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St John's Community Primary School and Nursery



Weekly Newsletter 2nd November 2018

Dear Parents,



This week we held our first ever Pumpkin Parade! Thank you to the 130 children that booked a place on the event and to the many families that attended to carve a pumpkin and enjoy some outdoor fun! It was an incredible success with the end result being quite magical - thank you for all your support.

A polite reminder that there is **NO PARKING** on school site at any time. After much discussion at Governor meetings it has been agreed the main gate will be locked between 8.30am and 9am and 2.45-3.15pm. It seems silly that such measures have to be taken however we would ask that you respect this and do not attempt to park on school site. The reasons for this are the safety of your children.

Kind regards

Mrs Quinn

Dates for your Diary

November

8th—St John's Challenge

9th—9.00am Coffee Morning in
After School Club Mobile

12th—Pop-Up Uniform Shop

14th—16th - Gingerbread Baking

19th—Bag2School Collection

22nd & 23rd—SJSA Christmas
Shopping Event

December

1st —SJSA Winter Wonderland

4th & 5th—KS1 Christmas Production

7th—9.00am Coffee Morning in
After School Club Mobile

11th—SJSA AGM

12th—Years R, 1 & 2 Christmas Party

13th—Years 3 & 4 Christmas Party

14th—Years 5 & 6 Christmas Party

18th—Last day of Term

January

3rd—Children return to School

7th—Children return to Nursery

11th—Whole school to Theatre Royal
'Aladdin' Pantomime

30th—School Choir performing at
Young Voices Concert,
O₂ Arena, London

February

18th—22nd—Half Term

Swimming

Year 4 will be swimming on Monday 5th November. Please ensure your child has their swimming kit, including a hat, a towel and a suitable coat to walk to and from Broadland High School for these sessions.



St John's Challenge

The 'St John's Challenge' will be held on Thursday 8th November, starting at 1.30pm. This long distance running event is open to Key Stage 2 children and organised as a house event. Parents are invited to watch but there will be no parking available on the school site.

If you are able to help at event then please leave your name at the School Office.



Aladdin at Theatre Royal—Friday 11th January

There are still outstanding consent forms and payments for the whole school visit to see Aladdin at the Theatre Royal on 11th January. Please can any outstanding consent forms be returned and all balances be paid. If you would like to pay with instalments or require another letter please see Mrs Steele in the School Office.



Books for Schools Tokens

Look out for the Books for Schools Tokens in the local newspapers from now until 8th December 2018

Get your friends and family to help by collecting tokens too.

Bring your tokens into school and put them in the collection box which is in the main school corridor near the School Office.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.



After School Clubs—Cancelled

There will be NO Board Game Club or Year 5 & 6 Maths Club on Tuesday 6th November or Choir on Wednesday 7th November due to Parents Evenings.

There will be no more after school Football Club until further notice, on Wednesdays with Mr Popey, as it is now getting too dark to play outside.

Please ensure your child is collected at 3.10pm on these days. Thank you.



SJSA Gingerbread Baking—Help required

The SJSA will be running sessions to make Gingerbread Houses with each year group. If you are able to help with any of these sessions please see Mrs Steele in the School Office.

Wednesday 14th November

9.30—10.30—Nursery

10.30—11.30—Reception

1.30—2.30—Year 1

Thursday 15th November

9.30—10.30—Year 2

10.30—11.30—Year 3

1.30—2.30—Year 4

Friday 16th November

9.30—10.30—Year 5

10.30—11.30—Year 6

Poppy Appeal



This week in assembly we spoke to the children about the annual Poppy Appeal which raises money for the Royal British Legion through the sale of poppies. This year as in previous years, we at St John's will have a selection of poppies to sell



for the children to wear on their school uniform and also this year we have been given a range of poppy related items such as rubbers, rulers, pencils and reflectors for the children to purchase also if they wish.

These items will be on sale to the children in the school over the course of next week and the Year 6 children will be visiting the classes at a convenient time to support the children with any purchases they wish to make. If your child would like to purchase a poppy or an additional item from the range and you are happy for them to do so, then please send them to school with some money over the next few days. The normal poppies can be purchased for a small donation but the additional items have a suggested price list ranging from 50p to £1.00.



The children are aware of the importance of the appeal and I hope you will be able to support your child with this act of remembrance.



Bag 2 School—Recycling

Please return bags to school by 9.00am on Monday 19th November.

Extra bags are available from the School Office.





★ SJSA Update ★

★ SJSA were delighted to see such a great turn out for St Johns 1st Pumpkin Fiesta! It was a lovely evening and we received some really positive feedback from both adults and children! We hope to repeat it next year, so if you have any ideas to improve the event please do let us know. We don't have a final figure for profit yet but we are hopeful of around £500, which is fantastic!

★ As always Christmas is a very busy time for SJSA and we achieve most of our fundraising at this time, with Gingerbread events and Christmas tree sales. The committee is a very small and active group but we rely on helpers who step in for all our events. The more helpers we have the more we can do, therefore raising more money. This ultimately enhances every child's education and school experience. If you can spare an hour or two over the next few weeks, we would love to meet you. We particularly need some help from anyone with IT experience.

★ Gingerbread go! ★

★ This event is kindly sponsored by Minors & Brady, they fund the ingredients for every child to bake a full gingerbread house to bring home to decorate. This becomes part of the display in the hall for Winter Wonderland. Baking days are great fun, honestly! If you are able to come and help your child or any additional year groups, that would be great (please see the timetable on previous page). No baking experience needed, friends and family are very welcome too. If anyone has any ideas as to how we can get more people to come and see the amazing display..... we need you!

★ The Gingerbread man trail around the village is well underway. Figures are out and being decorated already, we have a few left if you are part of any groups that may like to get creative, let us know. We are looking for sponsorship for each man (£25), if you think you may be able to suggest a company or business to be involved, we would love to hear from you.

★ Christmas Shopping event. ★

★ It's that time of year again! SJSA will be holding the Xmas shopping event at the end of November for the children to buy little gifts for their loved ones. It is a wonderful experience for them to choose, wrap and pay for their own gifts, but we do need your help. Please have a clear out of all those unwanted gifts, things you put aside to sell at a car boot; anything which would a child might like to buy for their Mum, Dad, Brother, Sister, Nan etc.

★ We need hundreds of items so please have a rummage around, ask friends or relatives etc. At this early stage I am just asking you to perhaps think about what you might have hanging around that we could use. In the next few weeks we will repeat this request and put out a box near the office for item collection

★ Please take the time to root out your unwanted stuff.

★ Thanks again for your ongoing support—SJSA

