



# St John's Community Primary School and Nursery



## Weekly Newsletter 15th January 2016

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to all of you. The Panto this year once again was outstanding and the children's behaviour and attitudes were exemplary, I hope they came home and told you all about it!

Mr Board has settled very quickly into life at St. John's and is currently planning an information evening for parents of year 5 pupils regarding the London residential in March. Please ensure you watch this space for more information.

Last term we worked hard on characteristics for effective learning. I have attached the final list of characteristics as agreed by staff, pupils and a focus group of parents. I will be holding an information session on Friday 5th February, at 2.15pm in the school hall to talk about this and how it links to our work on Growth Mindset. Please ask your child about this, they should be able to tell you about the characteristics and what they look like in the classroom! It would be really wonderful to see a few of you at the meeting where we can talk about it in more detail.

Finally, thank you to all parents who parked considerately last week during the downpour at the start of the school day. I appreciate the conditions were awful and children, parents and staff got very wet. However, despite this, most families managed to get children safely into school whilst being considerate of the safety of others. Sadly that was not the case for everyone. A polite reminder that swearing and abuse towards staff members will not be tolerated and anyone behaving in this way on the school site will be asked to leave the site permanently. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Regards,

Mrs Quinn

### Dates for your Diary

#### January

#### February

4th—2pm SEN Coffee Afternoon

5th- 2.15pm Information Session in  
the School Hall

11th—SJSA Disco

15th—19th—Half Term

22nd—Children Return to School

24th—26th—Year 4 Residential to  
Horstead Centre

#### March

1st—Class Group Photographs

17th & 18th—Year 5 Residential to  
London Theatre & Sights

24th—Last day of Term

#### April

11th—Children Return to School

#### May

2nd—Bank Holiday—School Closed

30th—Half Term

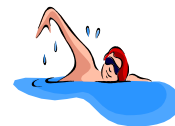
#### June

6th—Children Return to School

#### July

20th—Last day of Term

## Swimming—Year 3



Year 3 will be swimming on Monday 18th January

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.

### Important Reminders

- Children should not be on the school premises before 8.35 am as there is no supervision before that time.
- All children should be at school by 8.45am. Any child arriving late must be brought to School Office by an adult and a reason for the lateness given.
- all medical or dental appointments (where they cannot be booked for school holidays/after school) should be booked after the lunchtime registration i.e. after 1.15pm please. This will ensure your child is registered morning and afternoon and misses as little as possible of their schooling.
- There is no parking for parents on school site at any time unless special permission has been granted.
- Please ensure that children's clothes and belongings are clearly named - this saves time and money and cuts stress levels for all concerned!
- Authorisation for holidays during term time cannot be granted. Please see the Head Teacher to discuss withdrawing your child if this is unavoidable.

Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

### Parent Helpers Required

If any parents are available to help with our school library on Wednesday Mornings from 8.45—11.30 am please contact Mrs Roberts via the School Office. Thank you in advance.

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\* There will be a social gathering for all parents whose children are experiencing any kind of difficulty in school. \*  
\* It will be held in the After School Club mobile on \*  
\* Thursday 4th February from 2.00pm—3.00pm for an informal get together. \*  
\* From Jo Cushion (Inclusion worker) and Nicky Austin (SENCo). \*  
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## A Message from the Kitchen

The meal on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January has been changed and we will now be having

Fish Fingers

Quorn Fillet in Homemade Roll (Vegetarian Option)

Chips

Salad

Baked Beans

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Toffee Cream Tart

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> the menu will now be:

Chicken with Pasta in Tomato Sauce

Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry with Rice (Vegetarian Option)

Farmhouse Mixed Vegetables

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Scrummy Sponge with Sauce

## SJSA



Welcome back from SJSA. I hope you had a nice Christmas and New Year? How much fun was it opening your Christmas presents bought from the SJSA Shopping event! I was touched by how much thought went into the ones under our tree this year. Once again a big thank you to everyone who helped make all the Christmas SJSA events a great success.

On a final note on the topic of Christmas if you have any unwanted gifts from Great Aunt Maude or something that you got two of then please consider bringing them in and leaving them in the box provided at reception for next years Shopping Event. We will take items and store them until next year.

Attached to this newsletter is an invitation to the SJSA Annual General Meeting. Please come along if you can if you want to find out more about SJSA or if you would like to stand as a Committee Member. I am stepping down this year after 5 years as Chairman - time to give someone else a chance to have a go. All I can say is that it is a very rewarding role as it is generally being part of the SJSA Committee.

It is very important for the School to have an Association with a full complement of Committee Members with all Officer posts filled to enable the raising of valuable funds and the running of fun and educational events. If you have been thinking about being a member of SJSA then I would urge you to come forward and make the commitment.

Many of the existing Committee will look to stay on for another year I am sure but there will definitely be spaces this AGM.

## RESPECT

- ✓ Support one another.
- ✓ Recognise that we are all of equal value and worth.
- ✓ Tolerate others.
- ✓ Be caring and considerate.
- ✓ Have good manners.
- ✓ Show empathy.
- ✓ Listen to others.

## PERSEVERANCE

- ✓ Keep trying, never give up.
- ✓ Be solution focussed. Look for different ways to solve things.
- ✓ Learn from any mistakes.
- ✓ Listen and respond to good feedback.
- ✓ Be focussed and driven!

## COLLABORATION

- ✓ Work with others, use team work.
- ✓ Talk respectfully to other people.
- ✓ Accept coaching from other children and adults.
- ✓ Coach and support others.
- ✓ Receive feedback positively.
- ✓ Deliver effective feedback to others with sensitivity.

# CHARACTERISTICS OF EFFECTIVE LEARNING

## COMMUNICATION

- ✓ Be confident to share your ideas and opinions.
- ✓ Value the contributions and ideas of others.
- ✓ Explain your thinking with clarity.
- ✓ Be respectful of others opinions.
- ✓ Include others in your work and discussions.
- ✓ Value everyone's contributions.
- ✓ Be able to give constructive feedback to others.

## RESILIENCE

- ✓ Learn from your mistakes.
- ✓ Do not give up.
- ✓ Be determined.
- ✓ Practise when things go wrong or are tricky!
- ✓ Use your judgement and stick to it. Do not let others sway you.

## POSITIVITY

- ✓ Have a good attitude towards learning.
- ✓ Embrace challenges and stretch yourself!
- ✓ Have enthusiasm and passion for new experiences and learning.
- ✓ Be willing to try new things.