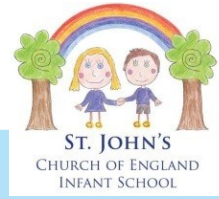


# St John's C of E Infant School

## Newsletter 18th October



### Latest news

We do hope our weekly email format has kept you up to date with key events for the week and diary dates. As it is now nearing half term it is time for a full newsletter.

This is an incredibly long term and the children have done so well and achieved so much.

Our new Rabbit Class have taken to the school day so well and love their letter learning each day. They have had forest fun each week in the wettest autumn we have ever known !!

Foxes are exploring their new classroom and are enjoying new topics and styles of learning.

Badgers are enjoying being the oldest and setting a good example. This term they have completed some interesting learning about important figures and role models across the globe.

Please see below information from Revd. Helen on the parenting course she spoke of at the harvest service called Flourishing Families.

The PTA are kindly supporting our desire as a school to support a local foodbank regularly throughout the year particularly at school holiday times. Please see their page below for information on a collection Monday and Tuesday next week.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs. Marion Stevens



### 2024

- 18th October—Open Day
- 25th October—Last day of term
- 28th October—half term
- 4th Nov—INSET day
- 5th Nov—Start of term
- 7th Nov—PTA Meeting
- 8th Nov—Open Day
- 12th & 14th Nov—pupil progress meetings with parents
- 22nd Nov—Open Day
- 10th Dec—Xmas Play
- 11th Dec—Xmas Play
- 12th Dec—Xmas Play
- 17th Dec—Xmas Lunch & class parties
- 20th Dec—Church Service
- 20th Dec—End of term—2pm



# Values News



"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God"

Thessalonians  
5:18

This term we have focused on our value of thankfulness. We have heard Bible stories from Rev Helen. We have looked at the Thankfulness book by Todd Parr. We have counted our blessing and had an attitude of gratitude. Life can be so much better if we think about all the things we have to be grateful for. We focused on how to show people we are thankful and it doesn't need gifts it just takes manners, kindness or kind words or a handmade card.

We are blessed in so many ways.  
Who can you thank today?



## Celebrate Success

Rabbit Class star learners have been:

Darcy, Rowan, Johnny, Oscar & Phoebe.

Fox class star learners have been:

Max T, Max E, Jack, Hughie, Evie & Thea.

Badger class star learners have been:

Ophelia, Fleur, Nina, Darwin, Jasper & Poppy.





ST. JOHN'S  
Parent Teacher Association

## PTA News

Thank you again for all your support with the quiz last week, we've had lovely feedback and will hope to do it again next year! Exact profit still TBC, but it was a really fun and successful evening.

As mentioned a few weeks ago, we are trying to create a link with Headley Food Bank. We want to support them throughout the year, the seed was planted by Harvest Festival and grew from there.

School Holidays are tough for families who are already struggling. No school meal means more food needs to be provided at home and that's not always easy. We are going to visit Headley Food Bank next Wednesday (23rd) and we'd like to take donations from our families at St John's, to initially help them stock up pre half term. If we have your support, it's an initiative we'd like to run throughout the year, collecting food the week or two before each school holiday.

We have attached the suggestions for donations that we've been sent and will set up a collection point in front of the school office, outside the front door. We'll be collecting donations next Monday and Tuesday 21st & 22nd October. Usually we will give ourselves a full week to make collections, but time has runaway away with us with the quiz etc. We know some of you may already donate to causes that matter to you, so please don't feel pressured to help, if it's not something that works for you or your family we understand.

Whilst we have your attention, there is a PTA meeting on Thursday 7th November at 7.30pm in the school hall and it would be great to have as many parents there as possible. As parents we are all automatically part of the PTA and it's your opportunity to find out more about what we plan to do this year, how we plan to raise money and how we intend to spend the funds raised. It's a chance for you to have your say in this.

There will also be wine and snacks!!

Many thanks,





## PTA News

# Headley Down FOOD BANK

We welcome the following donations:

### TINS

SOUP  
MEAT  
BEANS  
SPAGHETTI  
FISH  
POTATOES  
VEGETABLES  
TOMATOES  
FRUIT  
CUSTARD  
RICE PUDDING

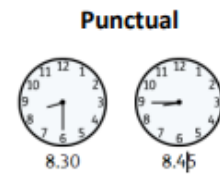
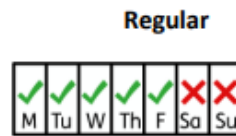
### PACKETS / JARS

CEREALS  
PORRIDGE OATS  
PASTA SAUCE  
RICE  
CURRY SAUCE  
TEA BAGS  
COFFEE  
DRINKING CHOC  
LONGLIFE MILK  
BISCUITS  
CAKES

**TOILET ROLLS !**



# School Attendance



As of September 2024 there are new school attendance guidelines from the DFE. [DFE guidelines](#)

Please see attached to this weeks email the [new attendance policy](#). There is also a new request for absence form to complete if your child is having time off from school for anything other than illness or a medical appointment.

You may find this NHS website page useful for information about school attendance. [Is my child too ill for school?](#)

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## Safeguarding



### Safeguarding

If you are concerned about the safeguarding of a child at any time, please contact Surrey children's single point of access C-SPA on

:0300 470 9100

For out of hours see our [website](#).

During school hours you can contact the school Safeguarding leads Mrs. Stevens or Mrs. Ireland [DSL@stjohns-farnham.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:DSL@stjohns-farnham.surrey.sch.uk) or

telephone 01428 713216

### Headlice

Please keep checking your child's hair regularly so that we may reduce/remove the cases of headlice. Treating once is not enough, regular checks are necessary by everyone.



# Hello!

Welcome to Mindworks Surrey, the new emotional wellbeing and mental health service for children and young people in Surrey.



## Our Community

# Flourishing Families



Join this 5 week course offering a safe space to enable parents, grandparents and carers to explore their family relationships and build their wellbeing.

**Wednesdays 1pm – 3pm**

Church Room, St John's Church, Churt, GU10 2HZ

**Wed 6 Nov – Wed 4 Dec**

Please bring along your lunch and we will provide hot drinks and a sweet treat!

There is no separate Crèche facility but you are welcome to bring along other children who can stay with you or be entertained in the same room.

Please contact Revd Helen Hancock on 07818 095728 or [minister@stjohnchurt.org.uk](mailto:minister@stjohnchurt.org.uk) to register your interest or ask any questions.



**'Flourishing Families' seeks to provide positive peer support for parents enabling families learn how to protect their physical and mental health and to make good decisions whilst maintaining strong family relationships. £5 fee for the course to cover materials (may be waived if appropriate)**

Twelve15

## Come and join our catering team

Looking for a secure, Term-time only position with great work/life balance and benefits?

Twelve15 has been delivering healthy, well-balanced and nutritious school meals for over 70 years.

We are currently recruiting:

- St John's Church of England Infant School - Catering Manager - 25 hours
- St John's Church of England Infant School- Catering Assistant – 10 hours



Please [click here](#) to find out about our current vacancies and apply. Catering Assistants please apply to the [Surreywide](#) advert.

For more information, please call Vanessa on 07772 136 836



# Our Community

We are still looking for a Crossing Patrol Officer who could support the children safely across Barford Lane in the morning and afternoon.

Surrey County Council

would accept a job share for this position. For more details [Click here](#)



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