

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hoping you are all well and you all managed to have a good half term break. It has already been busy this last week with Year 4 having a Viking day.

We have introduced the Christian value of 'Forgiveness' for this half term. This value will link with us all being forgiven at the cross as we lead into Easter. We are in the season of Lent and I shared with the children this morning that Lent is a time to say sorry for our bad choices and if we believe then we are forgiven. The Bible stories the worship monitors will be sharing, will all be about what Jesus had to say about forgiveness. Please do ask your children about collective worship time.

This week we are really excited about World Book Day and really looking forward to the workshop coming in. On Friday we will have one of four events which you can take part in. This Friday is St David's Day and all of Reception and KS1 children will be sharing learning on this. You are all welcome to come as are our extended family too. Year 4 will be sharing in an assembly on the 10<sup>th</sup> March and our Mother's Day assembly will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> March; please do join us as we celebrate this day together. Our Easter service will be at St John's Church at 2pm on the 31<sup>st</sup> March, you are all welcome.

I wanted to thank you for your continued understanding of the end of the day procedures. The procedure at the end of the day is to ensure all children are safely released to the correct parent/grandparent. The gate will open at 3.10pm where all parents who pick up children from KS1 enter the school site. For KS2 parents if you do arrive before 3.20pm you can still make your way onto the school site and wait for your child to come out. **No cars should be either parked or driven along Victory Road between 3pm and 3.30pm.** If you are using the car park for disabled access please arrive at 3pm and then you will need to wait until 3.30pm before you can leave for the safety of all on Victory Road. As I say, this is to ensure all children are safely released to the correct parent/grandparent. If you would like any clarification on this or you are unsure about coming onto the school site please do have chat with me or contact me through the email <u>office@st-johns.suffolk.sch.uk</u>. Please look out for any emails regarding booking for virtual parents meeting coming up. The virtual meetings will take place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023.

In this last week, Mrs Smith, teaching assistant in Class 3, has advised that she will be retiring after 21 years. She will be leaving at Easter. I know you will join me in saying a huge thank you to Mrs Smith for her work and contributions to St John's. I also have to let you know that Miss O'Grady, Class 2 teacher, has secured a teaching position in Dubai and will be leaving us at the end of the year. We wish her all the very best. The governors and I will be recruiting a new teacher for September and we are still discussing support staff deployment. Please do keep us in your prayers as we make decisions for the school.

My prayer for us all this term is to reflect during Lent about ourselves and who we are, relating to our school vision of being 'Loved by God, Learning with Jesus and Living by the Spirit'.

As always if you have concerns and would like to speak with me please do catch me on the playground or email the office to make an appointment. My door is open always to help and support in any way I can.

Best wishes,

Mrs J Betts

## PLEASE NOTE REVISED DATES AND PRICE.



The P.T.A. will be holding Mother's Day gift sales so that the children can buy a Mother's Day present for their Mum or Someone Special who looks after them. All gifts will be  $\pounds 2.50$ .

Please send money in a named, sealed envelope.

Monday 13 March—KS1 Tuesday 14 March—KS2

## **Dates for Diaries 2023**

2 March—World Book Day 3 March—St David's Day Assembly—9.10am 6 March—Mad Science Show for whole school to celebrate Science Week. 7 March—Year 3 Stone Age day 8 March—Year 2 Parents SATS meeting—5.00pm 10 March—Year 4 Class Assembly—9.10am 13 March—KS1 Mothers Day Gifts 14 March—KS2 Mothers Day Gifts 17 March—Mothers Day Assembly—9.10am 20 March—Virtual Parents Evening—please check your emails re booking 21 March—Easter Experience—Year 4 22 March—Easter Experience—Years 3, 5 and 6 23 March—Virtual Parents Evening-please check your emails re booking 29 March—Easter Journey—Years 1 and 2

31 March—Easter Service @ St John's Church 2.00pm

## PLEASE SHOW CONSIDERATION TO OUR NEIGHBOURS BY NOT PARKING IN VICTORY ROAD AT ANY TIME. THIS INCLUDES BREAKFAST CLUB, LATE **ARRIVALS, APPOINTMENTS AND SPORTS EVENTS—THANK YOU**

**VICTORY CLUB** are urgently looking for a new member of staff. Successful candidates must have a Level 3 gualification or above in either Early Years studies or Playwork. Hours 3.15pm-6.15pm (negotiable). Interested? Contact Vera Singh via email: Manager.SJVC@outlook.com. Start date: ASAP.

## DON'T FORGET THAT FROM FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY, VICTORY CLUB WILL CLOSE AT 5.00PM ON FRIDAYS.



You forgive the sins of all who are truly sorry. Create and make in us clean hearts, that we, humbly confessing our sins and knowing our brokenness, may receive your forgiveness and blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

