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Dear Families

What a busy last week! We have had events going on every single day and we finished the week with our final Celebration Assembly giving out awards and certificates to children for various achievements. I think we are all ready for a well deserved rest. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents, families, governors and staff for your continued support.

Have a great Easter break.

Jane Sharrock

SUMMER REVELS

Please let us know as soon as possible if your child will NOT be at this year's Summer Revels on Saturday, 14th June as the classes have started to rehearse the dances.

Timings for the day are as follows:

10.30	Children arrive at school
11.00	School process to Pond Green for country dancing Return to school for KS2 maypole dances
12.00	Fete is officially opened

PTA NEWS

Grand National Run - Volunteers Needed!

We need some help for the Grand National Run on Sunday 13th April. At least 10 volunteers are needed for the event - if we don't have enough, the Raw Energy Pursuits Crew will have to step in which will drastically cut down on the profit which is very kindly all donated to the PTA.

Volunteers will be needed 8-11am (if you can only do 9-11am that would also really help!). If you are able to help at all, please let us know by emailing findonpta@gmail.com.



Uniform Sale

The uniform sale was a great success (despite the rain in the morning) and raised a fantastic £106.75. If you have any uniform you no longer need, please pop it in the collection bin underneath the metal steps in the car park.

Next PTA Meeting - Thursday 24th April, 3.30pm

The next PTA Meeting will be on Thursday 24th April at 3.30pm in the school hall. Childcare is kindly being provided again so please join us if you can! We will be discussing exciting plans for the Summer Revels and talking about donations to be made to the school this year.

St John the Baptist PTA

FINDON VILLAGE (HEATED) SWIMMING POOL

I attended the AGM of Findon swimming club on Wednesday evening (27/03), as part of my role as community representative on the school's governing board. As well as the usual statutory items to do with elections for committee membership, and reports from the chairman and treasurer, there were many **positive discussions about the upcoming swimming season**.

Mick Dicker will remain as Chair for this coming year and we are all very grateful to him for all that he has done to-date, to get us to where we are now; we will have a new secretary and our current treasurer (Cheryl) will be shadowed this year so that we can have a new person in-post next year - and next year all roles will be up for grabs!

This year we have been fortunate to receive donations from kind individuals and organisations including the Findon WI, the village shop, the Parish Council, the Education Trust and a number of individuals from around Findon, all of whose support for our pool is much appreciated by us all.

The pool relies heavily on volunteers to help administer swimming sessions, test the pool water quality (which is done before and after each swimming session), act as session supervisors and the statutory lifeguarding. It looks like we are going to get lots of help year from within Findon this year, but it is never too late for anyone to become involved.

The club's finances are in great shape; most of the capital projects necessary to open the pool have now been done; we await one more task to be completed to do with smoothing the pool's new lining and then we should be set to go.

On offer this year will be the usual **public swimming sessions**, adult only swims and the pool will be available for **private hire**. And we must not forget that the very existence of the school pool means that our pupils have the chance to swim, with lessons being provided to some in school term time and afterwards to all, subject to the availability of swimming coaches.

Contact details for the pool are via the usual social media channels, including:

Web: www.findonswimmingpool.co.uk

e-mail: findonswimmingpool1@gmail.com

So, let's hope for a great season along with the necessary hot weather to act as an enticement. But don't forget, swimming can be done in the rain, it will be warmer in the pool than out (typically 28 degrees)!

John Roche

Vice-chair of Governors. St. John the Baptist School. Findon.

Recent correspondence

- **Y1 – Y4 Chelsea Football Club booking information**
- **EY/KS1 Instrumental Club**
- **Y2-Y6 Boys' Vocal Club**
- **KS2 walk to Cissbury Ring**

DATES FOR THE SUMMER 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.

APRIL 2025

Sun 13 April Grand National Run (9.30am)

7 – 21 April Easter Break

Tues 22 April INSET Day

Wed 23 April Back to School

Thurs 24 April PTA meeting (3.30pm)

MAY 2025

Mon 5 May Bank Holiday, school closed

Tues 6 May KS2 Walk to Cissbury Ring (pm) – please return £2 contribution

w/c 12 May Year 6 SATS and Year 6 Breakfast Club – information to follow

Mon 19 May Oak Class Assembly (2.45pm)

Wed 21 May PTA Sponsored Bounce – details to follow

Fri 23 May RNLI visiting Year 3 to Year 6 – details to follow

26 – 30 May Half-term break

JUNE 2025

Mon 2 June INSET Day

Tues 3 June Back to school

w/c 9 June Year 1 Phonics Screening

Fri 13 June PTA non-uniform day – please bring in cakes for Summer Revels – info to follow

Sat 14 June SUMMER REVELS

Mon 16 June Rainbow Theatre Company visiting Ash & Willow – details to follow

Wed 25 June Year 6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral (1.15pm service)

JULY 2025

Wed 2 July Secondary transition day

Tues 8 July Y5 & Y6 Production (6pm)

Wed 9 July Y1 & Y2 Assembly for parents (2.45pm)

Y5 & Y6 Production (6pm)

Fri 18 July Leavers' Service at school (9am)

Mon 21 July Year 6 Leavers' party (3.30pm)

Tues 22 July Last day of term