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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

We started our new assembly series this week: "Face to Face with Jesus". The idea is that I interview all the different people who met Jesus. We do this on "The ONE Show" on a Monday morning - the whole school community is involved and we learn something new each week. This week, for example, we all thought about "purpose" - what is our purpose? Do we think God has a purpose for our lives? These are big questions and from Reception to Yr 2 we hear the most wonderful and spiritual answers from our children.

So much has been taking place at St John's this week. Our field has now been converted into the most fabulous space with the outside classroom now a large trim-trail and a natural wildlife area. We will have a grand opening at our Summer Fair on Saturday, 13 May. Staff will do a full risk assessment next week and the children will then be able to use the trim-trail after that.

I do want to say a big thank you to the kind mums who are coming in at lunch times to help in the dinner hall. This is working so well and enables us therefore to have a better adult ratio outside. We are still looking for more volunteers, for Tuesday in particular, if you are able to help at all.

I do understand how difficult and expensive it can be booking breaks in the school holidays and I also see so much value in spending time together as a family. However, taking children out of school does cause problems. Children do miss important curriculum learning and often it isn't quite as straightforward as simply sending home a piece of work. I will endeavour to send out all the INSET dates for next year as soon as possible. Already 4 and 5 September will be INSET and therefore the children will start the Autumn Term on Wednesday, 6 September.

Finally could I remind all of you who use the pub car park at drop-off and/or pick-up to park carefully and to ensure other users can get in and out. We are so lucky to have this facility.

I do wish you all a really happy, long weekend and look forward to seeing you, raring to go, on Tuesday.

With best wishes Ginnie

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News items for this week:

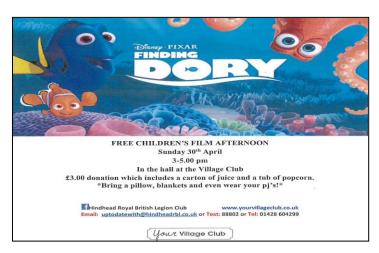
<u>Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers</u> - next week is the last week that these will be issued, so please keep searching the bottom of purses and shopping bags for any vouchers you may still have - our collection box is at the end of the corridor, just by Badgers' classroom. Thank you so much!

<u>Summer Term Dates</u>: there have been some amendments to this term's dates and the updated version has been re-emailed out to everyone. As mentioned above, please be aware that one of the amendments is a second INSET Day at the start of the new academic year in September.

<u>Fundraising</u> / <u>Give as You Live</u>: please don't forget that we have a link to <u>Give as You Live</u> on our website: <u>www.stjohns-farnham.surrey.sch.uk</u>. Please go to <u>Parents</u> where you will find our <u>Fundraising</u> page.

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<u>Free Children's Film Afternoon</u> - please see the flyer for more information about this event happening on Sunday.





<u>Bel & The Dragon</u> - a note for your diaries: Holly & Al Cowan will be performing at Bel & The Dragon on Bank Holiday Monday.



Free Coaching Event - we have been asked to let everyone about this free Coaching Event taking place at The Churt Club next Wednesday.

 $\underline{\text{Bel \& The Dragon}}$  – will be hosting a comedy evening next month – further details given opposite.

