

# St John's CEVA Primary School



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Dear Parents and carers,

Hoping you have all survived what feels like to me the longest January ever!! It is lovely to see the daffodils shoot outside of my office, signs of Spring always bring great anticipation.

Though a very long month, so much learning has taken place and as I reflect on the Class 5 and 3 assemblies. I am so pleased to say the children have learnt so much and shared the learning so well. Thank you to so many for coming along to the assemblies. As we enter the last week of this term as always, I am reminded of how much we have to be grateful for.

Parent Share was busy too and I hope you all had the opportunity to come and share learning with your children. It was great to see you all.

We are looking forward to end of this week with two wellbeing days. The book the children will be reading is 'The Dam,' by David Almond. Through this story it will help the children with their understanding of dealing with loss and grief and what is to have relationships with the people who care for them; be it family or others. We believe the story will make links to our school vision and our Christian values of respect, compassion and wisdom. Please ask your children about the two days.

We complete our value of 'Peace' a reminder to us all of how we are made in the image of God and how peace is so important for good relationships. We have learnt from the Bible stories we have heard that Jesus has taught us that we need to be peacemakers through repentance and forgiveness.

We also embark on Lent and this morning in Collective Worship, remembering why Christians celebrate Lent and what we can be doing during Lent to remind us of Jesus and the sacrifices he made for us.

I have one last but very important message for you. Mrs Eastwood will be leaving us at the end of this term. Her last day being Thursday 28th March. She will be taking up the position of Head of Lower Prep at Culford Prep and Senior School. Mrs Eastwood has been the Deputy Head teacher for the last 4 years but has been part of the St John's Family for 11 and half years. She has been an inspiration to so many children that she has taught and teachers that she has supported. I know you will join me in congratulating her on her new position.

Please keep the Governors and I in your prayers as we start the recruitment process for a new Deputy Head for the school.

I wish all a very happy and safe half term and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 26th February 2024.

Please if you have any concerns and would like to speak with me please do make an appointment through the school office or catch me on the playground.

Best wishes,

Mrs Betts



## WALKING AND DRIVING SAFELY TO SCHOOL

Please take extra care when travelling to and from school.

The local roads are congested and can be dangerous.

Please also remind your children of Road Safety and not to run between parked cars. The school is lucky to still have a Road Crossing Patrol. This service is to ensure safe crossing for all the school community so please use this service and do not cross the roads between parked cars.

We have recently been notified of a 'near miss' and do not want to hear of anything more serious.

### **REMINDER FOR ALL...**

Please park well away from the school site  
and ensure pavements are accessible for pedestrians.

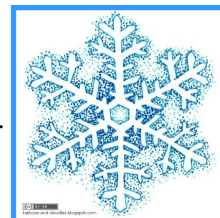
### **DO NOT PARK IN VICTORY ROAD AT ANY TIME**

**This includes dropping off for Breakfast Club and collecting children from After School Club or sports clubs/events.**

This will ensure all children and families can arrive and depart from school safely, and residents have complete access to and from their homes at all times.

**WINTER WEATHER** - Now that the weather is much colder and wetter, please ensure your child comes to school with a PLAIN NAVY coat everyday. School logo hats are available for purchase through our uniform suppliers. Alternatively, navy hats, scarves and gloves are acceptable.

**SEVERE WEATHER CLOSURE** - If the school needs to close fully or partially due to severe weather you will be notified by Parentmail as early as is possible.



### Winter Uniform

Your child should now be wearing the **winter uniform**. This will be shirts, ties and grey skirts for the girls and long trousers only for the boys.

#### PLEASE REMEMBER

- All uniform should be named.
- ♦ Shoulder length hair must be tied back.
- ♦ No jewellery in school. Pierced earrings should be sleeper type and removed or covered on PE days.
- ♦ **Coats** must be plain navy and brought into school every day.
- ♦ **Trainers** may only be worn on PE days.
- ♦ **Plain Black school shoes** at all other times. No boots or ankle boots are permitted

**The LOST PROPERTY BOX can be found in the School Office reception area.**

## Dates for Diaries 2023/24

All parents and other family members are welcome to attend whole school worship assemblies on Friday mornings.

Please check the school website for all the latest dates.



### February 2024

Thurs 15th—Fri 16th - Welbeing Days

**19th—23rd Feb                    HALF TERM**

Mon 26th                            Children return to school

Thurs 29th                        Year 4 Viking Workshop

### March 2024

Mon 4th—                         PTA Mothers day gifts KS1

Tues 5th —                        PTA Mothers day gifts KS2

Thurs 7th—                        World book day

Thurs 7th—                        Year 4 + 6 Wolsey Theatre Trip

Fri 8th—                            Mothers Day Assembly + Macmillan Coffee Morning

Mon 11th—Fri 15th            Science Week

Wed 13th—                        Year 4 Snape—Britten Pears Concert Performance

Fri 15th—                         Year 1 Assembly

Mon 18th                         Parents Evening

Thurs 21st                         Parents Evening

Mon 25th                         Year 6 Parents SATS Information Meeting 3.30 pm

Tues 26th                         Year 5 Imperial War Museum London

Thurs 28th                        School Easter Service 2.00pm

**Friday 29th March— Friday 12th April—EASTER HOLIDAY**

Monday 15th April—Children return to school

Dear Lord,

Watch over the peoples of countries who have been forced to flee their homes and face violence and fear.

Lead them to a place of safety, comfort those who grieve and bring healing to those in pain.

Turn hatred to understanding, and anger to compassion.

And fill us all with your Spirit so that with one voice, throughout the world, we may cry out



**Lord, send us the gift of peace    Amen**