



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

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Dear Families

This week, the children have finally been able to have their playtimes on the field! They have loved it especially our Reception children as this is their first time!

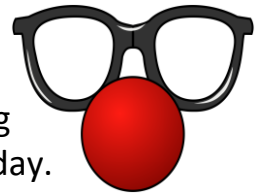
In the school diary this week, we have had two days allocated to governors to give them the opportunity to visit school and complete governor monitoring. The focus for the monitoring this term has been subject leadership. The governors were able to observe: RE, Science, Online Safety, Cooking and general behaviours for learning in school. They then produce a report detailing what went well and what actions are needed to further improve school. Feedback was very good and they all enjoyed their visits. It is great we have an extremely supportive governing body. Thank you, governors.

Best wishes

Jane Sharrock



This year, Red Nose Day is on Friday, 21st March and the 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 – TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL (9AM)**

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 9am.

There are plenty of ideas on the internet, along with the following suggestions from previous years 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.



## **FANTASTIC FOOTBALLERS!**

Wow, our Year 1 and Year 2 footballers were utterly amazing this week. At the Locality event, they played five games, winning three 3-0, 2-0, and 5-1, drawing a game 0-0, and losing one game 1-2. The children were so excited to have scored 11 goals, and everyone should be very proud of themselves. Thank you to all the parents who came along to cheer them on. What a fantastic result.



## **CHARTWELLS LUNCHES – WEDNESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL**

The school will be on a 'holiday return menu' after the Easter break. The menu is jacket potato with suitable topping. All orders on this date have been cancelled and parents will need to rebook if they wish their child to have a jacket potato.

DONNA HOSFORD  
Area Manager Shoreham & Pulborough



## **PTA NEWS – GRAND NATIONAL RUN – SUNDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

It's not long now before the PTA's next event!



Why not pop along, with the children, to take part in the 2km Fun Run on Nepcote Green on Sunday 13th April 2025 at 9:30am. The Fun Run will take place immediately after over 100 runners head off on the popular Findon Grand National 10km Trail Run. Anyone can enter; parents can run with their children if they like or the over 6's can go it alone! Every child and competitor will get a bespoke medal, free event photos, drinks and snacks.

Who'll be the first boy & girl to be crowned Findon Mini National winners 2025! Parents can take part in the 10km run and help raise some much needed funds for the school. Our aim this year is to raise £1500 for a new computer trolley.

To find out more details about the run and to enter head over to

<https://rawenergypursuits.co.uk/grand-national-10km-trail-run-findon-sunday-13th-april-2025/> <https://www.facebook.com/RawEnergyPursuits/>

All proceeds from the event will be kindly donated to the PTA by Mick Dicker of Raw Energy Pursuits.

In order to run this event, we are looking for volunteers! If you are available to help on the day, 8.00-10.30am, please email [findonpta@gmail.com](mailto:findonpta@gmail.com) for more information. Thank you!

## **SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE - FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

We have lots of second hand uniform available, in all sizes. Our stall will be available before and after school on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> March. If you can't make it on the day, please send us a message with your order and we'll have a rummage! Get ahead of those growth spurts and stock up before the Summer term!

St John the Baptist School PTA



# Second-Hand Uniform Sale

CARD OR CASH

School jumpers/cardis: £1.50

Trousers/skirts/shorts: £1

Dresses: £1

PE top: £1

PE shorts: 50p



Friday 28th March  
Before and after school



**Parentkind**  
Member Association

## **DATES FOR THE SPRING AND SUMMER TERMS**

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.

### **MARCH 2025**

Tues 18 March	Y5 & Y6 High Five Netball Tournament
Thurs 20 March	No Art Club No Recorder Club
Fri 21 March	No Art Club
Fri 28 March	PTA second hand uniform sale (before and after school) Last Art Club
Mon 31 March	Y4 -Y6 Girls Basketball at Angmering – details to follow

### **APRIL 2025**

Tues 1 April	Easter Bonnet Parade (9am)
Wed 2 April	Holly Class assembly (2.45pm)
Thurs 3 April	Easter Service led by Rowan Class at school (9am) Y5 & Y6 Netball and Football at Angmering – details to follow Last Art Club
Fri 4 April	PTA non-uniform day – please bring in prizes for tombola stalls at the Revels – details to follow
<b>Sun 13 April</b>	<b>Grand National Run (9.30am)</b>

7 – 21 April	Easter Break
Tues 22 April	INSET Day
Wed 23 April	Back to School

### **MAY 2025**

Mon 5 May	Bank Holiday, school closed
<b>w/c 12 May</b>	<b>Year 6 SATS and Year 6 Breakfast Club – information to follow</b>
Mon 19 May	Oak Class Assembly (2.45pm)
Fri 23 May	RNLI visiting Year 3 to Year 6 – details to follow
26 – 30 May	Half-term break

### **JUNE 2025**

Mon 2 June	INSET Day
Tues 3 June	Back to school
w/c 9 June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
Fri 13 June	PTA non-uniform day – please bring in cakes for Summer Revels – info to follow
Sat 14 June	SUMMER REVELS
Mon 16 June	Rainbow Theatre Company visiting Ash & Willow – details to follow
Wed 25 June	Year 6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral (1.15pm service)

**JULY 2025**

**Wed 2 July**

**Secondary transition day**

Tues 8 July

Y5 & Y6 Production (6pm)

Wed 9 July

Y1 & Y2 Assembly for parents (2.45pm)

Fri 18 July

Y5 & Y6 Production (6pm)

Leavers' Service at school (9am)

Mon 21 July

Year 6 Leavers' party (3.30pm)

Tues 22 July

Last day of term