

St John's C of E Infant School

Newsletter 27th March 2023

Latest News

Skipping fun at St John's, was great fun! Good for our bodies and our minds! We look forward to improving our skills in the playground over the coming weeks and you might even find that practise at home is fun for all the family too!

End of term staffing news, today will be Miss Hill's last day at St John's. Miss Hill is off on new adventures to gain experience in lots of different settings. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her every success. We hope that all her dreams come true as she heads off to share her light with others. That means we have a new member of the family to introduce as Mrs. Georgina Cook will be joining Fox class. Mrs. Cook has a wealth of experience, ideas and creativity to bring to the role. We are delighted she is going to join us. We recognize change can be a difficult time for children so we are grateful for the opportunities the children have had to work with Mrs. Cook already this term.

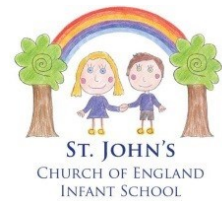
We can also share that after much deliberation and not without a lot of planning to see if it could work, Mrs. Sara Thompson has decided she won't be returning from maternity leave. She has 4 wonderful children keeping her very busy at the moment. We are delighted though as that means the equally fabulous Mrs. Corinne Collins will be staying with us and she and Mrs. Duerden will continue the current arrangement.

On Tuesday we held our annual Easter pause day where we pause all other curriculum areas and explore the Easter story for the day. We look at the sad and happy parts of the story, and what it means to many Christians.

We really enjoyed our Easter service on Friday and the sea of Easter bonnets look particularly spectacular in church and as we walk the children back to school after the service.

Just to repeat we are very grateful to every single member of the St John's family for their contributions over the past very busy month. We do hope we will be able to share news with you soon.

Have the very best Easter
Marion Stevens



Dates

- 17th April—First day of term
- 19th April—PTA meeting
- 1st May—BANK HOLIDAY
- 8th May—BANK HOLIDAY
- 11th May—Yr R Health Screening
- 24th May—New Rabbits storytime
- 26th May—Last day of term

For these and other dates.

[Online Calendar](#)





Values News



**'Be compassionate
and kind to one
another, forgiving
each other, just as
in Christ God for-
gave you.'**

Ephesians 4:32

Last week we looked at the line in the Lord's prayer "forgive us our sins as we forgive those that sin against us." We look at the word sins as mistakes and we know that everyone makes mistakes and should be forgiven.

We also looked at the phrase "God hurls our mistakes into the depths of the sea." We used this to remind ourselves that we don't forgive someone and keep reminding them of what they have done. If you throw a pebble into the sea you don't go and get that pebble back again.

Then on Thursday Rev Holbird told us the story of the Prodigal Son. This story showed us how the father's love helped him to forgive his son for his mistakes. However the eldest son found it harder to forgive his brother. We were left wondering if he did every forgive his brother but we do hope that he did so that he didn't spend his life being angry and jealous.

If we forgive someone should we keep reminding them of what they have done and why not?

How would it feel if people kept reminding you of your mistakes?

Celebrate Success

In Rabbit class this week's star learner was Ophelia for super exploring at forest school.

In Fox class this week's star learner was Isaac O for amazing mathematics.

In Badger class this week's star learner was Henry O, for being an incredible learner always giving 100%.

Well done everyone we are so proud of you!





PTA Needs you

Thank you to Mrs Rachel Gilbert who has met with our lovely treasurer Hannah and agreed to take on the role , they will be working together for the summer term.

If there are any families who would like to get more involved on the PTA committee we would love to hear from you.

We would love to hear from anyone who would be interested in a committee role . If you are interested Mrs Stevens would love to hear from you office@stjohns-farnham.surrey.sch.uk or alternatively come along to our next PTA meeting.

We really are still looking for more support as other key members will be leaving this summer. Please put a date into your diary for an evening PTA meeting. Come along and find out more about the future plans and lets listen to your ideas.

Wednesday 19th April 19.30 in the school hall.

We have received a grant from the council for some new vegetable beds. We are looking for a green team to help with this and other gardening projects around the school.

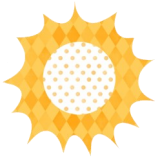


Helping Hands



Easter





Health and Well-being

As illnesses set in for the winter you may find this NHS website page useful for information about school attendance. [Is my child too ill for school?](#)

The children's mental health charity, Place2Be, has a website aimed at helping parents with typical situations they can find themselves in with their children.

Advice can be found on over forty topics including:

- Understanding sibling rivalry?
- My child is lying, what does it mean, what should I do?
- My child has trouble going to sleep
- My child says 'I hate you!'
- Cultural identity: who am I?

The Parenting Smart website can found [here](#):



Safeguarding

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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 or

telephone 01428 713216

Wellbeing

If you know a family, child or young person in need of help. You might like to point them in the direction of the Surrey website <https://www.mindworks-surrey.org/>

Should you be looking for some advice on speaking with your child about grief and loss then you may find this a useful article. [Tiny Happy People](#)

Hello!

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



Our Community

Message from Churt Horticultural and Produce Society (CHAPS)

Perhaps your pupils would like to take part in our Flower Shows. Our next one is the Spring Show on Saturday 1 April in the Village Hall. There will be classes for children.

Entries can be made by sending an email to chaps.showsecretary@gmail.com by 8pm on Thursday 30 March 2023 with the name of the child entering and a list of the classes being entered.

SPRING SHOW SCHEDULE

To be held on Saturday 1st April 2023
at 2:30 pm in Churt Village Hall.
All exhibits must be staged by 10:45am
Prize giving – 4:00 pm

JUNIOR SECTION

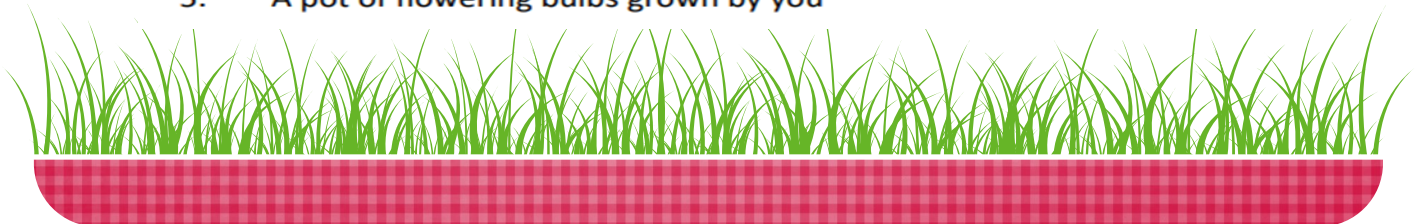
There will be a prize for the child who has entered the most classes in this section, excluding cup winners (see next page).

All exhibits must be the child's own unaided work.

1. A poster depicting a daffodil (not more than 300mm x 450mm). Age Group: 7 years and under.
2. As Class 36 above, but for Age Group: 8 - 12 years.
3. A drawing or painting of a fish (not more than 300mm x 450mm). Age Group: Under 16 years.

The following classes will be judged in three sections as follows:

- a) Under 7 years of age
 - b) 7 years of age but under 12
 - c) 12 years of age but under 16
4. An eggshell head with cress hair and a face
 5. A pot of flowering bulbs grown by you



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Churt & Hindhead Cricket Club are looking for new Junior Member.
Please follow the link below for more information and to register.

<https://club.spond.com/landing/courses/churthindheadccBD63B5B711B44097ADD0FB6C6B28B8D3>



SCHOOL CATERING VACANCIES

Term-time only positions with great work-life balance
Secure local jobs with regular pay
Career opportunities across Surrey
Work term-time only, get paid 12 months of the year

<https://itstwelve15.co.uk/work-for-twelve15/>

Register your interest, we'll get in touch



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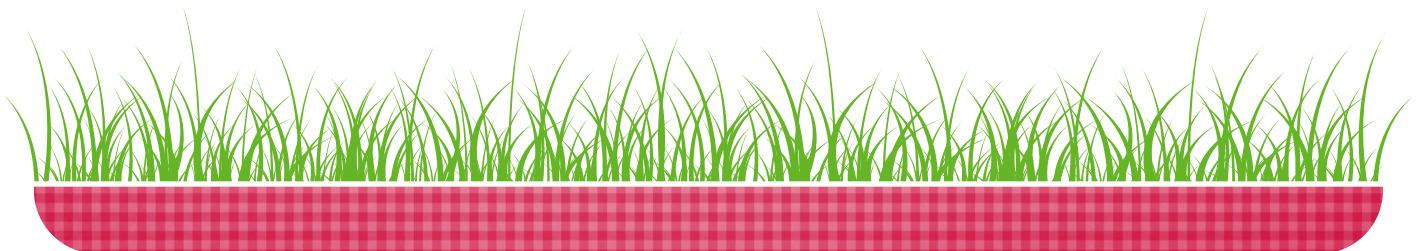
Bee Active Camp

St Hilary's Summer Multi-Activity Camp
Monday 24 July to Friday 12 August 2023, 8.45am - 4.00pm
£48 per day



Boys & Girls age 2-11 welcome

Book via www.bookwhen.com/sthilarys



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**Read it &
Return it!**

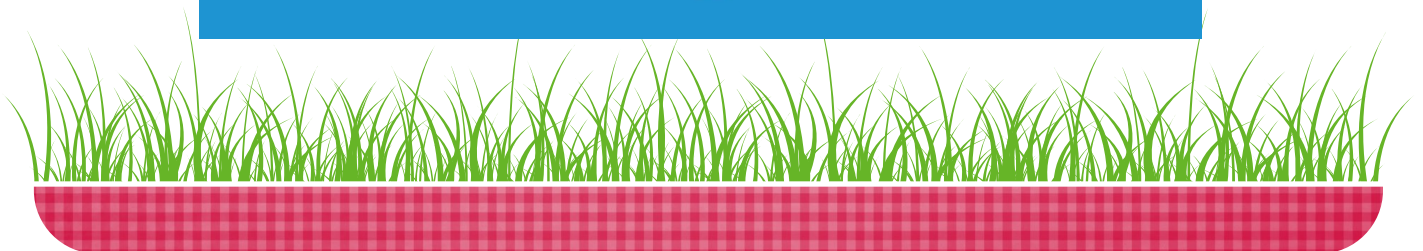


Keep children reading at home with Reading Chest, the book swapping subscription service.

Membership to Reading Chest starts from £11.95 per month and includes regular personalised deliveries of books to your home at your child's reading level. Parents can use the familiar colour bands used at school to select suitable books for their children.



**For more information and reading advice visit
www.readingchest.co.uk**



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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