

st John the Baptis Primary School

Friday 1st March 2024

Diary Dates

7th March

World Book Day

(not dressing up on 7th)

8th March

Dress up for WBD

11th & 13th March

Parents' evening

26th March

SATS meeting for Year 6 parents 3.20pm



Self-motivation Honesty Imaginative Nurturing Empathy

Collective worship theme: The beginning of Lent

Dear Parents and Carers,

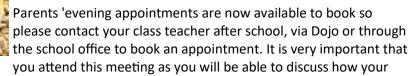
What a fantastic first week back after half term. We began the week with our Great Pebmarsh Bake Off and were overwhelmed by the quality and quantity of the cakes we received. Thank you so much to everyone who baked, bought and ate the cakes. We raised a staggering £148 towards our Activall wall installation in the playground. Keep your eyes peeled for our next money raising initiative.

We can also proudly announce that we came 2nd in the Tesco Blue Token scheme and we will be receiving £1000 to continue to develop reading and our library area. A big shout out to Mrs Baldock for arranging this, you are a superstar!



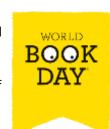
This week we were very happy to finally wear our wellies and enjoy playing on the field, even in the rain. Thank you for your donations so far but we are still low on wel-

lies being available for the infants and lower juniors age groups. Please can you have another rummage and/or ask friends and family if they have wellies they would be happy to donate in the following sizes: Child sizes 11, 12, 13 & 1. It would be wonderful to have everyone able to play on the field at the same time.



child is progressing at school and talk through any plans for the coming term.

Next week is World Book day, we are celebrating on Friday 8th March. Each class will be focussing on a book from around the world and children will spend the day immersed in the story and the culture from that day. All families are invited into school to see celebrate the learning on the day at 3pm and we hope to see as many of you there as possible.



This week has been SHOW OFF week (assessment week) and I have been overwhelmed at how hard everyone has worked. Year 6 children completed a mock SATS week and took it in their stride. Assessment is an essential part of our teaching as it helps us to plan for areas that children need to work on over the coming term and also celebrate successes with children and parents.

Hope you have a restful weekend after a busy week. Miss Gage

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Our schools attendance target is 96%

	This Week	YTD
Infants	92%	95.52%
Lower Juniors	96.11%	95.42%
Upper Juniors	94.44%	95.38%
Whole School	93.79%	95.46%

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 1st March 2024

<u>Pebmarsh Cup – Lottie in Reception</u>

Lottie, you have been chosen by Owl Class because they say you are always ready for learning. You are always kind and helpful and try your hardest at everything you do. The main element of you that everyone said, was about your smile. You smile ALL the time and it lights up the room and lifts anyone near. Keep smiling Lottie, keep lifting, keep being you.

<u>Upper Juniors - Lyra - Nurturing</u>

Lyra, there aren't enough words to describe your wonderful and positive attitude in school. You ALWAYS work hard, you are ALWAYS polite, thoughtful and helpful and we are so lucky to have your in our class! Keep shining, Lyra!

Lower Juniors – Edie – Self-motivation

Edie, every morning you come into school and start your morning work with great enthusiasm and as a result of this, I have seen a vast improvement in your work. You are committed to your work both inside and outside the classroom, contributing well in class. Keep up the hard work and carry on being the curious and willing learner you are.

<u>Infants – Evie C – Self-motivation and Excellence</u>

Evie, you have been focussed and always ready for learning. You independently use all of the skills you have been taught and also try to help others. You are a shining example of a learner. Well done.

Highest attendance award goes to Lower Juniors this week!

And for the month of February, Lower Juniors also win!

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.



Mother's Day

Craft Event at Halstead Library

- 9 March 1.00pm
- Create a decorated flower pot for Mother's Day
- · £5+ non refundable booking fee
- Suitable for 4+ years
- Scan the code to book a Mother day event



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Colchester Royal Grammar School

Sci-Fest 2024

Saturday 16th March 10am - 4pm

6 Lexden Road, CO3 3ND Free entry

Families welcome - fun interactive activities







Premium activities will incur a small charge. Refreshments available.

Activities include

Colchester Zoo - Rangers & Wildlife

Coding - Python & Scratch

Dinosaur Escape Room

Dissection Lab

Essex Wildlife Trust

Essex University - Baby Lab & Maths

Face Painting

Mini Monsters

Planetarium

Puzzle Rooms

Sci-High Forensics

Smoothie Bikes

Tech Hub

VR Mini Beasts

VR Oceans

VR Space

VR Wild Beasts

Wipeout

Lunch & refreshments will be available to purchase from Ronnie's Kitchen, the CRGSA and the school's canteen.

Limited parking on site, entrance via Creffield Road or St Mary's Public Car Park, CO3 3AA, a short walk from the school.



We have been contacted by The AIM Group who deliver **Free Online Level 2 Accredited Courses** to help better understand some key issues around young people's mental health and wellbeing, along with a range of other qualifications that may help with developing your own careers.

Here's some of the most popular subjects available:

Neuroscience in the Early Years

Children and Young Peoples Mental Health

Understanding Autism

Specific Learning Difficulties

Nutrition and Health

Adverse Childhood Experiences

Bullying in Children and Young People

Distressed Behaviour in Children

Mental Health Awareness

Counselling

Team Leading

Business Administration

Customer Service

These are just the popular qualifications, but they have over 30 available!

The qualifications are completed within a 6–12 week period in your own leisure. They are equivalent to a GCSE Grade C. You can do as many as you like, however you can only do one at a time.

The only criteria you must meet to be eligible, is:

Aged 19 or over on or before 31st August 2023 Have lived in the UK/EU for 3+ years Not already on a Government funded course

Access to a laptop, tablet or computer

If you are interested in undertaking one of these free online courses or would like further information, then please complete the following link **ASAP**. This will then allow The AIM Group to contact you to discuss and get you started on your chosen course:

https://theaimgroup.co.uk/booking-form/001Q500000525ac

If you have any questions prior to expressing interest, call **Coral Young on 0203 8145 2015/01245 904827** or drop her an email at Coral.young@theaimgroup.co.uk

St John the Baptist Primary School Spring Term January-March 2024

Parent calendar

Date	Yr Group	Event
12 th February	Infants	Forest school
14th February	Whole school	Ash Wednesday service in church 9.10am—all welcome
16 th February	Whole school	Break up for half term
26 th February	Whole school	Return to school
26 th February	Upper Juniors	Forest school
26th February	All welcome	The Great Pebmarsh Bake Off 2.30pm
4 th March	Infants	Forest school
7 th March	Whole school	World Book Day
8th March	Whole school	Dress up for 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
13 th March	Whole school	Parents' evening consultations
14 th March	Infants	Learning together-Science week
15 th March	Upper Juniors	Learning together-Science week
18 th March	Infants	Forest school
18th March	Upper Juniors	Class trip to Duxford Air Museum
20th March	Whole school	Parent appreciation afternoon tea
22nd March	Whole school	Easter disco
25 th March	Upper Juniors	Forest school
26th March	Year 6 parents	SATS meeting for parents at 3.20pm
27th March	Infants	Class trip to Colne Valley Railway
28th March	Whole school	Easter service in church 9.10am —all welcome
28 th March	Whole school	Break up for Easter