



St John the Baptist Primary School

Friday 19th January 2023

Diary Dates

22nd January

Energy saving week

6th February

Safer internet day

14th February

Ash Wednesday service
in church 9.10am

16th February

Break up for half term



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Collective worship theme: Self-motivation and Noah's ark

Dear Parents and Carers,
National Thesaurus day was an absolute success and everyone looked absolutely amazing. Thank you again for all of your efforts making these school events such a fun and enjoyable day for everyone.

Today, Koala and Panther class were lucky enough to take part in a Spanish music lesson which was a huge success. Thank you to Peter Anderson, one of our school governors for connecting us with Jamie Pankiewicz. Check out Class Dojo for some photos and videos of the inspiring music lesson.



A reminder for all that earrings are not to be worn in PE and that children need to be able to remove them before the lesson. Also, PE kits must be in school and appropriate for the weather. With this cold weather, joggers and a hoodie need to be provided to ensure that your child can participate outside. If your child does not have a kit then one will be provided for them.



We are collecting any spare hats, gloves and scarves for children to use at playtime and lunchtime if they have forgotten theirs. If you have any spares could you please hand them into the school office.

We have noticed an increase of parents pulling into the school car park at our office entrance. Please do not use this car park at any time, including early and late drop offs. We need to keep it clear for deliveries, visitors and staff. There is space in the village hall for you to park and walk up or on the roads further up from the school avoiding the yellow zig zags. This includes picking up from after school clubs too.

On Wednesday 14th February at 9am, you are all invited to the church to join in with our Ash Wednesday service. This will be held by Rev Bev and everyone, including the children will have the opportunity to take part in the ashing ceremony. This is where 'ash' is drawn on your forehead and is an important symbol in the church. This is completely voluntary and the children will have the choice as to whether they want to take part or not. We also have our Easter service on Thursday 28th March and are looking forward to having you all there.



Welly drive. We are still very low on wellies at the moment and would appreciate that if you come across any at the weekend we would love them in school.

Have a wonderful weekend and remember to be safe in this cold weather.

United we strive for excellence-together we shine

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our schools attendance target is **96%**

	This Week	YTD
Infants	97.67%	96.11%
Lower Juniors	94.74%	95%
Upper Juniors	95.56%	95.58%
Whole School	96.27%	95.65%

If your child is off sick from school, please notify the school office no later than 9.20am—school policy states we need to be notified every day of absence. Please either email admin@st-john.essex.sch.uk or phone and leave a message if no answer.

Please Note: Trainers are not permitted. Black shoes for boys and girls only. Children can bring trainers into school to change into at breaktime if they wish to.

Long hair needs to be tied back safely, no jewellery to be worn in school apart from small stud earrings and a watch. No nail varnish.

Feel free to pack a healthy snack for your child to have a breaktime, crisps, sweets and fizzy drinks are not permitted.

Unexpected School Closures

If we have to close school unexpectedly - information will be posted on the Home Page of the school website:

<https://www.st-john.essex.sch.uk/>

Alternatively, information can be found on the Essex School

Closures page at:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/emergency-school-closures>

The decision to close the school is never taken lightly.

Please select your child's school meals as far in advance as you can—but no later than 9am on Thursday for the following week. Any orders placed after this time will not be processed .Thank you.



Gold awards 19th January 2024

Pebmarsh Cup – Robyn

This week the Koala class have voted for the Pebmarsh Cup to be awarded to Robyn. Robyn, your class have felt that you deserve to win the cup as they feel you have a kind, caring and nurturing nature. Students have picked up on how well you have made our new student feel welcome and how well you get along with everyone together, sharing your knowledge and skills to help others. Well done.

Upper Juniors - Ava – Honesty

For being honest with your learning. You are really confident now at knowing when you **need help and when you don't, and it has really helped you progress quickly with new concepts.** Keep on being amazing!

Lower Juniors – Olivia - Honesty

Mr Chinnery and Mrs Bain are so pleased with the hard work and determination you have put into your work this year. You have built an honest and open relationship with both your friends and staff, sharing how you are feeling and when you need help. Keep up the hard work and continue to be the hard working and caring person you are.

Infants – Beatrice – Honesty

Beatrice, this week, your honesty has shone out of you like a bright light. We noticed this especially in your learning. You recognised and told the teacher if it was something you had learnt previously or if it was a new thing that you were being taught. You have been so co-operative with everything that has been asked of you this week and you have a wonderful **“roll my sleeves up and get the job done” attitude which we LOVE!!**

Highest attendance award goes to Upper Juniors this week!

If you intend to take your child out of school for any reason other than illness or medical appointments, please complete a leave of absence form. These are available from the school office .



Parent/Carer Autism Online Workshops

Whether your child is awaiting a diagnosis or has already been diagnosed, these workshops are a great opportunity to learn more about Autism & ask questions within a supportive group of other parents & carers.

- **Monday 5th February - An introduction to Autism**
An opportunity to explore what Autism is, the many strengths and the differences that make each child so wonderfully unique.
- **Monday 12th February - Communication**
Identifying what communication is and the different communication methods that may be helpful for Autistic children.
- **Monday 19th February - Sensory Processing**
Explaining the 8 sensory systems, how the environment can impact on a child with sensory processing differences/challenges and strategies to meet an individual's sensory needs.
- **Monday 26th February - Pathological Demand Avoidance**
A look into the interesting subject of PDA, how this may present and what is the best approach to take to avoid conflict.

Workshops will be held 7:30-8:30pm via Zoom.

£25 per workshop for each family.

To book your place... Email enquiries@theautismtrainingnetwork.com

Or scan the QR code



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Spring Term January-March 2024

Parent calendar

Date	Yr Group	Event
4 th January	Whole school	Back to school
5 th January	Whole School	St John's got Talent
8 th January	Lower Juniors	Forest school
8 th January	Whole School	Clubs start
15 th January		Applications for primary school places September 2024 closing date
15 th January	Infants	Forest school
18 th January	Whole School	National Thesaurus Day- Come dressed as a word!
19 th January	Parents	FOPS meeting- come and we what we are all about
19 th January	KS2	A lesson in Spanish guitar and Violin
22 nd January	Upper Juniors	Forest school
22 nd January	Whole School	Energy saving week
29 th January	Infants	Forest school
5 th February	Lower Juniors	Forest school
6 th February	Whole school	Safer internet day
12 th February	Infants	Forest school
14 th February	Whole school	Ash Wednesday service in church 9.10am— all welcome
16th February	Whole school	Break up for half term
26th February	Whole school	Return to school
26 th February	Upper Juniors	Forest school
4 th March	Infants	Forest school
7 th March	Whole school	World book day
11 th March	Whole school	Parents' evening consultations
11 th March	Lower Juniors	Forest school
12 th March	Lower Juniors	Learning together-Science week
14 th March	Infants	Learning together-Science week
15 th March	Upper Juniors	Learning together-Science week
13 th March	Whole school	Parents' evening consultations
18 th March	Infants	Forest school
25 th March	Upper Juniors	Forest school
28 th March	Whole school	Easter service in church 9.10am —all welcome
28 th March	Whole school	Break up for Easter