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Dear families

We are now in the season of Lent and our Collective Worship over the next few weeks will focus on this. This week, we talked to the children about 'fairness' and Fairtrade. This coincides with Fairtrade Fortnight, which is celebrated during the last two weeks of February and the first week of March. During this time, people are asked to think about the world they want to see, and how they can help to shape it. Supporting the people who grow the things we love so that they can survive and thrive is part of looking after our planet and everything on it.

On Thursday, we will be coming together as a school to celebrate World Book Day. This year's theme is 'Changing lives through a love of books and shared reading'. We have a variety of fun activities including Masked Reader and a book hunt! We would also like to invite parents to come in and share a favourite children's book they have. For more information, please read the separate letter, which has been emailed to parents today.

Finally, our choir and Mrs Stoner will be singing at the church service on Sunday at 10am. They have been practising hard, attending two rehearsals a week in preparation. It has been wonderful to listen to their singing and I am looking forward to hearing them.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our families a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs Sharrock

REMINDER - WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March 2024 and as a school, we are planning a variety of exciting activities to promote and encourage children to see themselves as a reader.

We are asking the children to come into school dressed as their favourite book character, sharing the books that they enjoy reading or having read to them.

We will also be doing a 'Teacher Read', where members of staff will be reading their favourite books and children can choose which classroom they wish to visit and which books they wish to hear. Individual key stages will be planning their own activities for the day but all will involve the children seeing themselves as readers and enjoying books. World Book Day will be a fun-filled and productive day for the children celebrating the pleasure that is found in reading and promoting reading for all!

STAFF CAR PARK

This is a polite reminder to parents and carers to please not use the staff car park at any time. Children should be dropped off safely in the roads surrounding the school. Please do not drop off or collect children on the yellow zig-zags at the front of the school.

SEND SPOTLIGHT FROM MRS STONER

Supporting our children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) is a vital part of any school's ethos and curriculum, and at St John's it is an integral element in the structure of our school and the planning of the curriculum. To ensure that all children are treated equitably and having every opportunity to succeed, there is a great deal of work that goes on 'behind the scenes', with many agencies, staff members, parents and children working together.

As the SENDCo, it is my job to pull together these many factors, and this can sometimes seem to be a frustratingly slow moving process, as many agencies that we work with are short-staffed and under-resourced. Luckily, with a wealth of experience from our hardworking staff, we make every effort to offer those who need it, the support that they need.

We are going to include a SEND Spotlight feature in the newsletter each term explaining the many components that contribute to all children at St John the Baptist being provided with equal access to a broad and balanced curriculum.

These include:

- formative and summative assessments;
- observations;
- parental, staff, agency and Local SENDCo meetings;
- discussing and writing Cause for Concerns;
- writing, implementing and reviewing Individual Support Plans (ISPs) previously Individual Learning Plans (ILPs);
- referring to agencies and completing the paperwork and additional assessments required for these;
- arranging and implementing staff training;
- compiling and writing Educational, Health Care Plan Applications (ECHNA);
- arranging and attending Annual Reviews for children with Educational Health Care Plans.

Each term, I will explain and expand on each of these areas, as well as sharing relevant information related to SEND, including support for parents of children with SEND. I am on the door most Thursdays, if you have a quick question or if you would like to arrange a meeting. Alternatively, you can contact me through the class teacher or the office.

Tanya Stoner

EASTER BONNET PARADE – MONDAY 25TH MARCH



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

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 mâché balloon to make an egg.
- ❖ Cereal boxes made into Easter flower gardens.

MUD KITCHEN

Ash class are over the moon with their new mud kitchen! A really big thank you to Poppy Goldsmith's mum, dad and brother at 'DESIGNS WOODCRAFT' for giving our very old, tatty and weathered mud kitchen a completely new look. We can't wait to start cooking mud pies and bark biscuits! Thank you.



THANK YOU!

Squire's Garden Centre has kindly donated some seeds to Willow class for their science project, so we would like to say a big 'thank you'!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES – Please remember to check the list of dates included in the newsletter as we have added some new meetings and events.

DATES FOR SPRING AND SUMMER

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.

Sun 3 March	School Choir singing at the morning service (St John's Church, 9.45am arrival)
Thurs 7 March	World Book Day
Fri 15 March	Comic Relief Day
Fri 22 March	PTA Second-hand uniform sale
Mon 25 March	Easter Bonnet Parade at school (9am, parents invited)
Tues 26 March	Easter Service, Rowan Class will be leading the service (9am at school)
Wed 27 March	Oak Class assembly (2.45pm) – parents invited
Thurs 28 March	PTA Bouncy Castle fundraiser No Book Club/last day of term
Fri 29 March – Friday 12 April	Easter break
Mon 15 April	INSET Day
Tues 16 April	PTA meeting at The Black Horse (6pm)
Thurs 18 April	PTA Bag2School collection (9am)
Thurs 25 April	Y5&Y6 Residential trip meeting for parents and children (3.30pm)
Mon 29 April – 2 May	Scholastic half price Book Fair
Wed 1 May	Ash and Willow trip to Amberley Museum
Mon 6 May	Bank Holiday, school closed
Mon 13 – Thurs 16 May	Y6 National Curriculum tests
Fri 17 May	PTA non-uniform day – PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE IS THURSDAY 6 JUNE
Wed 22 May	Holly Class assembly (2.45pm) – parents invited
Mon 27 – Fri 31 May	Half-term break
Mon 3 June	INSET Day
Tues 4 June	Back to school
Thurs 6 June	PTA Non-uniform day in aid of Revels
Fri 7 June	Class & Year 6 leavers photos, cakes for Revels please!
Sat 8 June	SUMMER REVELS
Mon 10 – Fri 14 June	Y5&Y6 Residential Trip
Wed 26 June	Y6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral
Wed 3 July	Y1& Y2 Class assembly (2.45pm) – parents invited
Fri 19 July	PTA Summer disco
Tues 23 July	Last day of term

