

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018



# St John's Newsletter



*Learning, Loving and Laughing Together*

A big thank you to everyone for helping us on Monday with ensuring safe passage into school. Although I know the children love it, I think I have had enough of the snow and would quite like the summer weather to now start!!

Thank you to everyone who attended the parent partnership meetings last week and particularly to those who gave us feedback on the new booking system. Following this feedback, we have now subscribed to the system and will be using it for future events. Also as a result of feedback, both from parents and teachers, we have altered the system so that it will provide 10 minute appointments for each class teacher and five minutes for each year 5/6 teacher. We appreciate that 5 minutes was not long enough.

As a result of the unseasonal cold weather, several of our sports fixtures were postponed earlier in the term which meant last week was very busy with re-arranged fixtures. The year 5/6 netball team played in the area playoffs and did well, qualifying for the Basingstoke district final in a couple of weeks. The Key Stage 2 athletics team did really well at their district final finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>. The hockey teams completed their league matches with both the A and B team finishing towards the middle of the table. This is particularly good as all the other schools take only year 5 & 6 children, whereas we allow any children who commit to hockey club to take part. The B team were in some cases, 4 years younger than the players on the opposition. Our Key Stage 1 footballers also took part in a festival. Again, we were proud of their gamesmanship, conduct and sense of fair play. This team will have another opportunity to compete again later in the term. Finally, our girls tag rugby also played in a district event. They managed to get to the semi-finals.

On Monday, all the Key Stage 2 children will be taking part in our annual Spring Olympics. Therefore, all Key Stage 2 children will need to have a complete PE kit in school on Monday. Each team met yesterday and the children decided what sport they wished to participate in. The team captains are now putting together the teams ready for Monday's events and will let the children know soon which sport they will play.

## Class Certificates

Dylan Knappett  
Evie Minter  
Merryn Langdale  
William Michael  
Jack Black / Evelyn Lovick  
Ava Cottrell  
Gracie Hodgson  
Jessica Taylor  
Abigail Li-Brown  
Laurel Carta  
Enzo Cerroni

## Headteacher Shooting Star Awards



Ella Abrehart  
Louise Bone  
Maisie Berrie  
Noah Moffat

## Mathletics

Ivan Das

## Times Table Challenge

### Winners - Bronze

Nathaniel Morris

### Winners - Silver

George Vidler

## Sport Relief

The children can come to school on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** dressed in sports clothes with a donation for sport relief. Please hand the donation to the class teacher. We will be running the golden mile as a school in the afternoon.

## Disco Tickets

Last chance to buy disco tickets is today, no tickets will be on sale tomorrow.

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### Diary Dates

21/03/18 - Yr 5 PGL meeting -CANCELLED  
22/03/18 - School Disco  
23/03/18 - L2M Concert @ 2.30pm - NEW  
24/03/18 - Easter Egg Hunt  
29/03/18 - Easter Service @ All Saint's 11am  
29/03/18 - Break up for Easter - Normal time  
16/04/18 - Summer Term  
15/06/18 - Summer Fayre  
25/06/18 - Inset Day (5)  
12/07/18 - Leavers' Disco

### Acorns Toddler Group

Meet on Mondays in the school library 9am - 10.30am. All welcome.

### Listen2Me

Latvia and Monaco classes will be performing in a brass concert on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 2.30pm, their families are welcome to attend.

### Church Services

Top of town Messy Church is on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm, meeting in London Street URC, so after the school Easter Egg Hunt, you can come along to Messy Church where there will be lots more messy Easter activities.

Easter at All Saints' Church: All are welcome at our 10.00am Easter morning service on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April. As usual, the service will include lighting the Easter fire and Easter candle, and end with an Easter egg hunt in church. For other services in Holy Week, look on the church website:

<http://www.basingstoketeparish.org.uk/all-saints-church-basingstoke>

### School Council News

Following our recycling assembly in school, we were very pleased to announce the winners of the recycling poster competition in last week's celebration assembly.

First prize - Clemence Wyatt

Second prize - Lizzy Elby

Third prize - Leah Lewis

Everyone who entered also received a certificate.

Our aim to get the school using the correct waste or recycling bins appears to have been successful; we now have more items being recycled, which is great for our environment.

At our last meeting we had a general discussion as to what we would like to see improved or implemented in the school. We will be discussing our ideas with Mrs Nicholls.

## **LETTER ALERT!**

The following letters have been sent out today or emailed / recently ... have you received them?

Child	Title	Response Required By

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St John's C of E Primary School

# EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March

2pm start

Tickets: £3 per child,

**must be purchased in advance from the office,  
no later than 9am on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

Easter egg prizes for everyone!



There will be a raffle and cake stall, if you would like to donate please bring your items to the Easter Egg hunt on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March, or to the office at the end of the day on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

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I would like \_\_\_\_ tickets for the Easter Egg Hunt on 24<sup>th</sup> March

I enclose \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ tickets. (Cheques payable to St. John's PTA)

Name of child/children:

_____	_____
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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

(All children must be accompanied by an adult)

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**From the Governors...**

The School governors held their second Spring Term meeting of the Full Governing Body on Monday 12th March. As previously noted the terms of office of 3 Foundation Governors expire in the coming months, and we are exploring how we might recruit new Governors. \*

As well as receiving summaries from our sub-committees (Curriculum & Standards, Resources and Pay), we reviewed the Head Teacher's latest report to the Governors. This included (in part) updates on progress against the Interim School Improvement plan, a report of staff personal development opportunities and the progress of regular performance management, as well as summaries of attendance and current admissions status. A summary of pupil group achievement against target, together with identified actions to address areas needing improvement was also tabled.

Governors then worked in groups to review current progress of activities within the school's current Strategic Improvement Plan. We noted feedback from recent training courses attended by Governors, including positive comments about the recent Safeguarding/Protecting Children course run for the whole Governing Body.

And finally, governors thanked and said goodbye to David Tivey, who has served as a St John's Governor for 16 years.

(Allan Palmer, Foundation Governor & Vice-Chair)

\*If you know of anyone who might be interested in becoming a Foundation Governor, or would like to know more about the role, in the first instance please contact the Chair of Governors via email: [gb@st-johnscofe.hants.sch.uk](mailto:gb@st-johnscofe.hants.sch.uk)

**Cleaner required from April 2018**

We are looking to employ a cleaner to join our friendly team of cleaners.

Hours: 9.5 hours per week, 52 weeks per year, worked Monday to Friday, after school from 3.30pm.

Experience not necessary as full training can be given. Please contact the school office for an application form. (Tel. 01256 324121)

Salary Scale A -£15,015 - £15,267 pro rata (actual salary £3855.84 - £3920.52 pa)

Closing Date: **29<sup>th</sup> March 2018 midday**

St John's CE Primary School and Hampshire County Council are committed to safeguarding children and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We will ensure that all our recruitment and selection practices reflect this commitment. All successful candidates will be subject to Disclosure and Barring Service checks along with other relevant employment checks.