



St. John's C of E Primary School Newsletter



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**Happy New Year
Everyone!
All good wishes for 2012.**



Behaviour Policy

Over the last 12 months, we have been reviewing our Behaviour Policy. We have consulted with representatives from all class groups and have taken advice from each Committee of Governors, which include a number of parents. Staff have been involved and the latest OFSTED guidance has also been incorporated into our policy. Like many school policies, it works alongside others, particularly our (reviewed) Anti-Bullying Policy and our policy for Cultural Diversity and Racial Equality. Our new behaviour policy seeks to emphasise that we have one Golden Rule (Love One Another) and that we have high expectations of behaviour. It outlines examples of rewards that may be used in school and also extends the example list of consequences for unacceptable behaviour. The policy is now on the school website and there will be a meeting about it later in the term for parents/carers. We will be introducing the policy to the children over the Spring term.

Free School Meals

As you may be aware from the media, the Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families. This funding is called a pupil premium. For every child registered the school receives £488 this year. This money could be used to provide additional further extra curricular activities or additional ICT hardware. Families are eligible for free school meals if you receive any of these benefits:

- * Income Support
- * Income based Job seeker's Allowance
- * Income –related Employment and Support Allowance
- * Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- * The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- * Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income of that does not exceed £16, 190
- * Working Tax Credit 'run on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming. If your child is registered for Free School Meals, he/she may also be entitled to financial help with the cost of school visits. Please read the letter accompanying this newsletter and speak to Mrs Murphy in the office if you would like further details.

Collective Worship



The theme for
Collective

Worship for this half term is 'Choices'. As part of this theme we will be thinking about making good choices, taking decisions which may be sometimes difficult and listening to one's conscience. Children will be challenged to think about the choices they face in life and how our Christian faith can help us to make the correct choice. We will also think about where to find good advice when facing hard choices and consider how bad choices can be put right.

Class Collective Worship

Please find below the dates when classes will be leading Collective Worship. Parents/carers of children in the class leading the Collective Worship are invited to join us on that day. We do ask that as it is an act of worship photographs or videos are not taken.

20th January—Year 4
27th January—Year 5
3rd February—Noah
24th February—Year 6
2nd March—Ark
9th March—Year 2
16th March—Year 3
23rd March—Tiger



Parent Support Groups



Family Lives (formerly Parentline Plus) is an independent national charity. They offer **free** group and confidential individual face-to-face or telephone support to help make your family life less stressful! Please phone **020 8655 2402** or email croydonadmin@familylives.org.uk for more information or to book a place on a parent group.

Parent Group	Dates and time	Venue
A group for All Parents looking at Less Shouting, more co-operation # 1012 Free Crèche	Tuesdays - 4 sessions January 17, 24, 31 - Feb 7 9.30-11.30 am	Woodside Children's Centre Morland Road Addiscombe CRO 6NF
A group for All Parents looking at Understanding Children's Behaviour # 1013 Free Crèche	Tuesdays -5 sessions Feb 21, 28 - Mar 6, 13, 20 1.00 - 3.00 pm	Tunstall Children's Centre Tunstall Road, Croydon CRO 6TY
A group for All Parents looking at Understanding Children's Behaviour #1014. Free Crèche	Wednesdays -5 sessions Jan 11, 18, 25, -Feb 1, 8 1.00 - 3.00 pm	Peppermint Children's Centre Franklin Way, Croydon, Surrey CRO 4YD
A group for All Parents looking at Bringing Up Children after Splitting Up #1015. Free Crèche	Wednesdays - 3 sessions March 7, 14, 21 1.00 - 3.00 pm	Norbury Manor Primary School Abingdon Road, London, SW16 5QR

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Free Individual Support Face-to-Face

Like many organisations in Croydon, Family Lives have undergone some changes and for this reason a description of the services available and how to access them is below:

Individual Support – Level 1

For families with no identified additional needs, parents/families can get up to 6 sessions with a support worker who will listen and work alongside parents to help identify and define issues, help to think of ways to change the situation and signpost or refer to further support if needed.

Contact Family Lives on 020 8655 2402 or croydonadmin@familylives.org.uk

These sessions can also be held in children's centres and they encourage use of rooms at Tunstall and Children's Centres.

Get skipping!

Remember Dan the Skipping Man will be in school on 6th January, inspiring children to get active by skipping. All children in Years 2-6 will need their P.E. kit and suitable footwear in school as the sessions are very active. After the skipping day children will be encouraged to get active by skipping at break and lunchtimes.

Dan offers ropes for sale, suitable for 4 year olds up to adults. **Children's ropes are £4 and adults are £5.50.** These will be available to buy on the day of the workshop and for 10 days afterwards every morning at 8.45am in the Octagon.

Dates for the diary 2011-12

Friday 6th January
Skipping Workshop
Thursday 12th January
Additional Prospective Parents Meeting
(for those who couldn't make the previous date)
Wednesday 25th January
Croydon Swimming Gala Heats
Wednesday 8th February
Tiger class visit to Build-a-Bear
Thursday 9th February
Break up for Half Term
NEW DATE
*** Friday 10th February ***
INSET Day
Monday 20th February
Back to School
Thursday 23rd February
Tiger class visit to Shirley Library
Monday 27th February—
Friday 2nd March
Year 5 to Whitgift School Primary Project
Tuesday 6th March
Y3 visit to London Mozart Players
Wednesday 7th March and
Thursday 8th March
Parental Consultations
Friday 30th March
Break up for Easter Holiday
Monday 16th April
Back to School
Wednesday 2nd May
Class Photographs
W/B 14th May
Year 6 SATs Week
18th—20th May
St. John's Church Flower Festival
Thursday 24th May
All Saints Choir Competition
13th—15th June
Yr 4 at Cudham