



St John the Baptist Church of England Primary School

Jottings 22nd November 2024

Can you help us with resources for our Outdoor lessons?

We are looking for any of the following items: toolboxes, lockable boxes, portable boxes, winter gloves, woolly hats, thick socks and wellingtons size 2-6, thermos flasks, cast iron cookware, BBQ fire boxes or bowls, large buckets, wood clamps, tarpaulin sheets, hand drills and drill bits.

School Christmas Dinner

We are trying to get a rough estimate of meal choices for Christmas dinner, which is taking place on Friday 20th December. Please could we ask that you fill in the questionnaire, link below, to help us. The children will still order on the day as usual at the normal cost. Closing date 2nd December

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeKcomxmW3QdadN77nHzlAtBjb3ck2wTiYtZPcW4Vae63_2xQ/viewform?usp=sf_link



Christmas dates

Please see letter attached regarding Christmas dates for your diary!



Play Equipment

HCC policy only allows children who attend the school to use our playground equipment and only when supervised by school staff, therefore, please do not allow your children to use our equipment either before or after school. Many thanks

PAFS

Reminder

Disco ticket sales close 4th December and Elfridges online pre order close 18th December (we will accept cash on the day for this).

Christmas Disco - Friday 6th December

A favourite with the children is the school disco. As with previous events, this will be split into KS1 and KS2 events - see attached poster for more details.

Go to <http://www.pta-events.co.uk/pafs> to book your tickets.

Elfridges - Friday 20th December

Returning this year with a twist - children can buy a maximum of 2 gifts and there will be gifts for adults and children. PAFS will be on hand to help children wrap their presents.

Go to www.pta-events.co.uk/pafs to pre-order your gifts or pay with cash on the day.

Legoland

Legoland is back for 2025! PAFS have secured reduced price tickets again for Monday 7th July (St John's inset day) costing only £22 per ticket! It was great fun last year with over 125 people from St Johns going. These could be perfect Christmas presents. Tickets are already on sale on <http://www.pta-events.co.uk/pafs> website

Panto

Exciting News!!!! As part of the schools broad and exciting wider curriculum, jointly, the school and PAFS have organised a unique panto experience at school for the children! Oh yes they have! This will take place during school on Thursday 9th January. A fee of £3.50 will apply payable via Arbor and is being subsidised by PAFS, Arbor payments are now open.

Match funding

Finally, we would like to say a big thank you to Adam Jowett (Joshua and Jessica's Dad) for organising match funding with his employer British Gas. This earned PAFS an extra £500 towards our fundraising. If any other employers offer match funding please contact us. We are always looking for extra funding for the school.

Festive Friday

Friday 20th December will be a very festive day with Elfridges and Christmas Dinner being held. Why not make it even more festive with a Christmas Jumper and even some Christmas accessories (school uniform is still required). £1 donation through www.pta-events.co.uk/pafs if you want to pay up front, or cash on the day.

Cold weather clothing

Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing for the up and coming cold spell. Please make sure that any hats, scarves, coats, gloves etc are clearly labelled with your child's name. When items are correctly labelled, they should find their way back to the child's classroom if they are lost within the school site.

IMPORTANT DATES – WHOLE SCHOOL

6th Dec – PAFS Christmas discos – KS1 4.45pm – KS2 5.15pm – 6.30pm

10th Dec – KS 2 Shirrel Heath Methodist Church choir – 1.15pm – 2.15pm

11th Dec - Rocksteady Christmas Performance 9.30am

11th Dec – Yr R, 1 & 2 Christmas Nativity 2.00pm

12th Dec - Yr R, 1 & 2 Christmas Nativity 9.15am

17th Dec – Church Carol Service 6.00pm – 7pm

20th Dec – Festive Friday Uniform with a Festive Jumper, Christmas Lunch & PAFS Elfridges –All gifts £2.50 max 2 gifts per student.

9th Jan – PAFS Panto Experience

15th Jan – DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR YEAR R PLACE SEPTEMBER 2025

29th April – Class & Yr 6 Group Photos

3rd July – Swanmore College Induction Day

INSET days for 24-25 Academic year

Monday 24th February 2025

Friday 2nd May 2025

Monday 7th July 2025

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

P.A.C.E. (Parent, Carer and Professionals Events) <https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events/p-a-c-e-25-sep/>

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.

Twitter: @SJTb_Waltham

Facebook: St John the Baptist C of E Primary School

Instagram

The Revd David Isaac is acting as

Vicar of St John the Baptist, Shedfield and Rector of St Nicholas, Wickham

The Rectory, Southwick Road, Wickham PO17 6HR

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ChatHealth (07507332417) services

www.hampshirehealthyfamilies.org.uk



REMINDERS



- **School Meal Price**

Per day = £3.20, per week = £16.00, for Half term Nov – Dec 7 wks = £112.00

Please ensure your account is in credit before ordering a lunch.

- **Accounts Reminder**

All school accounts must be kept up to date.



- **Collection Arrangements**

If you would like your child to be collected by another adult, please could you either email, or call the school office by 2.30pm to inform them of this. We will **NOT** allow a child to go home without this information, as it is a Safeguarding matter.

- **Attendance**

A polite request - if your child has a medical appointment, please try to make these out of school hours.

If this is not possible, please fill in a green Leave Of Absence Form attaching evidence of the appointment, these can also be found on the school website.

- **Little Johns Bookings**

If you would like to book a session within 48 hours, please contact the office, for bookings over 48 hours book directly on to Arbor making sure that Little Johns has an up to date registration form for all your children.

- **Healthy Snacks**

The school encourages the children to eat a healthy mid-morning snack. The Government provides funding for children in Year R, 1 and 2 to have a piece of fruit or vegetable daily. Parents of children in year groups 3, 4, 5 or 6 can buy some in school for 10p per day or bring something from home.



Please remember we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**.

- **Times of the School Day**

Children start school between 8.40am and 8.50am and finish at 3.10pm. Children should not to be on school site until 8.40am as there is no staff supervision until the gates open at that time.

- **Pupil Premium**

Some children will be eligible for Pupil Premium Funding. Pupil Premium is an important payment for schools and a good opportunity for eligible parents to get even more support for children in school. If you think you may be eligible for Pupil Premium please check: <http://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants> and inform the office.

- **Arbor – Extra activities**

Please be aware any clubs or extra activities run by the school will be set up on Arbor for you to register your child. A letter or email will be sent out regarding these extra events, **PLEASE NOTE** only children registered on Arbor will be able to participate. This is extremely important for the smooth running of the school, so we have a clear understanding of children wanting to take part and for our records.

