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Dear Families

This week has flown by in a flash! The weather has not been great and we had a glimmer of blue skies on Thursday morning. I am still waiting for a good run of dry weather so that our children can have their playtimes on the school field.

Through attending local community groups near my home, I came across a gentleman who actually attended St John the Baptist School many years ago and I found his name in the old, old school register. He attended in 1948! What a small world. He sent me this picture so I thought I would include it so you can see what School Hill looked like in 1942. Can you see many changes?

Have a good weekend. Jane Sharrock



LOCALITY NETBALL AND FOOTBALL MATCHES

Yesterday, our football and netball teams played three matches at the Angmering School against some of our locality schools (Georgian Gardens, St Wilfrid's and East Preston).

NETBALL - The girls were utterly AMAZING, and played with such determination, despite only having 6 people in their team. They won their first game 9-0, the second one 4-0, and their final game 10-0. The girls remain unbeaten this season, and no school has scored a single goal against them. What an impressive record.

FOOTBALL - The footballers were an absolute credit to the school and displayed great sportsmanship throughout all their games. They played some brilliant football, but just couldn't score those all important goals. Well done, you didn't give up.





REMINDER - EASTER BONNET PARADE - MONDAY 25TH MARCH

The Easter Bonnet parade has been a long-standing tradition at our school. For those of you who are new to the school, children are encouraged to make an Easter Bonnet at home. All children will receive a chocolate egg, with special eggs going to the most creative bonnet in each class, which the PTA have kindly offered to donate. We will be inviting parents into school to watch the Easter Bonnet Parade at 9 am.

There are plenty of ideas on the internet, along with the following suggestions to help you:

- A circular band cut out of paper or card, decorated with the Easter theme
- Sunhat or baseball cap decorated with chicks, flowers, eggs, etc.
- Papier mâché balloon to make an egg.
- Cereal boxes made into Easter flower gardens.



NEWS FROM THE PTA

We hope the children enjoyed wearing their own clothes today! Don't forget, it is the second-hand uniform sale next Friday. We have so much uniform to sell in all sizes, so please do come and check it out. It is taking place before and after school, card and cash accepted. If anyone has any children's clothes hangers they no longer need, we would really appreciate some for the sale - please leave them in our uniform bin in the car park. Thank you.

If you don't already, please do follow our Facebook group 'St Johns CofE PTA' to keep up to date with all the latest information.

PTA upcoming events:

Friday 22nd March: Second hand uniform sale (before and after school)

Thursday 28th March: Sponsored Bounce

Sunday 14th April: Grand National Run

Thursday 18th April: Bag2School

Saturday 8th June: Summer Revels

Have a great weekend.

St John the Baptist PTA

Registered charity 1062912 School Hill, Findon, BN14 0TR

RECENT CORRESPONDENCE

- Dani Dance Club letter Y1 to Y6
- Recorder Club, cancelled 21/03/24

DATES FOR SPRING AND SUMMER

Mon 10 - Fri 14 June

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.

Tues 19 March Y2 Nepcote Pond restoration project

Fri 22 March PTA Second-hand uniform sale

Mon 25 March Easter Bonnet Parade at school (9am, parents invited)

Tues 26 March Easter Service, Rowan Class will be leading the service (9am at school)

Wed 27 March Oak Class assembly (2.45pm) - parents invited

Thurs 28 March PTA Bouncy Castle fundraiser

No Book Club/last day of term

Easter break

Fri 29 March - Friday 12 April

Mon 15 April **INSET Day**

Tues 16 April PTA meeting at The Black Horse (6pm)

Thurs 18 April PTA Bag2School collection (9am) **Thurs 25 April** Year 6 SATS parent meeting (3pm)

Y5&Y6 Residential trip meeting for parents and children (3.30pm)

Scholastic half price Book Fair Mon 29 April – 2 May

Wed 1 May Ash and Willow trip to Amberley Museum

Year 1 phonics meeting for parents (2.40pm) Wed 8 May

Mon 6 May Bank Holiday, school closed

Mon 13 - Thurs 16 May Y6 National Curriculum tests

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

PTA Non-uniform day in aid of Revels Thurs 6 June

Fri 7 June Class & Year 6 leavers photos, cakes for Revels please!

Sat 8 June **SUMMER REVELS**

Y5&Y6 Residential Trip

Wed 26 June Y6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral

Wed 3 July Y1& Y2 Class assembly (2.45pm) – parents invited

Mon 8 July KS2 trip to Pulborough Brooks

Fri 19 July PTA Summer disco

Tues 23 July Last day of term

