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Dear Families

School has been busy this week and children have had the opportunity to be creative. Some of our children had a great day out at the O2 Young Voices event. They were part of a large number of schools to create one choir that filled the O2. Our children represented the school brilliantly with high levels of energy and enthusiasm. Amazing! Check out our Facebook page to see photos of the children in action. Facebook Link

We have also had children showing off their art skills designing 3D animals using a range of mixed materials. These will form one of our displays in school. Please see the pictures below.

Creativity is part of school life and provides children with a broad range of transferable skills in later life helping to improve future outcomes. Creativity also supports children's health and wellbeing.

John Roche and I had the opportunity to meet our local council to discuss the issue of crossing the A24 to get our children to church. We discussed options, who to approach and our next steps. John and I are preparing letters to send out to various people in the authority to see how we can move forward with this. I will keep you informed.

Best wishes Jane Sharrock









IMPORTANT – CHARTWELLS LUNCHES

As our school is on a Holiday Return Menu on Monday, 24th February, after the half-term break, ParentPay have updated the meal ordering system and all orders have been cancelled. Please can parents reorder for Monday 24th February if you wish to select the following meal for your child.

Jacket Potato with tuna mayonnaise or baked beans & sweetcorn as the side vegetable Pudding is custard and/or peaches Medical diets will be offered jelly pot

PTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

You are invited to our AGM on Tuesday 28th January, at 6pm in the School Hall. This meeting is worth attending for numerous important reasons but we are also making it a special '**Pringles and Prosecco**' evening but don't worry if you are not a fan of Prosecco, there will be some other options! So, please do come along to find out more about the PTA and all that has



happened in the past year, vote for committee members and socialise with other parents.

CHOIR CLUB

Choir Club (3.20pm – 4.15pm) will be recommencing on Monday 27th January, preparing for a service at St John the Baptist Church on Sunday, 2nd March at 10am. Our choir will be opening the service with songs and hymns. We will also be working on songs and hymns for the Easter Service at school on Thursday, 3rd April at 9am, which Rowan Class will be leading.

We look forward to as many children from KS2 and Year 2 as possible joining the choir, as the 02 experience proved what talented singers we have in the school, and I know that there are many more children at St. John's who have lovely voices.

KS2 - THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE

Here is a polite reminder for anybody who has not yet paid for the KS2 theatre trip in March. The deadline is next Thursday 30th January. As always, your support is very much appreciated to fund this trip. This is an exciting opportunity for the children to watch the classic story, The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe and we are very much looking forward to going.

MESSY CHURCH



The next Messy Church is on Tuesday, 4^{th} February, 3.30 - 5.30pm in Findon Village Hall. All children welcome with an accompanying adult for crafts, a story, singing and food!

RECENT CORRESPONDENCE

PTA questionnaire Y2 – Y6 Choir Club Ash & Willow Classes – Hawking About (13.2.25)

We are always happy to supply paper copies of any correspondence.

DATES FOR THE 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.

JANUARY 2025

Mon 27 January Y2-Y6 Choir Club starts with Mrs Stoner (3.30pm – 4.15pm)

Tues 28 January PTA AGM (6pm, school hall)

Thurs 30 January Y5 & Y6 Football & Netball matches at Angmering

FEBRUARY 2025

Tues 4 February Messy Church in Findon Village Hall (3.30pm – 5.30pm)

Deanery Celebration Service, St Mary's Church, Broadwater – KS2 invited (7.30pm)

Thurs 6 February Y3 & Y4 Girls' Football Tournament at Angmering – letter to follow

Wed 12 February Reception assembly (2.45pm) – parents invited

Thurs 13 February Hawking About visiting school – Ash & Willow (am) – more info to follow

Y3 & Y4 Boys' Football Tournament at Angmering – letter to follow

NO Y5 & Y6 NETBALL OR FOOTBALL TRAINING

17-21 February Half-term break

Mon 24 February Back to school

Tues 25 February Parents evening (3.30pm – 6.30pm)

No Instrumental or Boys' Vocal Clubs today.

Wed 26 February Reception Health Screening

Parents evening (3.30pm - 5.30pm)

MARCH 2025

Sun 2 March Choir will be singing at St John Baptist Church service (10am) – info to follow

Mon 3 March Y3 & Y4 Netball event at Angmering School – details to follow

Thurs 6 March Y5 & Y6 Rugby Tournament at Angmering – details to follow

NO Y5 & Y6 NETBALL OR FOOTBALL TRAINING

Tues 11 March Y1 & Y2 Football Tournament at Angmering – details to follow

Thurs 13 March KS2 Trip to the Theatre Royal, Brighton

NO ART CLUB

Tues 18 March Y5 & Y6 High Five Netball Tournament – details to follow

Thurs 20 March NO ART CLUB

Fri 21 March NO ART CLUB

Fri 28 March Last Art Club

Mon 31 March Y4 -Y6 Basketball at Angmering – details to follow

APRIL 2025

Wed 2 April Holly Class assembly (2.45pm)

Thurs 3 April Easter Service led by Rowan Class at school (9am)

Y5 & Y6 Netball and Football at Angmering – details to follow

Last Art Club

7 – 21 April Easter Break

Tues 22 April INSET Day

Wed 23 April Back to School

MAY 2025

Mon 5 May Bank Holiday, school closed

Mon 19 May Oak Class Assembly (2.45pm)

26 – 30 May Half-term break

JUNE 2025

Mon 2 June INSET Day

Tues 3 June Back to school

Sat 14 June SUMMER REVELS

Wed 25 June Year 6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral (1.15pm service)

JULY 2025

Tues 8 July Y5 & Y6 Production (6pm)

Wed 9 July Y1 & Y2 Assembly for parents (2.45pm)

Y5 & Y6 Production (6pm)

Tues 22 July Last day of term