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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

A very happy new year to you! This is the first opportunity that I have had to write to you all and whilst I have been fortunate to meet many of you at the end of last term this is the first chance I have had to formally introduce myself.

My husband and I have recently relocated to Farnham having lived in Devon for over 20 years. Having been a Headteacher in a Church School near Sidmouth and in a Community School near Lyme Regis over the last 9 years, I am delighted to be able to come and work at St John's. Everything that I have seen so far tells me that St John's is a very special community. I very much look forward to getting to know you and your children. The staff, governors and I are looking forward to working together as a team and ensuring that we all work in partnership for the benefit of all your children in our care.

This term, we are focusing on our Christian value of Love and Compassion. Today I was privileged to talk to all the children in our whole school assembly and introduce myself as their new Headteacher. We talked about how special we are in God's eyes and how we are loved and how we can show how we care and love each other. This will lead us to talking about *Corinthians 1 Chapter 13* next week when we explore the characteristics of love explained by Saint Paul.

Over the next few days, please come and introduce yourself and your children to me. I look forward to getting to know you and, if you wish to come and talk about any concerns that you may have, please contact the school office to arrange a mutually agreed time.

Next week, you will receive information about what the children have been learning in their first few days and there will also be topic-webs available to explain what the children will be learning this term.

Please be aware that a case of chicken-pox has been reported in school today. For further information, please refer to the NHS website page: <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Chickenpox/Pages/Symptoms.aspx>.

Finally, please find below a list of dates for your diary. The full list of dates for the Spring Term will be issued early next week.

I hope you will have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes
Gillian Morris

Dates Box:

Mon, 8 Jan	3.00pm	SportsKids Club starts
Tues, 9 Jan	3.00pm	French Club & Cookery Club start
Wed, 10 Jan	3.00pm	Spanish Club starts
Thurs, 11 Jan	3.00pm	Art Club starts
Mon, 15 Jan		Closing date for applications for Yr R and Yr 3 admissions for Sept 2018
Wed, 24 Jan	7.45pm	Parents' Forum – further details to follow
Fri, 9 Feb	3.00pm	End of half-term – school finishes at normal time, ie, 3.00pm
w/c Mon, 12 Feb		Half-term
Mon, 19 Feb	8.30am	First day of 2nd ½ of Spring Term