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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Love is in the air! Valentine's Day is a great opportunity to celebrate our school value of love and compassion. Life is always better when we take the time to tell others that we love them. Across the school hearts have been warmed with cards, messages, small gifts and gestures of love. You may even have seen a small paper heart that children were asked to leave near a place that had love or give to a loved one. The children have also been deciding what is the greatest love of all? We have reminded them how important it is to love themselves as well as others. We used the song, 'The Greatest Love' to inspire us and were reminded that our job is to show them 'all the beauty they possess inside!'



"Playing in a natural environment has shown to improve children's concentration, social and mental development, and physical and mental health"

Dr William Bird  
2006

We know that there is overwhelming support for our forest school sessions, and a real understanding of what that contributes to our curriculum. If you would like to see more of what the children have been up to pop in and have a look at the beautiful tree display board that Mrs Wills has kindly created today. Thanks go to her and all the other adults that make this amazing learning possible.

### A message from the PTA:

St. John's School PTA sent out an email earlier this week about Give as You Live - a fundraising scheme that raises money through everyday online and instore shopping. In short, retailers donate an amount of money per shopping transaction you do and that money is then sent to the school. Over 4000 retailers support 'Give as You Live' including the likes of Amazon, Next, M&S, Booking.com, Boots, John Lewis, Tesco, Waitrose, Sainsburys and many more. So if you do any online shopping for food, clothes, gifts etc. then please sign up to 'Give as You Live' and then the school can benefit at no extra cost to you.

St. John's School has already raised over £3000.00 via 'Give as You Live' - with just over 30 people signed up. So if we could get all our current parents, carers, staff and friends of St. John's School signed up today to 'Give as You Live' we could easily make more money for the School.

Here's how:

You can sign up via the School website - go to the Parents section and then the Fundraising page.

You can use this link [www.giveasyoulive.com/join/stjohncofe](http://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/stjohncofe). Then click the support us it's free button on the 'Give as you Live' webpage and then you can set up your account. Then each time you shop online at the stores that support 'Give as You Live' you will be asked if you want to donate. Just say yes! It's that easy.

Money raised by the PTA goes to many good causes at the School, from IT, to playground equipment, to drama and theatre workshops. Signing up to this scheme could make a real difference to the School for pupils now and in the future.

So please sign up, ask friends and family to sign up, keep shopping and help us raise lots of money for the School.

*Thank you from all the PTA team at St. John's School.*

Please make sure we have PE kits on your return to school and outdoor footwear should be trainers without studs as there is concern for the damage to the surface of the field.

**A reminder that any 'Recycle with Michael' bags need to be dropped before Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

Have a marvellous time with your children in the half-term holidays, we look forward to seeing you again on.

**Mrs Stevens**     &     **Mrs Bliss**  
 Head of School         Executive Head

**Dates box:**

Date	Time	Event
<b>Monday, 18 - Friday, 22 Feb</b>		<b>HALF TERM</b>
Monday, 25 February		Start back to school
Monday, 4 - Friday, 8 March		<b>BOOK WEEK</b>
Tuesday, 5 Mar	3.00pm - 4.00pm	PTA Event - Pancakes in the School Hall
Thursday, 7 Mar		World Book Day
Friday, 8 Mar		<b>MUFTI DAY</b> Children to come to school dressed as a book character (further details to follow)
Sunday, 10 Mar	from 10.30am - details tbc	PTA Event - Bunny Fun Run for all years Churt Recreation Ground
Tuesday, 12 Mar	3.30pm - 6.00pm	Parents' Evening
Weds, 13 Mar	4.30pm - 7.30pm	Parents' Evening
Friday, 15 Mar		Comic Relief Day - further details to follow
Thursday, 21 Mar	1.00pm - 2.45pm	Dress Rehearsal for Farnham Festival at South Farnham Infant School - further details to follow
Monday, 25 - Thursday 28 March		School/Scholastic Book Fair
Thursday, 28 Mar	5pm	Farnham Festival - Farnham Maltings
Friday, 29 Mar	2.30pm 3.00pm - 3.35pm	Mother's Day Assembly in the hall - all welcome Choir finishes
Monday, 1 Apr	3.00pm - 4.00pm	SportsKids Club finishes
Tuesday, 2 Apr	3.00pm - 4.00pm	Cookery Club finishes

Wednesday, 3 Apr	3.00pm 3.45pm	Spanish Club finishes
Thursday, 4 Apr	3.00pm - 4.00pm 3.00pm - 4.15pm	Art Club finishes Football club finishes
Friday, 5 April	9.00am  2.00pm	Easter Service in St John's Church  Last day of Spring Term School closes for the Easter break
<b>Monday, 8 April - Monday, 22 April</b>		<b>Easter Break</b>
Tuesday, 23 Apr	8.30am	First day of the Summer Term

**THE FRIENDS OF  
St JOHN'S  
CORDIALLY INVITE YOU  
TO**

**"A WINE BLUFF"**



A Great evening of  
Wine Tasting  
Guess which of our well known  
CADS panel is telling the  
truth.

On **MARCH 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 7.30 in **CHURT VILLAGE HALL**  
Tickets £16.00 including light supper & raffle - why  
not make up a table of eight with friends?

Tickets available from  
Richard Bourne 01252 749810, John Brain 01428 712219,  
Hugh Trotter, hughtrtoter@hotmail.com. Lisa Margretts 07971  
053920 Julia Deacon 07734 325130

**Daisy First Aid Course** 

**Family First Aid Course for  
Parents and Carer's**

A relaxed and informal session, aiming to give you the confidence to deal with  
emergency situations should you need to

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019**  
**10.30am - 12.30pm**

The Royal Junior School, Portsmouth Road, Hindhead, GU26 6BW

£25 individual or £45 for a couple

For booking and further details visit: [tinyurl.com/daisy1stnct](http://tinyurl.com/daisy1stnct)