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Dear Families

Children have settled back in this week despite the weather! Our Year 6 children have undertaken their Bikeability training, which has taken place on the playground and in the village. Certificates of achievement will follow.

We are going to be saying goodbye to Mrs Lidbetter, who will be leaving us next Wednesday. She has made this decision, so she can spend more time with her family.

Have a great weekend.

Jane Sharrock

PREMIER EDUCATION NETBALL CLUB – SPACES AVAILABLE

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



PREMIER EDUCATION RECREATIONAL GYMNASTICS – SPACES AVAILABLE

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.

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 needed by Friday, 10th November, please.**

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

**We would appreciate any empty shoe boxes you may have
- please drop them off at the office.**

NEWS FROM YOUR PTA

REMEMBER, REMEMBER the 10th of November - one week to go!!

Don't forget to get your firework tickets for Friday 10th November, 6pm to 8pm. The normal noisy fireworks are returning, along with a laser show and fire performance.

Friends and family all welcome. £5 adults, £2.50 children and pre-schoolers are free.

There will be a bar and BBQ, candy floss, popcorn, glo ware, rides and more to keep everyone happy! Tickets are now available in Findon Village Store, Michael Jones Estate Agents in Findon Valley and Dee Dees Tea Room.

Online tickets also available- please use the following link-

<https://st-john-the-baptist-pta.sumupstore.com/>

We hope to see you there!

Any questions please email Findonpta@gmail.com

Many thanks
The PTA Team



Recent correspondence:

- Email to all families – Ofsted report and letter from Mrs Sharrock
- Email to Rowan, Holly and Oak parents – KS2 homework and spellings

West Sussex County Council: Environment Agency Flood Alert/Warning

Information and advice from West Sussex County Council about the Environment Agency Flood Alert/Warning

The Environment Agency has issued a Pulborough on the River Arun
View the full warning at the [Flood Warning](#) site.

Flooding can cause disruption to travel; damage to property; and present some health hazards.

You can keep yourself and your family safe by doing some simple actions:

- **Keep up to date with the latest information including by listening to local radio**
- **Move important items to a higher level if possible**
- **Prepare an emergency grab bag containing bottled water, warm clothes, medicines and other essential items**

For more information go to:

- Gov.uk [What to do in a flood](#)
- WSCC [Dealing with extreme weather](#)
- WSCC [Preparing for emergencies](#)

- Follow us on Twitter for regular updates [@WSCCNews](#) and [@WSCCResilience](#)

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.

Mon 6 November	Choir practice, including Y2 and Y3 (3.20pm)
Tues 7 November	PTA Meeting at The Black Horse (6pm)
Wed 8 November	Open morning for prospective Reception parents (9.30am – 10.15am)
Thurs 9 November	Open afternoon for prospective Reception parents (1.30pm – 2.15pm)
Fri 10 November	PTA Fireworks Night No Chelsea Football club
Thurs 16 November	Y6 – Magistrates in the Community visit
Fri 17 November	BBC Children in Need – non-uniform – wear something spotty! - info to follow
Mon 20 November	Year 2 Findon Village walk
Tues 21 November	School Photos
Thurs 23 November	Influenza nasal spray vaccinations
Fri 1 December	Christmas Disco – details to follow
Sun 3 December	Findon Christmas Lights ‘Switch On’ – Choir will be singing
Tues 5 December	Ash and Willow Christmas Nativity (2pm)
Wed 6 December	Chartwells Christmas Lunch- book via ParentPay Ash and Willow Christmas Nativity (2pm)
Thurs 7 December	PTA Elfridges event – details to follow
Tues 12 December	Walking Nativity – Choir will be singing
Wed 13 December	Christmas Service (time and venue to be confirmed)
Fri 15 December	School Christmas party lunch – non-uniform day, (Chartwells lunch not available) – letter to follow
Sun 17 December	Nine Lessons and Carols at St John the Baptist Church (4pm)

INSET DAYS 2023/2024

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