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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

Another really exciting week at St John's with our Library Grand Opening yesterday. What a fantastic day! Naomi Kefford, a dear friend and children's author, came in to talk to the children about one of her books, "When the Dragons Came". The children were fascinated hearing all about the writing process and the fact that we never stop learning, even when we are grown-ups. Our Director of Education for the Diocese, Alex Tear, officially opened our library and the whole school was involved in a really lovely "Thank You" assembly. The Farnham Herald was also there and we will let you know when the piece is in the paper.

A huge *thank you* to our PTA who ran the travelling Book Fair after school, as well as supplying cookies and milk to all the children. I am absolutely loving our book swap for mums and dads as, not only is this great fun, but it also gives a super example to our children. As our author yesterday morning said, "I hope you get "lost" in the library – what is better than getting lost in a fabulous book?"

Please could I draw your attention to some very small amendments we are hoping to make to our Admissions Policy? These are shown below but, for more information, please see the website, click on *Admissions* and then *Overview*.

Proposed Admission Criteria for 2019/2020

- 1 Looked after children and previously looked after children (see note 1).
- 2 Children with exceptional circumstances, documented medical or social needs (see note 2).
- 3 Children who have a sibling(s) at school at the time of the closing date for applications (see note 3).
To now read:
Children who have or who have had a sibling(s) attending St John's (see note 3).
- 4 Children of staff who are on the payroll or who satisfy a skills shortage (see note 4).
- 5 Children for whom St John's is the nearest school admitting pupils of the same age (see note 5).
- 6 Children for whom St John's is not the nearest school but who are, in priority order:
 - (a) children of parent(s) who are regular worshippers (see note 6) at St John's the Evangelist Church, Churt with Rushmoor; and
 - (b) children of parents(s) who are regular worshippers (see note 6) at a Christian church of any denomination.
- 7 Children whose parents wish them to attend this church school.

Don't hesitate to talk to me with any questions you may have or if you need more information.

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week and to show our support for this, the children can come into school on Monday wearing odd socks and donating £1 to the Anti-Bullying Alliance, "All Different All Equal".

The children will have brought home tonight one of the original drawings from the Dragon book to colour in for our colouring competition. One of the themes in the book is, again, embracing and celebrating difference.

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On Friday it is "Children in Need" and we would love for the children to come to school in home clothes and donate £1 to this charity.

Have a super weekend.
Ginnie

Dates Box:

w/c Mon, 13 Nov		Anti-Bullying Week – odd socks on Monday "Children in Need" Week – mufti day on Friday
Wed, 15 Nov	2.15pm	Fox Class Assembly + "Stay & Share"
Thurs, 16 Nov	from 8.30am 2.15pm	Photographer in school – further details to follow Badger Class Assembly + "stay & Share"
Fri, 24 Nov	early pm	PTA film night – further details to follow
Wed, 6 Dec	4.00pm-6.00pm	PTA Christmas Fair

News items for this week:

1s Headley Brownies – we have been asked to let everyone know about this Brownies pack in Headley.

1st Headley Brownies
 Every Thursday
 5:45pm-7:15pm
 Headley Church Centre

For girls aged 7, 8 or 9
Join in the fun and earn
badges along the way!

Sounds like fun?!

- Register at: <https://enquiryvm.girlguiding.org.uk/>
(in stage 3 select 1st Headley Brownie pack)
- Questions?
Text Snowy Owl (Nicola Chandler) on 07469 921013 or
email snowyowl.headleybrownies@gmail.com

We hope to see you soon!

The Friends of St. John's Presents...

Chart Variety Performance 2017

Saturday 25th November at 7.30pm
St. John's Church, Churt.

Produced & Directed by Ant Lloyd-Perks

Talented local artists will perform an exciting and varied programme of
instrumental music, singing and dance with humorous sketches and
entertaining readings and poetry.

In aid of the St. John's Fabric Fund.

Tickets £12.50 for adults
£5.00 for children (under 16)
Ticket price includes light refreshments.

Tickets available from: Ant Lloyd-Perks 01428 608564, Richard Bourne 01252 794810, John
Brain 01428 712219, Hugh Trotter 01428 605350, Lisa Margretts 01428 717295, Julia Deacon
01428 713302 or email nicola@perkinpr.co.uk

Friends of St John's – please see the flyer, advertising their Variety Performance, which we have been asked to forward to everyone.