



# St. John's C of E Primary School Newsletter



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## Carnival Week Coming Soon!

**D**uring the week before half term, 6th - 9th February, we will be celebrating Carnival Week at St. John's. During the week we will be doing a range of activities celebrating the different cultures represented in our school and talking about the importance of respecting and admiring our similarities and differences. Children will learn about different carnivals around the world and will make their own headdresses and masks. The week will culminate in a Dance Workshop on Thursday 9th February when all classes will have the chance to work with a visiting dancer to learn some African dances. At the end of the afternoon the children will come together for a Carnival celebration. Please could children should bring £1 on Thursday 9th towards the costs of the workshop. They can wear clothes in carnival colours or even their own carnival costume on that day. As a way for the whole community to mark Carnival Week, on Wednesday 8th February after school, we will be having an International Café in the Dining Hall, where you can come to try some international tasty treats. If you are able to help in any way during Carnival Week with the making of costumes, cooking, talking to the children or preparing food for the International Café, providing any resources we could use to make the masks and headdresses etc please speak to Mrs Martin or Miss Evans.



## Behaviour Awards

**T**his week as part of the introduction of our new Behaviour Policy, we will be introducing the 'Behaviour Awards'. Each week one child from the Infants and one child from the Juniors, who has shown exemplary behaviour, will be chosen to receive a very special 'Behaviour Award'. This will be a red scarf which will be presented during our Red Badge Celebration Worship on a Thursday morning. The child will then be able to wear the scarf for the whole week. As only two children will receive the 'Behaviour Award' each week, it will be a great honour to be chosen. Please join us in congratulating Matthew Barnes in Year 6 and Anna Fallon in Year 2 who have been the first children to receive the award today, and any child you see wearing one of the red scarves in the future.

## Collection after Clubs

**I**f your child has been attending an after school activity please make sure that you are there to collect him/her promptly from the Octagon. It is important that children know to wait in the Octagon for whoever is coming to collect them and that they do not go to wait on the pavement outside school. In order to keep the school site as safe as possible, we will lock the top gate onto Shirley Church Road at the end of the normal school day. Therefore, all parents/carers should use the Main Entrance if they are collecting children after this time.



## Water Bottles

**P**lease help us to follow our Healthy Schools Policy by ensuring that your child only brings **water** to school in his/her bottle. Squash, milk or any other drinks are not permitted. Water is available for all children at lunchtime. If they drink all of the water in their bottle, they can also fill it up from the water dispensers in the Dining Hall.



## Thank You

**T**hank you to everyone who gave a donation for the retiring collection at the Christmas Carol service. Together we raised £283 for the Children's Society.

## Cashless is Coming

**W**e are pleased to let you know that this year there will be more opportunities to use Parentpay to pay for a wider range of school expenses such as Breakfast Club and school visits etc. More details to follow soon.

## MLH After School Club

We are pleased to announce that MLH who currently run the popular After School Club based at the St. Mildred's Centre will be opening an additional club at St. John's after February half term. This will run every day after school until 5.30pm and then at 5.30 any children who have not been collected will be taken to St. Mildred's from where parents will be able to collect them until 6pm.

You will have received a questionnaire earlier this week which included a request for further information sheet. If you are interested in using the After School Club, please return this form to the office so that we can then pass it onto MLH. They will then contact you with more details including an information pack, registration form etc. If you would like any more information please contact Liz Gordon on 07930 619763.



## Dates for the diary 2011-12

**Thursday 26th January**

Olympic Day at Shirley High for Year 3

**W/B 6th February**

Carnival Week

**Wednesday 8th February**

Tiger class visit to Build-a-Bear

**Thursday 9th February**

Break up for Half Term

**Friday 10th February**

INSET Day

**Monday 20th February**

Back to School

**Thursday 23rd February**

Tiger class visit to Shirley Library

**Monday 27th February**

Olympic Day at Shirley High for Year 2

**Monday 27th February—**

**Friday 2nd March**

Year 5 to Whitgift School Primary Project

**Tuesday 6th March**

Y4 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

**Thursday 26th April**

Olympic Day for Year 4

**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

**Tuesday 19th June**

Olympic Day at Benson for Year 1



## Sports News

Well done to all those Key Stage 2 children who took part in the Swimming Gala on Wednesday 25th January. They swam exceptionally well and were brilliantly supportive of one another. Thanks to all the parents who supported the swimmers and particularly to Mrs Young for poolside supervision and Mrs Redhead and Mrs Ibrahim for time keeping. As soon as we have the heat results we will let you know.

## Bikeability

Bikeability is cycling proficiency for the 21st century, designed to give people the skills and confidence to ride their bikes on today's roads. School Holiday courses are being run free for Years 5 and 6 at Croydon Arena (Albert Road, South Norwood, Greater London SE25 4QL). Participants gain the skills and confidence to make an 'on road' journey. The course uses an incremental training scheme based on the levels established by the National Standard for Cycle Training. It uses combinations of demonstration, drills and games to impart and embed the required knowledge and skills. When ready, trainees cycle on the road accompanied by the Instructors to the various drill sites and learn how to interact with other road users in a safe and responsible manner. The course is fun and enjoyable. Applicants must be able to cycle unaided and should have their own bikes. Bikes must be in a roadworthy condition.

Free cycle lessons are also available for children and adults. Complete the booking form on the website below and the local instructor will contact you to arrange a two hour lesson at a location near your home or work, with a date and time to suit both of you. If the lesson is for a child then an adult must be present. When you book, please use the postcode of the area where you want to have the lesson—either your work address, where you live or where you study. For a small fee, many instructors will lend you one of their bicycles. Visit <http://www.cyclinginstructor.com/>

Croydon Council is providing group cycle rides for adults only on a Saturday morning. These start at Croydon arena and last for about two hours. For more information please contact Shelley Ross at Croydon council.

