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Dear Families

We have now implemented our playground activities which are led by our Year 6 Play Leaders. We have activity zones timetabled daily and the children choose what activity they would like to do. The zones we have include: reading, chess, mindfulness, physical activities, football and the adventure trail.

This is working well and our Year 6 pupils are doing a great job despite some of the weather we have had this week.

I would like to say a big thank you to our PTA and all the volunteers who were involved with our annual firework event last Friday. The event was a great success due to all the preparation and effort that had been put in place. Thank you to all of our parents, staff and governors that were able to support the event.

Enjoy your weekend.

Best wishes
Jane Sharrock

NEWS FROM YOUR PTA

Thank you for attending our PTA firework night last Friday, it was very lovely to see so many of you support our school. We hope you enjoyed the evening. All money raised goes direct to school projects and wish lists enhancing our children's education.

Thank you to all the volunteers, staff, governors, children and businesses that made this event happen with a super special extra thank you to all those that replied to our email plea for more volunteers- your help was invaluable and we appreciated you getting in touch.

A HUGE thank you must go to Rob at Burton Electricals & Renewables Limited without whom we would have been in darkness with no power for mulled wine or candy floss (eeeeek), so you really were key to this event happening!

Letters will be going home shortly about the Christmas Disco (Friday 1st December) and Elfridges (Thursday 7th December), so keep an eye out for these.

Any queries, please contact findonpta@gmail.com

Many thanks
The PTA Team



Dear Parents,

As Mrs Sharrock has now released the Ofsted report to you all, I would like to say how delighted we, as the Governing Board, are that the tireless energy that has been put in by so many, has been recognised by Ofsted in awarding the school an overall grading of “Good” with an “Outstanding” provision for Early Years. This is a fantastic report for the school and testament to the continual hard work and dedication of the staff, the parents, and the children - the majority of whom met the Ofsted inspectors during their 2-day visit.

In the current school climate, where government funding is uncertain but has a direct correlation to the number of children in the school, attracting new families to reception is paramount but extremely competitive. Being “Outstanding” for Early Years is immense and needs to be communicated wherever and whenever we can, so please do bask in this magnificent achievement and tell your friends and families. Let’s continue to be rightly proud of our school.

As with any inspection, there are always areas for improvement and these are not a surprise to our school leadership team, nor are they uncommon in primary schools across the county. Our Headteacher and subject leaders are however, already on the journey to improve these elements with a school development plan designed to replicate the success of Early Years and strive for the very best in teaching and learning across our whole curriculum.

With this in mind, we will also refine the activities of the Governing Board to better align with the school and the expectations of Ofsted. Governors will be invited to specialise in one or two areas each, challenging impacts, being a critical friend and providing considered reflection. We will ensure that effective communication will mean that every member of the Governing Board will have a good sound understanding of every aspect of school life as the best preparation to perform their voluntary, though vital role.

It goes without saying that the school leadership team are focused on supporting the growth and ambition of every child and providing the toolbox for the children to confidently and ambitiously move to the next chapters in their education.

Thank you to Mrs Sharrock, the teachers, assistants, support staff, parents and most of all, our children.

Best Regards

Mark Scott

Chair of the Governing Board

St. John the Baptist Primary School

CHURCH SERVICES FOR ADVENT, CHRISTMAS AND JANUARY

Please find attached the Church services and notices for December and January.



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 20 November	Year 2 Findon Village walk
Tues 21 November	School Photos
Thurs 23 November	Influenza nasal spray vaccinations
Fri 1 December	Christmas Disco – info to follow next week
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, no later than 23/11 Ash and Willow Christmas Nativity (2pm)
Thurs 7 December	PTA Elfridges event – details to follow next week
Fri 8 December	Panto for whole school (at school)
Tues 12 December	Walking Nativity – Choir will be singing
Wed 13 December	Christmas Service (time and venue to be confirmed)
Thurs 14 December	YEAR 3 – Music concert for parents in the school hall (1.10pm)
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)
Tues 2 January 2024	INSET day
Wed 3 January	Back to school
Wed 10 January	PTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT SCHOOL (6pm)

REMAINING INSET DAYS 2023/2024

1. Tuesday 2nd January
2. Monday 15th April
3. Monday 3rd June