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Dear Parents and Carers,

World Book Day – Thursday, 7th March

World Book Day is happening on Thursday 7th March. The children will be enjoying extra reading opportunities; sharing books with a reading buddy; KS2 children will be taking part in a big quiz and there will be a chance to take part in a national competition to design a book token (with prizes including winning book tokens for both themselves, their classmates and the school)

Parents/carers are invited into school at 2.45pm for a 'Read with me' session. If you would like to read please contact the school office.

Children can also bring in their favourite book to share with their classmates and buddy readers. Do make sure the book is named, thank you.

We will be spending as much of the day as possible reading, but there is no need to dress up, we would rather you spend the money on books than on a costume. Children will be bringing home a 'forever book'.

Staff News

Mrs Freemantle has taken up a new role at a different school and will be leaving us next week. Mrs Freemantle has worked at our school for thirteen years, as a member of support staff in the classroom, and also serving as Senior Lunchtime Supervisor, covering classes as a HLTA and as clerk to governors. She clearly likes to wear a lot of different hats! She will of course be missed by everyone in the St John's community and we all wish her well in her new job and thank her for her hard work on behalf of so many children here at SJTB.

Parent/Carer Consultations – 4th & 5th March

Please arrive a little early to have time to review your child's learning with them. Please note we do expect children to attend with you so they can be at the centre of the conversation about how they can progress.

PAFS

The children are loving the new playground markings and some told Mrs Dudley that the school is now really cool because of them – so many thanks for all your support with our fundraising, it really makes a difference to our children!

Afterschool Clubs

There will be NO clubs running after school on Monday 4th & Tuesday the 5th due to Parent consultations. **Little John's will be running as usual.**

Parents Coffee Morning

On Friday 8th March we have Multiply coming to the parent coffee morning to talk to us about different opportunities to access free courses including; Maths, English, budgeting, Functional Skills Qualifications (equivalent to GCSE) and many more. As usual we are meeting in the Music and Drama room from 9-10am so why not come and have a coffee and find out more.

Dates for whole school

4th March – Parent Teacher, child meetings and **Trick box meeting at 3.30**

5th March – Parent Teacher, child meetings and **Trick box meeting at 5.30**

5th March 7pm PAFS meeting

7th March – World Book Day – Read with me Session at 2.45pm

29th March – 12th April Holidays

15th April – Return to School

6th May Bank Holiday

17th May tbc Vehicle Fest

17th May – PAFS Summer

Extravaganza

27th – 31st May – Half term

20th June – Class photos

27th June – PAFS Bingo Night

5th July – Inset day

23rd July – Last Day of Term

2nd Sept – INSET day

3rd Sept – First day of term

Dates for Year R

Dates for Year 1 & 2

27 March Visit to St John's church

Dates for Year 3 & 4

13th March – Yr 4 Lunch with me

22nd March – Yr 3 & 4 Swimming gala – team selected

26th March - Performance pm

27th March Visit to St John's church

28th March Performance am

Dates for Year 5 & 6

5th March – Re- scheduled Sports hall Athletics - team selected

12th -15th March 2024 – Calshot Y6 residential

15th March – Yr 5 Swimming Gala - team selected

13th -16th May Y6 SATS

23rd – 24th May – Yr 5 Visits

16th July (evening) Yr 5/6 Production

17th July (evening) Yr 5/6 Production

Free maths support is available for adults aged 19 and over who do not currently have a Level 2/GCSE maths at grade 4 (previously known as grade C). Courses are FREE and suited to all levels, from Entry Level to Level 2, sessions can be delivered either online or in-person and are available both during the day and in the evening. Courses can be a pathway to achieving a maths qualification that is recognised by employers, universities and colleges; and can also help individuals access Apprenticeships <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/participation-lifelong-learning/multiply>

Book Donations

Our school library would appreciate donations of the following books;

Jeff Kinney- Diary of a Wimpy kid
Kes Gray- Daisy books
Dav Pilkey-Captain Underpants
Jim Smith-Barry Loser
R.L.Stine-Goosebumps
Tom Fletcher
Pamela Butchart-Wigglesbottom Primary
Amelia Cobb-Zoo rescue
Tina Nolan- Animal rescue
Football books of any kind



Trick Box

Trick Box is a simple, fun and effective whole school, whole journey, emotional management and personal development programme, supporting children and young people. Trick Box teaches children mindful techniques and self regulation strategies. If you would like to know more about it please come to our parent trick box workshops which will be held on Parents Evening;

Monday 4th March 3.30 - 4.00

Tuesday 5th March 5.30 – 6.00

These will be repeat sessions so you do not need to attend both. **Everyone who attends will receive a free gift!** Please register your interest at the school office so we know how many gifts we need.

Gate opening

Please bear with us for the next few weeks as Mr Instrell, our Caretaker, will be away from school so the gates may sometimes be opened a little later than usual – but be assured, we will be doing our best to cover the gates and other aspects of his role. Many thanks

Pupil Data

The office will be printing off our pupil data pages over the next few weeks to update our hardcopies. In order to keep the information we hold current, please can you all sign on to Arbor and make any amendments to your child's details, especially phone numbers. The Arbor system is easy to navigate your way around.

Bumped Head Wrist Bands

If your child bumps their head they will be dealt with as usual but instead of giving them a bumped head sticker it will be an orange wrist band. We felt that this would be more effective as the sticker may come off before home time.



HC3S Catering team:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/hc3s-specialdiets>

ChatHealth (07507332417) services

www.hampshirehealthyfamilies.org.uk

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>

NSPCC helpline 0800 136 663

The Young Minds Parents Helpline can be contacted on 0808 802 5544 (Monday to Friday 9.30am – 4pm, free for mobiles and landlines)

<https://giveusashout.org/>

Text the word Shout to 85258 if you need to talk to someone urgently to get help with any mental health issue yourself.

<https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/help/parents-carers/>

Family Information & Service Hub (FISH)

Please take a look at the link below from HCC with information & support available.

<https://fish.hants.gov.uk/kb5/hampshire/directory/home.page>

X: @SJTB_Waltham

Facebook: St John the Baptist C of E Primary School

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/solihullapproach>

Youth counselling for children aged 11+, and parental support to enable you to support your child is available.

<https://winchesteryouthcounselling.org/what-we-offer/support-for-parents/>

Hampshire Go Green

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/gogreen>