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Dear Families,

Another busy week of learning in school and our children have welcomed the better weather. Three times a week, they get the opportunity to do a multi-skills session with our resident Premier Sports provider – Jamie - and is so much more fun when we have warmer, drier weather.

We have daffodils and snowdrops appearing in our Spiritual garden. It is becoming a beautiful calm place to sit and contemplate.

St John the Baptist have had some unusual creatures in school – a snake, a tarantula and even a giant climbing cockroach! KS2 had a visit from Zoolab linking to their topic – Rainforests.

Best wishes.
Mrs Sharrock

NETBALL WINNERS

The girls were so excited to beat Ferring Primary School 7 - 3 after school yesterday. Ferring School nominated Amber as 'Player of the Match', well done! Everyone played brilliantly, and it was a well, deserved win. Congratulations girls.



WORLD BOOK DAY

We have had a lovely day celebrating World Book Day. We started the morning with an assembly, talking about our favourite books and where we enjoy reading them – even the adults joined in! The children had the opportunity to walk around the hall, showing off their costumes. We brought it to an end with some wonderful singing of ‘Open a Book’ by Rebecca Lawrence (wife of David Lawrence, who is the Young Voices O2 conductor.) The children were then given the choice to listen to a book read by a member of staff.

One of the highlights of the day was children of all ages working together on a ‘Bear Hunt’ around the school, put together by Mrs Stoner. It was fantastic to see the older children supporting the younger pupils of our school. We finished the day with a reading of the whole school story, put together with contributions from every class. Many photos were taken throughout the day, which will be shared with you, including some collages put together by Mrs Griffiths to commemorate the day. (If you have not given permission for your child’s photo to be used by school, please contact the school office and we will be able to send you a photo directly.)

We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for supporting today, with the wonderful costumes the children came to school in, and to the parents who were able to come in and read with groups of children. It is very much appreciated.











ZOOLAB VISITED KS2

Here are some photos of the children getting to know a gecko, giant snail and tarantula that visited us on Tuesday.





TWITTER

Just a reminder that we have a school Twitter account, @STJBFindon, so please take a look at the activities taking place in school. We also use Twitter to notify parents of last minute changes to events.

CHURCH SERVICE – SUNDAY 5 MARCH

Our school choir will be singing at St John the Baptist Church on Sunday, 5 March at 10 am. We hope you can go along to hear their wonderful voices.

Members of the Choir should arrive at 9.45 am, wearing their school uniform. Mrs Stoner and Mrs Sharrock will be there to meet you.

KS2 ANGMERING MILE – MONDAY 6 MARCH



There is an Angmering Mile run on Monday, 6 March at The Angmering School and there is still time for your child to take part. We would like a few more children, if possible, so we can make up a boys' team and a girls' team, and then are able to have two scoring teams of six children.

NEWS FROM THE PTA

We had a very productive PTA meeting on Tuesday evening and loved admiring the Revels Art Competition designs. It was a bumper year for entries, so 'thank you' to every child who took part. The pictures were wonderful and really captured the essence of the Revels, which made it incredibly hard to choose the winners!

First place goes to Blake (Holly Class) - congratulations! We really loved the colours you used and look forward to seeing your design on the front page of the programme along, with other marketing materials.

Second place goes to Orla (Willow Class) and **third** place goes to Daphne (Willow Class) - well done to you both. Please check out the PTA Facebook page to see the winning designs.



All the entries will be laminated and on display, the week before the Revels, which is on Saturday 13th May and all will be featured in the programme!

Not long until the Sponsored Bounce! Please remember to get your forms back to us by Monday 13th March, so that everyone can participate on Tuesday 14 March. Thank you to everyone who has already done so. Any queries, please email findonpta@gmail.com. Many thanks from the PTA Team.

REMINDERS

RED NOSE DAY

This year, Red Nose Day will be held on Friday, 17 March, so all children are invited to dress in **red clothes** and wear their **red noses** (non-uniform day). The School Council will be standing by the front door to collect donations at the start of the day. Thank you for your support.

EASTER BONNET PARADE – FRIDAY, 31 MARCH 2023



The Easter Bonnet Parade has been a long-standing tradition at our school. For those of you who are new to the school, children are encouraged to make an Easter Bonnet at home. All children will receive a chocolate egg, with special eggs going to the most creative bonnet in each class, which the PTA have kindly offered to donate.

There are plenty of ideas on the internet, along with the following suggestions to help you:

- ❖ A circular band cut out of paper or card, decorated with the Easter theme.
- ❖ Sunhat or baseball cap decorated with chicks, flowers, eggs, etc.
- ❖ Papier mache balloon to make an egg.
- ❖ Cereal boxes made into Easter flower gardens.



We will be inviting parents into school to watch the Easter Bonnet Parade at 9 am.

CHARTWELLS NEW MEAL ORDERING SYSTEM

FSM, UIFSM and paid meals must be selected 10 days in advance - parents have until 11.50 pm on Thursdays to place meals via ParentPay. We are here to help if you have any queries.

If you have ordered a Chartwells meal for your child on a particular day, please do not send in a packed lunch on that day, as the meal will go to waste.



Shortly, we will be sending out the new menu for April 2023 – 2024.

Recent Correspondence

- **KS2 Angmering Mile – Monday 6 March at Angmering School**

Spare copies are available from the School Office.

DATES FOR 2023



We have added **extra dates in red** to the list below, so please make sure that you regularly check the dates and update your diaries.

Sun 5 Mar	Choir singing at church (10 am)
Mon 6 Mar	KS2 Angmering Mile at The Angmering School
Tues 7 Mar	Reception Reading Workshop (2.30pm) Messy Church, Findon Village Hall (3.30 – 5.30pm)
Wed 8 Mar	Y1 & Y2 Reading Workshop (2.30pm)
Thurs 9 Mar	KS2 Author Visit
Tues 14 Mar	PTA Sponsored Bounce and Pedal
Thurs 16 Mar	PTA 'I Love You Day' sale (after school) – letter to follow
Fri 17 Mar	Red Nose Day PTA 'I Love You Day' sale (after school)
Mon 20 Mar	Invited Y5s - Choral Workshop at Christ's Hospital
Mon 27 Mar	Reception Health Screening
Tues 28 Mar	Reception Health Screening
Thurs 30 Mar	Easter Service
Fri 31 Mar	Easter Bonnet Parade
w/c 3 Apr	Easter Holiday
Sun 16 April	PTA 'Grand National Run' – info to follow
Mon 17 Apr	INSET Day
Tues 18 Apr	Back to school
Tues 25 Apr	Bag2School Collection at 9 am
Mon 1 May	May Bank Holiday
Mon 8 May	Bank Holiday – Coronation of King Charles III
May	Year 2 Assessments will be carried out during May
Tues 9 – Fri 12 May	Year 6 National Curriculum Assessments
Fri 12 May	Non-Uniform Day – In aid of Summer Revels
Sat 13 May	Summer Revels
w/c 29 May	Half- term holiday
Mon 5 June	INSET Day
Tues 6 June	Back to school
w/c 12 June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Y4 Multiplication Tables Check
Fri 16 June	Rowan, Holly & Oak visiting Butser Ancient Farm – details to follow
Mon 26 June	Year 6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral (1.15 pm)
Fri 30 June	Class Photos
Mon 3 July	Year 6 Online Safety lesson with Sussex police
Wed 5 July	Secondary Transition Day for Year 6

