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Dear Parents and Carers,

Peace Child

Well done to Macaws and Dolphins, or should I say Sotongi and Wannakeekee tribes for your fantastic Easter show which your parents/carers and other family members enjoyed. An extra big well done to the staff for putting the show together and allowing the children to shine.

Church Visits Year 1/2/3/4

We are so pleased to have been able to take four classes of our children to St John's church in Shedfield to learn about the events of Holy Week and the importance of Easter to Christians. Rev Jill and Jordan, with a huge team of helpers gave the children a memorable experience of the sights and sounds of Jerusalem with lots of hands on activity for the children. The teachers were really pleased with how well the children conducted themselves, especially keeping safe on the walk there and back. Thank you Rev Jill.

Staff update

We are delighted that Miss Ruby Mullen has joined our casual workers list so she will be in school to cover for sickness absences at lunchtime, in class support and at Little Johns. Miss Keira Best is also working for us in a similar casual capacity, both of these colleagues are St John's alumni and its lovely to have them back. Mr Arden Boucher will also be coming back to a casual contract for cover once his academic year is over.

LEGOLAND Tickets for Friday 7th July

PAFS have been able to secure a fantastic deal for LEGOLAND Windsor tickets on the Inset Day Friday 7th July. Tickets are only on sale until Friday 21st June (this deadline will NOT be extended). Don't delay - buy today at pta-events.co.uk/pafs

Bounce Bonanza

This summers event will be a Bounce Bonanza. Fun for all the family on Friday 17th May 3.30 - 6.30pm. Bouncy Castles, Inflatable Slide, Human Hungry Hippos, Sumo Suits, BBQ, Bar and much more more. Tickets £9.50 per person for unlimited bouncing/activities. Tickets available at pta-events.co.uk/pafs

Gardening donations

We have lots of beds and spaces and a gardening group who work very hard with our volunteer Mrs Wright to keep us in bloom and in veggies. If you have spare seedlings or bedding plants, please send them in on a Friday and they will get found a home. If anyone wants to get involved with gardening, please let us know!

Outstanding Debts

Please could we ask that lunch accounts are paid up to date and put into credit ready for next term. **According to our debt policy any child owing over £14 dinner money is required to bring in a packed lunch until the debt is cleared.**

Dates for whole school

29th March - Messy Church at Wickham church 9.30 – 11.00

29th March – 12th April Holidays

15th April– Return to School

3rd May – Anxiety - parents workshop

6th May Bank Holiday

17th May – PAFS Bounce Bonanza

20-25 May REACH WEEK

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

INSET days for 24-25 Academic year

Monday 2nd September

Friday 25th October

Monday 24th February

Friday 2nd May

Monday 7th July

Dates for Year R

24th April – Bishops Waltham Library Visit

Dates for Year 1 & 2

10/11/12 June Year 1 Phonics Check

Dates for Year 3 & 4

Dates for Year 5 & 6

16 April Tri Golf at Wildern after school, team selected

13th -16th May Y6 SATS

14th May Quad Kids Athletics at Wyvern

23rd – 24th May – Yr 5 Visits

20 June Sports Event at Winchester Leisure Centre

4 July Swanmore Transition Day

16th July (evening) Yr 5/6 Production

17th July (evening) Yr 5/6 Production

17-19 July Y6 Bikeability

22 July Year 6 Leavers event pm

Milk Bottle Tops

Please can you bring any **RED** or **BLUE** milk carton tops into the office please, we are running little short for lunchtimes, thank you

Club Letter

Please see attached the club letter for Summer 1, please book via Arbor or with external provider.

Book Donations

We would just like to say a huge thank you for all the donations to our library.

Carers project

Some of you may be caring for an older or disabled person, are you aware of all the benefits and support available to you?

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/family/looking-after-people/carers-help-and-support/>

The Wickham Pantry

Tuesdays 1-3pm, 6-7.15pm

The pantry provides a helping hand for those who need it. For a £6 donation, shoppers receive around £20 worth of fresh, frozen, and store-cupboard ingredients. It really makes a difference to those struggling with the cost of living. Membership is free, and you only pay when you visit the pantry.

To find out more please contact wickhampantry@gmail.com.

A Message from Stagecoach workshop classes parents.

Hello This is Vanessa from Stagecoach. I just wanted to message you to say a huge thank you for your child attending classes at St John's. I know Charlotte has had a great time teaching them and she is so proud of the progress they have made during their time with us.

Unfortunately we won't be continuing with the classes after the Easter holidays due to a lack of uptake from the children at the school, despite our efforts with letters to whole school. It's with a heavy heart but financially we are unable to continue with the costs for my team and hiring the school. We would love to return at some point and will be in touch if that would happen.

As you know we finished last week and Charlotte apologised for getting her weeks mixed up. She sends her very best and said keep on shining!

Have a great Easter and thank you again.

Best wishes Ness and Charlotte

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://www.meonvalleyfoodbank.co.uk/>

<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>