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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

What an amazing week with 2 class assemblies full of some of the learning that has been taking place this term. It is such a joy to see and hear the discussions taking place with your children as they share their books with you afterwards. The children are so good at talking about their learning and are proud of their progress and achievements. We are proud of them and they love hearing this from you as well.

The Year One class had a fantastic time on their trip to Milestones supporting their learning on toys and how they have changed over time. The Farnham Herald was also interested in the visit from the Farnham museum so look out for a write up in the newspaper next week.

Every day children and adults walk under the words *'Enquiring Minds & Open Hearts'* as they enter the school; this week we explored what that actually means to us and decided that it is guiding us to show **love** to everybody.



We are supporting
Safer Internet Day
5 Feb 2019

#SaferInternetDay2019
www.saferinternetday.org.uk

We have also spent time learning about on-line safety this week with the importance being that we ask an adult before using the internet and if anything pops up that we ask an adult for help. We also stressed the importance of never giving out personal information. It was interesting that the children prompted discussions about the age ratings of games; please may we point out to adults the importance of these. Firstly, is it appropriate for your child to be watching or taking part in? If you allow your child access to games that are not suitable for their age they come into school and discuss these which also has implications for other children.

We are very fortunate now to be working further afield with other infant schools that can bring their expertise to St. John's; support for on-line safety is a great example of this. Below is a set of guidelines put together by Mrs Gayle Priestley (On-line Safety Leader from Newdigate Infant School) who is specifically trained to support schools to stay safe on-line through the CEOP group. We do hope the guidance will be helpful to you as well.



Talk to your child about what they're up to online. Be a part of their online life; involve the whole family and show an interest. Find out what sites they visit and what they love about them; if they know you understand they are more likely to come to you if they have any problems.

Watch Thinkuknow films and cartoons with your child. The Thinkuknow site has films, games and advice for children from five all the way to 16. www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Encourage your child to use sites which are fun, educational and that will help them to develop online skills.

Set boundaries in the online world just as you would in the real world. Think about what they might see, what they share, who they talk to and how long they spend online. It is important to discuss boundaries at a young age to develop the tools and skills children need to enjoy their time online. At school we have discussed that sometimes it can be difficult to stop playing games and it's important to listen to our parents as to how long we can play on them for.

If your child wants to play a game that is rated higher than their age, say 'no' and explain why. Talk to the parents of your child's friends. If you are all saying 'no' it makes life easier! When the children were asked in assembly what should we do if we are at a friend's house and the friend wants to play a game that they know their parents wouldn't want them to play,

Discuss with your child what they should do if they are asked for their name, address, school; if they see something they don't like or makes them feel uncomfortable; someone sends them an unkind message. Your child should be able to say that they need to tell an adult and to NOT delete messages.

Set the routine that at night time i-pads, smart phones (when they get one) are always put in one room, like the kitchen, at a certain time e.g. 7:00pm or bed time. If this is put in place now it will make life much easier when your child grows older.

Know what connects to the internet and how. Nowadays even the TV connects to the internet. Make sure you're aware of which devices that your child uses connect to the internet, such as games console, e.g. x-box live.

Use parental controls on devices that link to the internet, such as the TV, laptops, computers, games consoles and mobile phones. Parental controls are not just about locking and blocking, they are a tool to help you set appropriate boundaries as your child grows and develops. They are not the answer to your child's online safety, but they are a good start and they are not as difficult to install as you might think. This website is excellent and has step by step picture instructions on how to set parental control on the majority of devices: <https://www.internetmatters.org/> Click on the icon 'controls.'

We will be saying goodbye to a member of our team at half term as Mrs Redgrave is leaving St John's to take on a new role that fits around her commitments. She has been very sad about this decision and will keep in touch. She has worked supporting children in year one, as a midday supervisor and coached tennis in the autumn term for year one and two. We wish her luck in her new role.

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

Dates box:

Date	Time	Event
Friday, 15 Feb		End of half-term - school finishes at 3.00pm
Monday, 18 - Friday, 22 Feb		HALF TERM
Monday, 4 - Friday, 8 March		BOOK WEEK
Tuesday, 5 Mar	3.00pm - 4.00pm	PTA Event - Pancakes in the School Hall
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)
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
Monday, 8 April - Monday, 22 April		Easter Break
Tuesday, 23 Apr	8.30am	First day of the Summer Term

CASTING CALL



FOR A PRODUCTION OF
'THE THRILLING TALE OF
THE THREE MUSKETEERS'

DATE: 10/02/19

TIME: 2-3.30PM

LOCATION: CHURT VILLAGE HALL, CHURT

Looking for talented young performers to take roles in upcoming production of "The Thrilling Tale of The Three Musketeers" – a comedy-drama written for young people. Auditions are being held from 2pm at Churt Village Hall on 10th February. Performers must be aged between 6 – 16 years.

Production is being staged by CADS in Churt on the 29/30/31 March 2019.
Email questions to vickikirk208@gmail.com

Look forward to seeing you on the 10th!

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