ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RCP SCHOOL

Headteacher's Note

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 4th February 2022

SICKNESS IN SCHOOL

We have had an outbreak of sickness and diarrhoea in EYFS this week. For all infectious diseases in school we follow the **'Guidance on Infection Control in Schools and other Childcare Settings'** published by Public Health England. Below is the period of absence needed for some of the most common infectious diseases.

Sickness and Diarrhoea–48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.

Chicken Pox– Until all vesicles have crusted over.

Shingles– Absence is only needed is the rash is weeping and cannot be covered.

Impetigo–Until lesions are crusted and healed, or 48 hours after commencing antibiotics.

Slapped Cheek–None once the rash has developed.
Our office will advice you on other infectious diseases.

When you are reporting an absence please could you give a clear reason for your child's absence as we need to monitor and record all absences.

UNAVOIDABLE SCHOOL CLOSURE— PROCEDURES

As we enter the last month of winter, the mornings are getting lighter and the days are getting longer. Whilst we are seeing glimpses of spring, February has the habit of fighting back with wintry weather and snow.

Where there is a danger to the pupils and staff at school, or in journeys to and from school, it may be necessary to close the school for the whole or part of the day.

We are usually very lucky in Padiham and very rarely do we have to close the school due to adverse weather conditions. However, If we had to close school due to bad weather we would inform you by TEXT message. Please ensure that the office has the correct mobile number.

DATES TO REMEMBER

4th February	Golden Book
10th February	Year 5 Greek Day
11th February	Year 6 Assembly
11th February	School closes for Half Term
21st February	School Opens

Congratulations!

VIPS THIS WEEK

Year R	Oscar Morris
Year 1	Sophia Davenport
Year 2	Max Merchant
Year 3	Daisy-May Grace
Year 4	Joseph Franklin
Year 5	Theo Fort
Year 6	Leo Earnshaw



Writer of the Week



Year R	Kaiser Boston
Year 1	Sicily-Kate Strahan
Year 2	Oliver Williams
Year 3	Kai Southern
Year 4	Ava Hepper
Year 5	Oscar Entwistle
Year 6	Finlay Clarke

Achievements!

A big well done to the following children for their achievements out of school;

Monica P - Swimming
Holly M - dancing
Heidi M - dancing
Emily B - dancing
Ellie M - dancing
Karlis H - bravery
Darcey B - karate





CLASS DOJO WINNERS

Year 1 Eryn Brelsford, Sienna Baker, Sicily-Kate Strahan, Fox Bennett, Lochlan Morris

Year 2 Aaliya Barry, Miley Stowe, Rosie Jarman, Marko Reeves, Felicity Baker

Year 3 Ruby McWilliam, Emily Baines, Brooklyn Thompson, Ellie Mackey, Daisy-May Grace

Year 4 Monika Poranska, Joseph Franklin, Helaina Beresford, Milo Campbell, Delilah Dalton

Year 5 Oscar Entwistle, Bexsley Caine, Oscar Clarke, Alana Riding, Alex Graham

Year 6 George Gardner, Leo Earnshaw, Jessica Kelly, Logan Brown, Noah Johnson, Theo Edwards

GOLDEN BOOK WINNERS

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Year 6	Alfie Morley, Mollie Brelsford, Darcie Mansell
Year 5	Rowan Bradford, Amelia Cumming, Harley McNamara
Year 4	Rosie Melling, Rafael Pinto, Joshua Franklin
Year 3	James Devlin, Holly Savage, Vincent Wigley
Year 2	Arlie Pilling, Lochlann Lamb, Luke Cavanagh
Year 1	Emma Lynch, Alfie Blanchard, Lochlan Morris
Reception	Lyla McBreen, Lucas Waring, Clara Pilling

GIFT TEAM

Due to the wonderful fundraising efforts of our GIFT team, we have been able to sponsor a child in Africa through Mission Possible. Yusuf is 10 years old and lives with his Mum and two brothers. Yusuf's Mum has sadly been unable to afford his school fees. However, the money raised will cover a whole year of school fees and he will be provided with all the resources he needs.



SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS



On Tuesday 1st February, Mollie, Jessica, Noah J, Logan, George, Freya, Erin, Isabelle, Leo, Holly, William and Alfie went to Hameldon School to take part in the Primary Sports Hall Athletics festival competition. First there was a boys relay and then the girls. Then the chest push, long jump, triple jump, speed jump, 2 by 1 relay, 6 by 1 relay and 2 by 2 relay. Overall we came 3rd place out of 5 schools. We all had a great time and when we got home we were all tired.

By Jessica Kelly and Mollie Brelsford.

NURSERY ADMISSIONS

We have places available for our Easter 2022 intake and September 2022 intake. If you would like to apply, please collect an application form from the school office. New starter packs will be sent out next week for those who have already applied for April.

We are also holding Stay and Play sessions every Tuesday morning 9am—10.15am. This is a perfect opportunity to have a look around and ask any questions, while your little one explores our nursery area.



Just a reminder we are closed Tue 15th Feb for half term.

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. The below poster gives some useful tips on coping strategies to support emotional health and wellbeing.

Be a STAR of your emotions

We all experience different emotions from time to time. In just one day, you may feel proud, excited, sad, anxious, nervous, and many other emotions.

Remember, all feelings are valid.

Shining a light on how you feel, particularly when you're feeling overwhelmed or anxious, can help you find coping strategies to support your emotional health and wellbeing.

To get started, follow the steps on the STAR model.



STOP

Take a step back from whatever you're doing. How do your body and mind feel? Try putting putting your hands on your heart and belly, then quietly count to 10.



TAKE A BREATH

Practise a breathing activity. As you gently breathe in and out, trace one finger up and down the fingers of the other hand. How do you feel now?



AND

Continue to breathe deeply. Notice if any emotions come up; begin to label them. It's okay to not be okay! Try a sensory activity like push-ups, star jumps or using a calm down jar.





RELAX

When ready, share how you feel. Write it down, draw a picture, or talk with a trusted adult. This can help you find a way to resolve the situation. Then, do an activity to relax and let go!

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