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Dear Families

It has sounded very musical in school this week. The children going to the 'O2' music event have been rehearsing spiritual melodies which could be heard at the top end of school. Our Year 3 children have been developing their musical skills with ukuleles. In our Singing Assembly, the children are learning a new version of the Lord's Prayer. African songs and drumming could be heard from Holly Class. What talented children we have!

Exciting news! Our new school library has been installed this week and we are really pleased with how it looks. We now need to organise our books and finalise the finishing touches ready for our grand opening!

Best wishes

Jane Sharrock

WORTHING FOODBANK DONATIONS

We have received a 'BIG THANK YOU' from Worthing Foodbank. Again, we are very grateful for the donations received.



REMINDER - SIX WEEKS MEETING

We are hosting a meeting called 'Six Weeks In' on Wednesday 18th October. The meeting will start at 9 am and we will finish by 10 am. This meeting is for our Reception parents and any new parents that have recently joined our school. The purpose of the meeting is to give you a chance to meet other key members of our school, who are available to work with you, and support you and your child, to give you the best from school life. The meeting will have an informal theme and will give you the opportunity to speak with Mrs Sharrock and other key people that work in or with our school. We hope that you will be able to attend what will be an informative and useful meeting.

REMINDER - ASH AND WILLOW 'WOW' DAY

We are excited to be having a fairy tale 'WOW' day next Tuesday 17th October. On this day, we will be doing fun activities linked to traditional fairy tale stories. We would like the children to come to school dressed up as a traditional fairy tale character from a story book. We look forward to seeing the school filled with fairy tale characters.



BOYS' VOCAL GROUP

Mrs Wellby is running a boys' vocal group on a Tuesday after school from 3:30pm until 4:15pm. She has noticed through our weekly 'Sing Up' that there are some super voices among the Year 2 boys. If there are any boys from Y2 upwards who would like to join us, then it will be great to see you after half term. There is no charge for this club.

WEBSITE

We are proud to announce the launch of our brand new website which can be accessed here <https://stjohnthebaptistcofe.eschools.co.uk/web>

SPECIAL VISITOR!

Morty the 85 year old tortoise came to visit Ash Class. We learned he is a Spur Thighed tortoise from Egypt and he loves dandelions. We had a lovely day looking after him. Thank you to Mr Williamson for bringing him in for us and teaches us all about him



COATS



As the weather is very changeable, please send your child in with a raincoat, even when the sun is shining.

PREMIER EDUCATION NETBALL CLUB

Netball Club will be running again after the half-term break for children in Rowan, Holly and Oak. There are spaces available, so please contact the school office for more information. The start date is Wednesday 1st November and the last session will be Wednesday 13th December.



PREMIER EDUCATION RECREATIONAL GYMNASTICS

Gymnastics Club for children in Ash and Willow will be restarting on Monday 6th November, so if your child would like to continue attending the club, or try a new sport, please return the booking form to the school office.

REMINDER - O2 TRIP – JANUARY 2024

As we will shortly be ordering tickets and t-shirts, payment is now due for the adult tickets and t-shirts for children please.



LOVE IN A BOX – MUSTARD SEED RELIEF MISSION

For many years, it has been a Findon Village custom to support the Christian Charity – Mustard Seed Relief Mission who are based in Eastbourne. Shoeboxes have been filled with essential items and small toys which have been dispatched to the poorest parts of Eastern Europe, usually Moldova. Our school has participated in this enthusiastically and the children, parents and teachers have generously supported the scheme in the past by filling a great many boxes.

This year, we would like to make class boxes, which school will provide, so we are asking for any donations of the following items. Donations can be left with the school office. Thank you.

Toiletries - flannels, sponges, soap, colouring pencils, paper, pads, gloves, scarf, hat, cuddly toys, toy cars, dolls, sweets, chocolates, balls, etc.



Recent correspondence:

- **Before and After School Club booking forms**
- **KS2 Netball Club letter (please note – cost is £24.50)**
- **Ash & Willow Recreational Gymnastic Club letter**

DATES FOR 2023/2024

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 17 October	Ash and Willow Fairy Tale WOW day
Wed 18 October	Six Weeks In meeting for new families (9am)
w/c 23 - 27 October	Half-term break
Mon 30 October	INSET Day
Tues 31 October	Dani's Dance club starts
	Y2-Y6 Boys' Vocal Club starts
Tues 31 – 3 Nov	Y6 Bikeability – timetable will be sent out next week
Wed 1 November	Bag2School collection (9am)
	KS2 Netball Club starts
Thurs 2 Nov	Sing, Sign and Story Club starts
	Y3-Y6 Instrumental Club starts
Fri 3 Nov	O2 Choir practice (8.10am)
	Y3-Y6 Chelsea Football Club starts
	Ash and Willow Construction Club starts
Mon 6 Nov	O2 Choir practice (3.20pm)
Tues 7 November	PTA Meeting at The Black Horse (6pm)
Wed 8 Nov	Open morning for prospective Reception parents (9.30am – 10.15am)
Thurs 9 Nov	Open afternoon for prospective Reception parents (1.30pm – 2.15pm)
Fri 10 November	PTA Fireworks Night – information to follow
Thurs 16 Nov	Y6 – Magistrates in the Community visit
Tues 21 November	School Photos
Thurs 23 November	Influenza nasal spray vaccinations
Tues 5 December	Ash and Willow Christmas Nativity (2pm)
Wed 6 December	Ash and Willow Christmas Nativity (2pm)
Wed 13 December	Christmas Service (time and venue to be confirmed)

INSET DAYS 2023/2024

1. Friday 1st September
2. Monday 30th October
3. Tuesday 2nd January
4. Monday 15th April
5. Monday 3rd June