



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

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Dear Families

We have now come to the end of what has been a very busy eight-week half term.

During this final week, children have been consolidating their learning for the various topics that they have covered. As we end this week, classes have been completing a small art project that has been launched by the School Council. They have been planning and decorating pebbles which will be brought together and used as a display in the grounds of school. More details around this will follow.

We have had an Open Evening session this week with seven families having a tour of school and we will have a final 'Open Day' for prospective 2025 parents in November.

Following conversations with a couple of parents, I will also include our half termly Collective Worship theme. Next term, our focus is 'Learning from David in ways that make the world a better place'.

I would like to personally thank all of our families for your continued support. By working together, our children do get the best outcomes.

Have a great half term holiday.  
Jane Sharrock

### CHILDREN IN NEED

As a school, we will be supporting BBC Children in Need on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### GIRLS FOOTBALL OPPORTUNITY

A letter has been sent out this afternoon inviting up to 8 girls in Year 5 and Year 6 to participate in a locality football event which has been organised by Brighton and Hove FC. Due to the number of places, it will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

### DANCE CLUB

We are very excited to inform you of a new dance club for children in Year 1 to Year 6 that will be starting in January 2025. It is being run by 'Wannadoo', a street dance company based in Worthing. A poster has been sent out this afternoon for parents to sign their child up.

## SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

*'Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, every day'*

Safeguarding is what we do for all children and young people to keep them safe whilst in our care.

Child Protection describes the policies and procedures specifically for those young people who are at risk of serious harm or have been seriously harmed.

At St John the Baptist School, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility. Everyone who comes in to contact with children and families within our community has a role to play. In order to fulfil this responsibility effectively, we consider, at all times, what is in the best interests of the child. All schools must appoint a member of staff from the senior leadership team to the role of designated safeguarding lead. Our senior member of staff appointed is Mrs Jane Sharrock.

### **What is a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)?**

The DSLs take the lead responsibility for child protection. Key aspects of the 'Designated Safeguarding Lead' role includes:

- Being available
- Making sure all staff are aware how to raise safeguarding concerns
- Ensuring all staff understand the symptoms of child abuse and neglect
- Managing referrals to social care
- Working with children who are the subject of child protection plans
- Maintaining accurate and secure child protection records
- Raising awareness of the school's safeguarding policies and procedures, and ensuring they are implemented and reviewed regularly
- Accessing up-to-date training
- Providing support and training to staff
- Understanding the views of children
- Sharing information

### **Who are our DSLs?**

Mrs Jane Sharrock – Lead DSL

Mrs Corrine Wellby – Deputy DSL

Mrs Tanya Stoner – Deputy DSL

Our safeguarding governor is Mr Mark Scott who can be contacted via the school office.

## PTA NEWS

Hope everyone is looking forward to half term, the weeks have certainly flown by. We had another PTA meeting on Tuesday with some new faces present, which was lovely and we discussed finalities for our upcoming Firework Fantasia event!



Thank you to all of you who have kindly agreed to have an advertising board outside your house, hopefully these will be put up over the coming days. Please do also spread the word about the event with your friends & family, tickets are available online and also from the Post office (Findon Village) and Michael Jones (Findon Valley).

**Volunteers:** We still have a few gaps in our volunteering list for the firework event, particularly for the BBQ (cooking), BBQ (serving and rolls etc), Gloware stall and hot drinks. Please check out our online form via our Facebook page link. Any questions, please email us.

**Astra Recycling:** Our collection date is confirmed for 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:findonpta@gmail.com).

### ***St John the Baptist PTA***

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### **Recent correspondence:**

- **KS2 Homework**
- **Y5 & Y6 Girls football festival (7/11)**
- **Y2 to Y6 Christmas Choir**
- **Wannadoo Street Dance club (Year 1 – Year 6)**

## 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.

### OCTOBER

Half-term break 28 Oct – 1 Nov

### NOVEMBER

Mon 4 November INSET DAY

**Thurs 7 November Y5 & Y6 Girls U11 Football Festival**

Sat 9 November Y5 & Y6 Shakespeare at Windlesham (am)

PTA Fireworks Fantasia

Wed 13 November Y5 & Y6 Small Schools Football Tournament at Angmering (letter to follow)

Thurs 14 November PTA Bag2School 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 (1.30pm)**

**Walking Nativity Findon Village Hall to The Gun (5.30pm)**

Wed 11 December Ash & Willow Christmas Nativity (1.30pm)

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**