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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We do hope that you all had a relaxing and peaceful time with your families during the Christmas break. We have had a marvellous start to 2019 and are ready for another great year. Firstly a huge heartfelt thank you to all members of the school community for being so welcoming and friendly to Mrs Bliss in her first week; our current school value (love and compassion) has been well and truly demonstrated. We will be thinking more about the things we love and the people we love through the half-term and what love and compassion look and feel like.

The value of having 2 headteachers in one school is quickly becoming apparent and Mrs Stevens and Mrs Bliss are already working closely together and with the other staff members to lead this wonderful school. As Heads they will work together to cover all aspects of school life and leadership, Mrs Stevens will focus mainly on the day to day running of the school and teaching and learning and Mrs Bliss will have a strategic overview of the school and school improvement. We have also welcomed other new staff to our school this term. The Foxes team, Miss Hill and Mrs Thompson, have quickly settled into school life and inspiring the children with their 'Toys' topic. Miss Shaw is a well-known face at St. John's and is now spreading her wisdom across the school working with both Rabbits and Badgers.

Curriculum letters are now available on the website for you to view and a hard copy will be given to your child in their book bag. This will give you an overview of the half-termly curriculum and some ideas of how you might support or talk to your children at home with their learning. These are the new school topics:

Class	Topic title	The big question
Rabbits	Pole to pole	What lives in the cold?
Foxes	Toys	What were toys like in the past?
Badgers	Walking with Dinosaurs	Big question: Who was here before us?

The freezing weather has not stopped us- all children have donned their winter clothes (thank you for making sure they are toasty) and taken part in their forest school session this week. We were reminded of the Norwegian saying, 'There's no such things as bad weather, just bad clothing' as we watched them troop outdoors with great excitement!

Additional important information: A final reminder for parents of children in Badgers class - Please ensure you have applied online for a Year 3 place by **January 15th 2019**. Families with younger siblings hoping to start Rabbits in September will also need to apply online by 15th January 2019 - these applications should be accompanied by a completed Supplementary Information Form, which can be downloaded from our website and should be returned to the school office. You will find a poster on the parent's notice board outlining the whole procedure.

Diary dates are listed below but also available on the events section of the news and events tab on our website. Have a wonderful weekend with your children; we are sure they will all need a bit of extra sleep after their first full week at school!

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

Date	Time	Event
Tuesday 15 Jan		Closing date for applications for Yr R & Yr 3 admissions for September 2019
Tuesday 15 Jan	3.00pm - 4.00pm	Cookery Club starts (Yrs 1 & 2 only)
Thursday 17 Jan	3.00pm - 4.00pm	Football Club starts
Friday 18 Jan	3.00pm - 3.35pm	Choir starts
Tuesday 5 Feb	2.30pm	Fox Class Assembly + "Stay & Share" in the hall - all Fox Class parents welcome
Wednesday 6 Feb	2.30pm	Badger Class Assembly + "Stay & Share" in the hall - all Badger Class parents welcome
Friday 15 Feb		End of half-term - school finishes at 3.00pm
Monday, 18 - Friday 22 Feb		HALF TERM
Monday, 4 - Friday, 8 Mar		BOOK WEEK
Thursday 7 Mar		World Book Day
Friday 8 Mar		MUFTI DAY Children to come to school dressed as a book character (further details to follow)
Tuesday 12 Mar	3.30pm - 6.00pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 13 Mar	4.30pm - 7.30pm	Parents' Evening
Friday 15 Mar		Comic Relief Day - further details to follow
Thursday 21 Mar	TBC	Dress Rehearsal for Farnham Festival at South Farnham Infant School - further details to follow
Thursday 28 Mar	5pm	Farnham Festival - Farnham Maltings
Monday 25 to 29 Mar		School/Scholastic Book Fair

Date	Time	Event
Friday 29 Mar	2.30pm	Mother's Day Assembly in hall - all welcome
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	Art Club finishes

Friday 5 Apr	9.00am 2.00pm	Easter Service in St John's Church - please bring your child/ren straight to the Church Rooms. Please note it is your responsibility to ensure your child is taken to school after the Church Service. Last day of Spring Term School closes for the Easter break
Tuesday 23 April	8.30am	First day of the Summer Term