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Dear Families

A busy week in school this week with lots of learning going on in all of the classes. We had our termly fire drill yesterday and the children did an amazing job. We were all outside, lined up and checked in 3 minutes. Our Reception children were great, considering this was their first drill and they have only been in school for five weeks.

Attendance

Good attendance at school is strongly linked to educational achievement. It is important in order for children to:

- Achieve their potential.
- Develop positive attitudes towards school and maintain good habits of punctuality and attendance.
- See themselves as an important part of the school community and to value and respect school life.

ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?



Communication

Just a reminder that in mornings, I am on the door Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Wellby, our deputy headteacher will be out on a Friday. On a Thursday morning, Mrs Stoner, our SEND leader will now be available on the door.

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes.

Jane Sharrock

HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATION

Well done to Holly Class, who did a magnificent job of leading our Harvest Assembly on Tuesday. A huge THANK YOU for all your donations of food and toiletries. Worthing Food Bank will be collecting these shortly, to provide emergency supplies for people in crisis.



AMAZING RUNNING YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2!

Wow, our youngest children proved to be amazing runners, with all of them managing to complete the half mile course. Congratulations goes to Zac, who crossed the finishing line in 2nd place.



FACEBOOK

Great news, St John the Baptist School now has a Facebook page [Click here](#). Why not go and find out what our children have been up to recently. We are currently maintaining our Twitter feed but in time this will be phased out and will be replaced by Facebook. We are aware of children who are not able to have their photos on the website/social media.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you to all the children who sent in written applications and came to the group interview for the School Council. I have really enjoyed listening to your ideas and suggestions. There were a lot of strong candidates so the decision has been difficult.

I am pleased to announce the new council members are:

Year 1	-	Connor and Jenson
Year 2	-	Edie and Louisa
Year 3	-	Freya and Eva
Year 4	-	Shania and Nia
Year 5	-	Mia and Joshua
Year 6	-	Erin and Marcus

Arthur will be the technical consultant to the School Council

Congratulations

LOVE IN A BOX – MUSTARD SEED RELIEF MISSION

It has been the custom, for many years, to fill shoeboxes with essentials and toys to send via a Christian charity, Mustard Seed Relief Mission based in Eastbourne, from Findon Village to the poorest parts of Eastern Europe, usually Moldova. Our school has participated in this enthusiastically and the children, parents and teachers have generously supported the scheme filling a great many boxes.

This year, we would like to make class boxes, which school will provide, so we are asking for any donations of the following items. Donations can be left with the school office. Thank you.

Toiletries - flannels, sponges, soap, colouring pencils, paper, pads, gloves, scarf, hat, cuddly toys, toy cars, dolls, sweets, chocolates, balls, etc.

O2 TRIP – JANUARY 2024

As we will shortly be ordering tickets and t-shirts, payment is now due for the adult tickets and t-shirts for children please. The children are doing really well in rehearsals and thank you for your support.



Recent correspondence:

- Email – New Behaviour Policy
- Email – Nasal flu vaccination information
- Blue Peter Book badge flyer

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.

Tues 10 October	Parent Consultations (4pm – 7pm)
Wed 11 October	Year 6 Heights & Weights
	Parent Consultations (3.30pm – 5.30pm)
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 – CONSENT FORMS ASAP
Wed 1 November	Bag2School collection (9am)
Tues 7 November	PTA Meeting at The Black Horse (6pm)
Fri 10 November	PTA Fireworks Night – information to follow
Tues 21 November	School Photos
Thurs 23 November	Influenza nasal spray vaccinations
Tues 5 December	Ash and Willow Christmas Nativity (2pm)
Wed 6 December	Ash and Willow Christmas Nativity (2pm)
Wed 13 December	Christmas Service (time and venue to be confirmed)

INSET DAYS 2023/2024

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