



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

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Dear Families

Our children have very quickly settled back into their routines following the Christmas break.

Our value this term is 'Honesty' and our Vicar, Helena, came into school to launch the value through a whole school collective worship. The children have been learning about this value and the impact of not telling the truth and breaking a promise. Our hall displays reflect each classes interpretation of the value.

Spring is going to be an extremely busy term so please keep an eye out for the events and activities taking place during the term. Our Newsletter will keep you fully updated.

Finally, we would like to wish Mrs McCrickard all the best as she moves on into a new, exciting role.

Mrs Sharrock

### NEWS FROM THE PTA

On Friday 26th January, there is a non-uniform day at school, whereby in exchange for children wearing 'home clothes, we are hosting a Christmas gift amnesty drop off. On this day, please could pupils bring in good quality items such as bottles of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, toiletries, food items and chocolates (in date for 18th May), scented candles, children's toys and books (no soft toys please), and any other suitable items that you would be pleased to receive as a tombola prize at the Summer Revels. Thank you.

Following our AGM on Wednesday evening, it is out with the old and in with the new! The PTA committee team, Natalie, Cheryl, Laura and Milly, have all stood down as we gear up for pastures new in September. We have all had the best time during our varying amounts of years on the committee and we will genuinely miss it all so much. Please read Natalie's chair report attached for further emotion! A huge thank you must go to our wider PTA Team and we could not have done it without you all. Everyone who has supported us over the years, however small, have been invaluable, so thank you also.

We hope you will join us in giving a warm welcome to your new PTA Team - Sian, Emma and Wen. We wish them well and know they will do a great job helping to raise money to support our school. Please help them when possible as it really does make all the difference. They will be taking over all forms of communication from next week. All the best and here's to some great future events! Any questions, please email [findonpta@gmail.com](mailto:findonpta@gmail.com)

Signing off for one last time - Natalie, Cheryl, Laura and Milly x

### Recent Correspondence

- **Email to Y5 & Y6 parents regarding Little Lifesavers training**
- **Letter to Ash and Willow – Rainbow Theatre Company workshop**

## SOME DATES FOR SPRING AND SUMMER TERMS

Over the weeks, we will add **new dates/events in red**, so please make sure that you regularly check this list and update your diaries.

Mon 15 January	Y5&Y6 Little Lifesavers training (pm)
Fri 26 January	PTA non-uniform day
Tues 30 January	O2 trip – final payment due ASAP
Mon 5 February	Rainbow Theatre Company workshop – Ash and Willow (1pm)
Tues 6 February	Safer Internet Day
Wed 7 February	Reception Class assembly (2.45pm) – parents invited
Mon 12 – Fri 16 February	Half-term break
Mon 19 February	Back to school
Tues 20 February	Parents’ Evening (3.30pm – 6.30pm)
Wed 21 February	Parents’ Evening (3.30pm – 5pm)
Thurs 22 February	World Thinking Day
Sun 3 March	School Choir singing at morning service (St John’s Church 10am)
Thurs 7 March	World Book Day
Fri 15 March	Comic Relief Day
Wed 27 March	Oak Class assembly (2.45pm) – parents invited
Thurs 28 March	No Book Club/last day of term
Fri 29 March – Friday 12 April	Easter break
Mon 15 April	INSET Day
Thurs 18 April	PTA Bag2School collection (9am)
Mon 29 April – 2 May	Scholastic half price Book Fair
Wed 1 May	Ash and Willow trip to Amberley Museum
Mon 6 May	Bank Holiday, school closed
Mon 13 – Thurs 16 May	Y6 National Curriculum tests
Fri 17 May	PTA non-uniform day
Sat 18 May	SUMMER REVELS
Wed 22 May	Holly Class assembly (2.45pm) – parents invited
Mon 27 – Fri 31 May	Half-term break
Mon 3 June	INSET Day
Tues 4 June	Back to school
Mon 10 – Fri 14 June	Y5&Y6 Residential Trip
Wed 26 June	Y6 Leavers’ Service at Chichester Cathedral
Wed 3 July	Y1& Y2 Class assembly (2.45pm) – parents invited

