

St John's Catholic Primary School



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Parent Information Session on Assessment without Levels

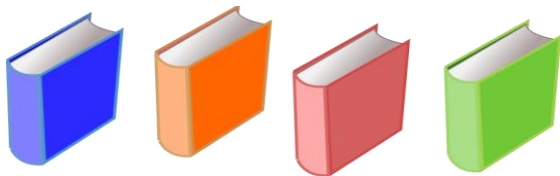
Thank you to all of the parents who attended this briefing session. It was well supported and we hope you found it useful. As well as general assessment throughout the school, we spoke in some detail about the changes at the end of KS1 and KS2.

Following on from this, we have organised a Parent Workshop next half term on internet safety. This was at the request of a number of parents.



Parents Association

In the past we have had a Parents Association who have organised events for the children and their families and also supported fund raising for the school. We will organise a preliminary meeting for those parents who might be interested in this. Please look out for a date in the next newsletter.



Parents Evening

Letters have been sent out informing you of the details of the Meetings which will be scheduled to take place on Wednesday February 10th between 3.30pm and 6pm.

Events for this week

Wednesday 10th February – Ash Wednesday. Children from Year 2 and KS2 will attend the Parish Mass.

Wednesday 10th February

Parents Evening

Thursday 11th February

Year 1 Class Assembly will start at 3pm promptly. All parents are welcome. Please ensure you arrive before 3pm as the assembly will begin on time; we cannot keep the children waiting.

Friday 12th February

French Day

Save the Date

Here are some dates you might like to make a note of (details will follow).

Class assembly dates - Thursdays at 3pm

3rd March – Year 4

10th March – Reception Class

Tuesday 8th March at 2.15pm – We have organised an e-safety Information Meeting for parents and carers. It will be most informative and we have an outside speaker.

Website and internet safety

We have added some excellent links on to our website for parents and carers on e safety.

These can be found under the Parents Page (link on the home page). These links include: Parent Zone, Parent Info and CEOP .

Important information you may find useful includes, 'Where to go for help with online problems', 'Staying safe on Minecraft', 'Safety and Selfies' etc.

A useful website for children which we use in school to help teach children how to be safe online is **www.thinkuknow.co.uk**. Why not have a look at this and talk to your child about e safety.



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Celebrating Success

EYFS

Following inspirational visits to other schools the Nursery and Reception Classes are developing their Outdoor Classrooms to promote more active learning. Children will be starting to grow things as the weather gets warmer, hopefully we will have some salads to share later.



KS1

Year 2 have taken their learning outside the classroom with a visit to The Shed. This great opportunity allowed the children to see habitats and micro habitats in our local area. They look forward to applying their learning back in class.

This is what Tsahai said about the experience, 'We looked at different animals in their habitats, my favourite was the fish in the tank with water. I like going to The Shed because I like learning more about habitats outside.'



KS2

A group from Year 6 played in a hockey tournament this week. Here is Sid's report on this sporting opportunity:

'Our trip was very exciting, we went to Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Sports Facility for a hockey tournament. The team consisted of Alan, Lily, Chanel, Chukwma, Olivia, Naomi and myself. Our first game was against Cathedral School and we snagged a 2-0 victory, our second game was against St. Jude's School and we won 2-1. On the 3rd game we played St. Joseph's School and won 5-1. Game 4 got us our first loss against Rye Oak 1-0. We went through to the semi-final with a win against Boucher but were beaten 4-0 by Rye Oak School in the Final.



Surrey Docks Farm Visit for Years 4 and 5 By Tilly

'I really liked it when the guinea pigs made tunnels with the hay. My favourite part was holding the guinea pigs, they were really soft and we had to stroke them to calm them down. We also played an animal card game where we had to find pictures of animals and group them together. It was a really fun afternoon.'

Attendance – January 2016

- Reception 92.2%
- Year 1 93.3%
- Year 2 91.2%
- Year 3 89.6%
- Year 4 93.0%
- Year 5 96.7%
- Year 6 93.3%

Well done - Year 5 have won the Attendance Trophy for a 2nd time in a row!