



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

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Dear Families

Lots of learning has taken place this week and our children have really settled into their classes and routines. Our Reception children started full time this week and loved being outside at lunchtime with all of the older children. We really are a family. The older children did an amazing job of supporting, guiding and playing with our newest and youngest children.

We have focused on 'New Beginnings' during Collective Worship and the children have been thinking about challenges they may face as they start the new academic year. We have looked at strategies they could use to help support them. Some of the strategies that we have discussed have been around encouraging and supporting each other, developing positive mindsets and asking for help.

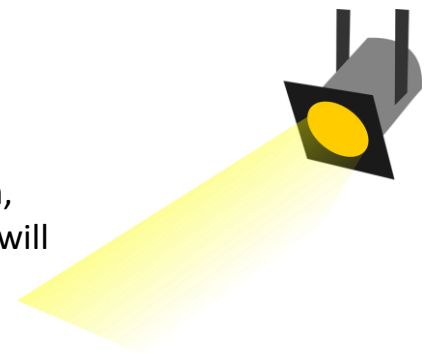
Our Value for this term is '**Respect**' and our Collective Worship will focus on the many aspects of this.

Have a great weekend and make the most of the good weather on Saturday.

Jane Sharrock

### **SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT**

We have created a child friendly Safeguarding Policy for our children, to give them helpful reminders about keeping themselves safe. We will share this at the start of every half-term. A copy is attached.



### **NUT FREE SCHOOL**

Please remember that we are a nut free school. This is for the safety of our children and visitors and we are grateful for your support. Products made with nuts are **NOT** allowed in school, including cereal bars. Thank you for your support.



## REMINDER - SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our School Council is a valued part of St John the Baptist School. At this time of year, we select two representatives from Years 1 to 6 to be the pupil voice on whole school matters and initiatives.

If your child would like to apply to be a representative, please remind them to collect an application form from Ms Lyle and return it to school by **Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> September**. Council members need to be comfortable speaking in a group, sharing ideas and making suggestions.



## ANGMERING MILE CROSS COUNTRY

There is an opportunity for children in Rowan, Holly and Oak to take part in the local schools' cross-country event at The Angmering School next Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September, at 3.45 pm. If your child would like to participate, please let us know.

## CONGRATULATIONS

We are pleased to announce that Ewan and Harriet have been appointed Head Boy and Head Girl for the first 6 months of this year. They have proved themselves to be responsible and hardworking role models, which led to their selection.



## RECENT CORRESPONDENCE:

- KS2 Angmering Cross Country letter
- Ash and Willow Fairy Tale WOW Day letter
- Year 6 Bikeability Training email
- Y2 and Oak Class Cooking letter
- Y6 Durrington High School Open Evening email
- Y6 Steyning Grammar School Open Events email

**Paper copies of correspondence are always available.**



## **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 18 September	Year 6 Netball and Rugby workshop at Angmering (3.45pm)
Wed 20 September	KS2 Angmering Cross Country (3.45pm)
Mon 25 September	Worthing Food Bank will be at our assembly (children only)
Tues 3 October	Harvest Festival Service at school (time to be agreed)
Sat 7 October	Year 5 and Year 6 Shakespeare workshop at Windlesham School
Tues 10 October	Parent Consultations (4pm – 7pm) – details to follow
Wed 11 October	Parent Consultations (3.30pm – 5.30pm) – details to follow
Tues 17 October	Ash and Willow Fairy Tale WOW day
Wed 18 October	Six Weeks In meeting for new families – details to follow
w/c 23 - 27 October	Half-term break
Mon 30 October	INSET Day
Tues 31 October - 3 Nov	Year 6 Bikeability Training with WSCC
Sat 10 November	PTA Fireworks Night – information to follow
Tues 21 November	School Photos
Thurs 23 November	Influenza nasal spray vaccinations – information to follow

## **INSET DAYS 2023/2024**

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