



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

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Dear Families

We started the week appointing our new School Council and Reading Ambassadors. We will have our first School Council meeting in the next couple of weeks and we will put together a plan of action for the forthcoming year. We want to focus on some outdoor projects and the School Council will be creating a survey to take back to their classes, which will explore how we can make our outdoor space even better.

Our new School Council reps are:

Lily and Layla	Year 1
Joanie and Lockie	Year 2
Zac and Amity	Year 3
Henry and Sam	Year 4
Duke and Harry	Year 5
Max and Delilah F	Year 6

Well done and once again, thank you to everyone who applied for the position.

Enjoy your weekend. Hopefully the weather will be better!

Mrs Sharrock

READING AMBASSADORS



In Monday's assembly, we were very pleased to announce that the following children will be our Reading Ambassadors:

Nate, Erin, Percy, Finn, Eva, Freddie, Isobel, Nancy, Joshua, Mia

Congratulations and thank you to everyone who expressed an interest in the role.

PARENT FORUM

The first meeting of the newly formed Parent Forum will take place on Friday 4th October and we are really looking forward to the launch of this. To ensure diversity, we would appreciate if one of our dads could join the forum. If you interested, please do contact the office.

MESSY CHURCH

The next Messy Church is next Tuesday, 1st October at Findon Village Hall, 3.30pm – 5.30pm. All children are welcome with an accompanying adult for crafts, a story, singing and food.

SAFEGUARDING

To ensure the continued safeguarding of our children, please ensure that you notify the office if there is a change in collection arrangements at the end of the school day. If it is necessary for a different adult to collect a child, the office must be notified in advance.

COLDER WEATHER

As the weather is very unpredictable and getting colder, children should come to school with a waterproof coat with a hood for breaktimes, thank you.



PTA UPDATE

Happy Friday everybody! We hope you have all had a lovely week.

Fireworks Fantasia

Tickets for the Fireworks Fantasia on Saturday 9th November are now on sale! We will be sending out letters next week for anyone wishing to pay cash for their tickets but in the meantime, here is the link for anyone wishing to buy them online:

<https://st-john-the-baptist-pta.sumupstore.com/>

Ticket prices:

Adults: £5

Children: £2.50

Under 2's free

It is going to be a great event and we are really looking forward to seeing you there. We will be sending out a volunteer list soon and we are extremely grateful to anyone who can help out. Please remember that without the help of our volunteers this event will not be able to take place.



WE NEED YOU!

We are still looking for an *Electricians Whizz* that can help us on the day and for future events, so if anyone knows of anyone that could assist then please do let us know.

UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday 22nd October - PTA meeting 6pm

Saturday 9th November 6-8pm - Fireworks Fantasia

Thursday 14th November - Bag2School

We are now on Instagram as well as Facebook so, if you haven't done so already, please follow us - @stjohnsptafindon to keep up to date with all our latest news.

Have a great weekend!

The PTA Team

St John the Baptist PTA

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Recent correspondence:

- Year 6 – Durrington High School Open Evening
- Parent Forum information
- Y5 and Y6 Football and Netball teams – expression of interest
- Y5 and Y6 Basketball tournament (3/10/24)
- Y1 and Y2 Multi-skills event (7/10/24)

DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM



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 1 October	Y1-Y2 trip to Arundel Castle
Thurs 3 October	Y5/Y6 Basketball tournament at Angmering (3.45pm)
Friday 4 October	Astracolour photos
Mon 7 October	KS2 trip to Wakehurst Place
Tues 8 October	Y1/Y2 Multi-skills event at Angmering (3.45pm)
	Reception Parents meeting with Miss Cove (2.45pm)
	Boys' Vocal Club cancelled and will resume next week.
Wed 9 October	Y4 & Y5 Legacy Games at Angmering (information to follow)
Tues 15 October	Y1-Y6 Parents Evening (3.30pm – 6.30pm)
Wed 16 October	Harvest Festival Service led by Holly Class (9am)
	Y1-Y6 Parents Evening (3.30pm – 5.30pm)
Thurs 17 October	Y6 Heights and Weights (National Child Measurement Programme)
w/c 21 October	Year 6 Bikeability Course
Tues 22 October	Nasal Flu vaccinations
	PTA meeting (6pm)
Wed 23 October	Six Weeks In meeting for our Reception parents (9am) – details to follow
Half-term break	28 Oct – 1 Nov
Mon 4 November	INSET DAY
Sat 9 November	PTA Fireworks Fantasia
Thurs 14 November	PTA Bag2School collection (9am)
Tues 10 December	Ash & Willow Christmas Nativity (1.30pm)
Wed 11 December	Ash & Willow Christmas Nativity (1.30pm)
Mon 16 December	Open Afternoon (3.30pm)
Fri 20 December	Christmas party lunch (Chartwells lunches will not be served) – information to follow
	Last day of term