The scheme uses the money raised from the supermarket's 5p bag charge to fund thousands of local projects in communities. **The 'Bag of Help' vote will be in all local Tesco stores in May and June** where customers vote for which project they believe should be funded.

This year - the voting will be in the stores:

West Durrington, Extra
Broadwater, Express
Dolphin, Dominion Road, Express
Durrington, Express
Goring Way, Express
Rectory Road, Express
South Farm Road, Express
Chapel Road, Express
Findon Valley, Express
Goring Road, Express

The prize value, depending on the vote outcome is £4,000 / £2,000 / £1,000

Please support this project and vote for us!

The Findon Village Circus was a great success with hundreds of families sharing an amazing evening! We'll be welcoming them back in 2020 for more acrobatic fun!

The Sponsored Bounce profit total will soon be released! **If you are one of the few remaining ones needing to get your money in please do so asap.** If you're unsure on the total do just ask Natalie Luke.

The Findon Village Revels is on Saturday 9th June. If you would like to be involved in the planning for this, the next working meeting will be 9 am this Friday 4th May. New ideas always welcomed!

Join the private group St John's CofE PTA on Facebook for behind-the-scenes photos, group chats and up-to-the-minute event news!