

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

NEWSLETTER 1 - 2022/2023 – 9TH SEPTEMBER 2022

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Dear Families

What a busy week we have had here in school! Children have been settling into their new routines and expectations. Everyone is ready and raring to go at the start of our new academic year.

As we start the new academic year together may I remind you that my door is always open and I am very happy to meet parents and families.

A big, warm welcome to our new Deputy Headteacher and Holly Class Teacher, Mrs Wellby.

On a more sombre note, we are all truly saddened by the passing of Her Majesty The Queen and join the country, and people across the world, in remembering and honouring her grace, service, dedication and devotion. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family. This afternoon, we had a whole school assembly to respect the passing of our Queen.

Best wishes.

Mrs Sharrock

MEET THE TEACHER

Working together with parents secures the best outcomes for our children. We have arranged 'Meet the Teacher' sessions to help parents/carers learn about new routines and activities when the children move year groups. We will be holding sessions during September at 2.40 pm at school. (See dates below).

Rowan	-	Monday, 19 th September
Year 1	-	Tuesday, 20 th September
Year 2	-	Wednesday, 21 st September
Holly	-	Thursday, 22 nd September
Reception	-	Monday, 26 th September
Oak	-	Tuesday, 27 th September

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please can we remind parents to ensure that all items of clothing, including shoes, are clearly labelled with the child's name. This is particularly important for our new Reception children when they do outdoor learning and PE. Thank you for your support.

ASH AND WILLOW

We are very excited to have the Hobgoblin Theatre Company visiting our children in Ash and Willow on Monday, 3rd October. They will be with us during the morning and will be performing 'The Greatest Fairy Tale Ever Told', which will support their topic for this term. Please return the voluntary contribution for this event, to the school office by 26/10/22.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Before and After School Club has started. If you would like to use this provision, please book and pay for each session in advance, particularly as the afternoon sessions are already looking very busy. Please contact the school office – office@stjbps.co.uk if you would like more information. Paper copies of the booking form are available at school.

YEAR 6 – WSCC BIKEABILITY TRAINING

All Year 6 children have the opportunity to take part in a training course at our school during week commencing 17th October. The course will be run by West Sussex County Council Cycle training staff.

We will be shortly sending out more detailed information from WSCC.

CONTACTING US - SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS

If you wish to contact the school office or a member of the teaching staff, please use the office email address, which is regularly monitored – office@stjbps.co.uk.

EMERGENCY CONTACT AND MEDICAL INFORMATION

Have you moved house or changed your telephone numbers recently? If so, it is very **IMPORTANT** that you let us know, so we can update our records and are then able to contact you if your child is unwell.

Also, it is very important that you inform us, in writing, of any changes to your child's medical needs.

NEW INSET DAYS 2022/2023

We have planned INSET days (staff training days) for the remainder of this academic year: -

- 3rd January, 17th April, 5th June 2023

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

For our new families, we have a tradition where we like to invite the children to wear non-school uniform on their birthday. If their birthday falls at the weekend, or during a holiday, they can wear non-school uniform on the Friday before.

CLUBS

We are beginning to explore After School Club options and we will update you as soon as we have more information.

MESSAGE FROM THE PTA

We hope you had a wonderful summer and enjoyed the long break. Welcome back to the Autumn term! To our new families joining the school, we hope the first few days have gone well for the children.

We are busily sorting arrangements for the Findon Fireworks on Saturday 5th November- we do hope you can join us. Timings to be confirmed. It is a first for us this year with silent fireworks set to music, we can't wait to experience these!

Our PTA AGM is being held on Tuesday 4th October at 6 pm in the school hall. All are welcome. Please come along if you can or a zoom link can be provided. Elections to be held, along with fundraising ideas and planning for the year ahead.

Any questions please email findonpta@gmail.com

HEALTHY BREAKTIME SNACKS

Just a reminder for families who have children in Rowan, Holly and Oak classes, if your child would like a snack during our morning break, then they can bring in a piece of fruit or vegetable.

All children in Ash and Willow receive free fruit or veg daily from the Schools Fruit and Vegetable Scheme but may bring in fruit or veg of their own choice should they wish.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If eligible, then children not only qualify for a free hot meal, but other subsidies including a free school sweatshirt, polo shirt, reduced trip costs and free milk. If you are not sure if this applies to you, then please come and talk to Mrs Baird or Mrs Johnson in the school office, in confidence.

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child is eligible for free school meals if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Child Tax Credit (**with no Working Tax Credit**) with an annual income of no more than £16,190.
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you **stop qualifying** for Working Tax Credit).
- Income Support.
- **Income-based** Jobseeker's Allowance.
- **Income-related** Employment and Support Allowance.
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit.

If you already receive Free School Meals, then this will continue unless your circumstances have changed.

TUESDAY DANCE WITH DANI – YEARS 1 TO YEAR 6

We are delighted that Dani will be starting her after school Dance Club on Tuesday, 20th September. Hopefully you should have received an email giving you more information. Paper copies are available at school, or alternatively phone Dani on 07863 105453.

RECENT CORRESPONDENCE:

- Year 6 parents email - Information regarding secondary school transfer
- Year 6 parents email – Visits to Worthing High School and St Andrew's School
- Ash and Willow welcome letter
- Y4 – Y6 letter – O2 Concert

Paper copies of correspondence are always available at school.