



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

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Dear Families

A busy week in school for both the children and staff. What a great morning we had with our Year 2 children when we visited Nephote Green. 'Pete the Pond' talked to the children about pond life, habitats, bio-diversity and the importance of water. Year 2 then had the opportunity to build their own habitats. We will revisit the site in the Summer to see if any creatures have moved into the children's habitats.

Staff had a quality training session with the Sussex Maths Hub based around subtraction and the different elements of the subtraction sign. This will strengthen the teaching and learning of maths.

The School Business Manager and I completed our statutory Safer Recruitment Training this week, which ensures that we are up to date with current policies, procedures and practices of recruitment and keeping our children safe.

We have attached the first edition of the new 'Wellbeing Newsletter' for parents and carers from the Schools and Colleges Mental Health and Wellbeing Team.

Thank you to our PTA for setting up the second-hand uniform stall. The sales went well and re-cycling uniform is a great way to support our environment.

Have a great weekend.

Jane Sharrock

### COMIC RELIEF RED NOSE DAY 2024

Last Friday, the school came together to raise money for Comic Relief. A huge thank you to everyone who donated through wearing red clothes, raising an amazing £190 – fantastic!

### SCHOOL HILL



Please can we remind parents to be considerate to other road users and pedestrians when parking on School Hill to ensure that we have no accidents. We would suggest parking in the roads surrounding the centre of the village in a safe and polite manner.

### CHARTWELLS LUNCHES

With the end of term approaching, please remember to order meals in time for the children's return to school on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April.



## PTA GRAND NATIONAL FUN RUN

It's not long now before the PTA's next event. Why not pop along and get the children to take part in the 2km Fun Run on Nepcote Green on Sunday 14th April 2024 at 9:30am. The 'Kids' 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 will be the first boy and girl to be crowned Findon Mini National winners 2024!

Parents can take part in the 10km run too and help raise some much needed funds for the school. Last year, we raised over £1000, which can be the cost of just one coach for a one day trip, and as you may have seen on the news this week, the importance of days out with school is invaluable. To find out more details about the run head over to [www.rawenergypursuits.co.uk](http://www.rawenergypursuits.co.uk) or direct to the event page <https://rawenergypursuits.co.uk/grand-national-10km-trail-run-findon-sunday-16th-april-2023/>. All proceeds from the event go directly to the PTA.

If you'd like to help, please contact Mick at [rawenergypursuits@gmail.com](mailto:rawenergypursuits@gmail.com)



## NEWS FROM THE PTA

Hi everyone! A bit of a longer newsletter from us this week but we have lots to share with you. As always, if you have any queries or questions, please do come and speak to us or email [findonpta@gmail.com](mailto:findonpta@gmail.com).

**SPONSORED BOUNCE:** Thank you to all of those who have already returned their sponsorship forms, which are needed by **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March**, ready for the sponsored bounce next Thursday. We are really looking forward to this event and hope to raise vital funds for our children and school. Please do keep fundraising and return the forms before next Thursday so that your child is able to participate.

**SPONSORSHIP/RAFFLE PRIZES:** Do you know anyone who could sponsor or provide raffle prizes for our Summer Revels? If so, please do get in touch! Support from local businesses is vital for this event to take place and we would love to hear from anyone who can help us.

**PTA NEWSLETTER:** As of next term, we will be sending out quarterly newsletters with updates, upcoming events and information about what money has been raised and what it is being used for. We hope this will be of benefit to you and enable you to feel involved in the work that the PTA does for the school.

**EASTER EGGS:** As the cost of everything remains high, we have decided to provide the children with smaller Easter eggs this year. We feel that by reducing the cost of Easter eggs, this will enable us to use the money towards vital projects. However, we will still be providing special Easter eggs for those Easter Bonnet winners awarded at the parade. We thank you for your understanding.

Have a great weekend.

Sian, Emma and Wen

## RECENT CORRESPONDENCE

- Premier Education Summer Sports Clubs – a few spaces available
- Clay Club – now full on both days
- Y5 & Y6 Residential trip meeting
- Y6 SATS meeting
- Ash and Willow trip to Amberley Museum

## REMINDER - LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT WEEK!

- **Monday – Easter Bonnet Parade at 9am – parents welcome.**
- **Tuesday – Easter Service at 9am – Rowan Class will be leading the service, all welcome.**
- **Wednesday – Oak Class assembly at 2.45pm – parents invited.**
- **Thursday – PTA Sponsored Bounce.**
- **Thursday – No Book Club or Recorder Club.**



## 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.

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 <b>No Book Club/No Recorder Club</b> - last day of term
Fri 29 March – Friday 12 April	Easter break
Mon 15 April	INSET Day
Tues 16 April	<b>Dani Dance starts</b> <b>Boys' Vocal Club starts</b>
Thurs 18 April	PTA meeting at The Black Horse (6pm) PTA Bag2School collection (9am) <b>Recorder Club starts</b> <b>Clay Club – sorry, club is now full</b> <b>Choir Club (8.10am)</b> <b>Chelsea FC Clubs starts</b> <b>Clay Club – sorry, club is now full</b>
Fri 19 April	<b>Premier Education Summer Sports Club- Ash &amp; Willow</b> <b>Choir Club with Mrs Stoner (3.20pm)</b> <b>KS2 Premier Education Summer Sports Club</b>
Mon 22 April	Year 6 SATS parent meeting (3pm) Y5&Y6 Residential trip meeting for parents and children (3.30pm)
Wed 24 April	Scholastic Book Fair
Thurs 25 April	Ash and Willow trip to Amberley Museum
Mon 29 April – 2 May	Year 1 phonics meeting for parents (2.40pm)
Wed 1 May	Bank Holiday, school closed
Wed 8 May	Y6 National Curriculum tests
Mon 6 May	Holly Class assembly (2.45pm) – parents invited
Mon 13 – Thurs 16 May	Half-term break
Wed 22 May	INSET Day
Mon 27 – Fri 31 May	Back to school
Mon 3 June	<b>PTA Non-uniform day in aid of Revels</b>
Tues 4 June	<b>Class &amp; Year 6 leavers photos, cakes for Revels please!</b>
Thurs 6 June	<b>SUMMER REVELS</b>
Fri 7 June	Y5&Y6 Residential Trip
Sat 8 June	Y6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral
Mon 10 – Fri 14 June	Y1& Y2 Class assembly (2.45pm) – parents invited
Wed 26 June	<b>KS2 trip to Pulborough Brooks</b>
Wed 3 July	PTA Summer disco
Mon 8 July	Last day of term
Fri 19 July	
Tues 23 July	

