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Dear Families

We have welcomed our children back this week and they have settled back into their routines very quickly. They all look rested, energised and ready to learn.

This will be a very busy half term with lots of events going on in school over the next six weeks. Please check the weekly newsletter to see what is happening in school.

Our worship focus next week will be based around Remembrance and peace. Remembrance Sunday is a national opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those who have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life. We will then build on this next week.

And finally, we have our big firework event tomorrow evening and the PTA have worked extremely hard planning, organising and preparing for this community event. I would like to thank our PTA, volunteers, parents, school staff and governors for supporting us with everything that has needed to be put in place for this.

I look forward to seeing you tomorrow.

Jane Sharrock

GREAT OPPORTUNITY – CLERK TO THE GOVERNING BOARD

Do you have or do you know someone with minute taking and administrative experience?

The Governing Board are looking for a reliable and organised Clerk who can support us in achieving excellence in Governance. The role will involve duties that include writing agendas and accurate, concise minutes, preparing the necessary paperwork for meetings and communicating all of this to the Governing Board.

We typically meet 6 times a year and the meeting dates and times are set well in advance, typically 4-6pm on a Tuesday or Thursday.

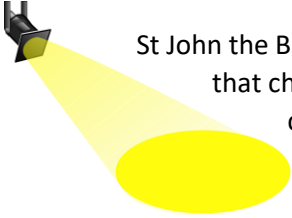
Previous experience as a clerk would be desirable but not essential – full training can be provided.

Hours of work outside the meeting may be worked flexibly at home to undertake agenda preparation, communications, monitoring of governor training and production of minutes. The contracted role is approximately 80 hours per academic year.

You will need to be able to manage your time effectively, be comfortable chasing busy people to ensure deadlines are met and be confident in taking the initiative to find relevant information on behalf of the Governing Board.

If this is a role that you are interested in and you would like more information, please contact the school office on 01903 873072 or by email to: office@stjbps.co.uk

SPOTLIGHT ON ATTENDANCE



St John the Baptist C of E Primary School, we aim for every child to reach their full potential. Research shows that children achieve better if they are on time and have good attendance. In order to provide our children with the best education, we aim for every child to achieve at least 95%.

Good attendance (95% and above) is important because:

- Statistics show a direct link between higher achievement and good attendance
- Children who have good attendance make better progress, both socially and academically
- Children who have good attendance find school routines and school work easier to cope with
- Children who have good attendance have an easier transfer to secondary school

Attendance and punctuality are monitored regularly by the Senior Leadership Team and office staff. Our main objective is to support children and their families in raising attendance. If attendance falls below 95%, your child's attendance is monitored by school and initially, dependent on the circumstances, you may be invited into school for a meeting to discuss how we can support you.

Holidays during term time are not permitted. The Headteacher will only authorise absences during term time if there are exceptional circumstances. Unauthorised absences can lead to fines and/or legal action resulting in a Fixed Penalty Notice.

If your child falls ill or cannot attend school due to exceptional circumstances, then please ensure that you contact school on the first day of absence, by 9:20am stating the reason. If the school does not receive an explanation for absence or if the explanation is unacceptable, then the absence will be marked as unauthorised. If your child is absent frequently for medical reasons then a medical note may be requested.

Current school attendance is **96.9%** which is above national so thank you for your continued support and working with school on this to achieve the best outcomes for our children.

CHILDREN IN NEED

As a school, we will be supporting BBC Children in Need on Friday, 15th November. The School Council have voted to make it a 'pyjama day' so we would like to invite children to come to school in pyjamas and bring a donation to put in the bucket. Please ensure they are wearing suitable shoes and bring a coat for breaktime.



ASH AND WILLOW NATIVITY

Can you believe it, the children are already learning the songs for this year's Nativity performance! As you will already know, there will be performances on Tuesday, 10th and Wednesday, 11th December. **Doors will open at 1.45pm for a 2pm start.**

PTA NEWS

Astra Recycling: Our collection date is confirmed for 14th November. Below will give you an idea of what you can use to fill your bags, and the more we collect, the more money we get for the school!

WE TAKE: clothes, shoes, bed linen, accessories such as belts, hats, gloves, scarves, handbags & Soft Toys

WE CAN'T TAKE: duvets or cushions, off-cuts, carpet or curtains

As always, any queries please do speak to one of us or email findonpta@gmail.com

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.



NOVEMBER

Sat 9 November	Y5 & Y6 Shakespeare at Windlesham (am) PTA Fireworks Fantasia
Wed 13 November	Y5 & Y6 Small Schools Football Tournament at Angmering
Thurs 14 November	PTA Astra Recycling collection (9am) Y5 & Y6 Locality Schools Football Tournament at Angmering School (3.45pm)
Fri 15 November	BBC Children in Need
Thurs 28 November	Locality Y5 & Y6 Netball and Football matches at Angmering School (3.45pm)

DECEMBER

Sun 1 December	Findon Village Christmas Lights – Choir performing (5.30pm, Pond Green)
Wed 4 December	Rowan Class assembly (2.45pm) – parents welcome!
Tues 10 December	Ash & Willow Christmas Nativity (2pm) Walking Nativity Findon Village Hall to The Gun (5.30pm)
Wed 11 December	Ash & Willow Christmas Nativity (2pm)
Thurs 12 December	PTA Elfridges event – details to follow Y5 & Y6 Locality Football & Netball matches at Angmering School
Mon 16 December	Open Afternoon (3.30pm)
Tues 17 December	Christmas service – Oak Class will be leading the service
Wed 18 December	Chartwells Christmas lunch
Fri 20 December	Christmas party lunch (Chartwells lunches will not be served) – information to follow Last day of term
Sun 22 December	Family Service of Carols and Readings at St John the Baptist Church (3pm) & Choir

Recent correspondence:

- **Y5 & Y6 Small School Football Tournament**
- **Y5 & Y6 Angmering Schools Football Tournament**
- **YR Health Screening information**