



St John's Church of England (Aided) Primary School, Gosport



Our School Values

Love, Courage and Respect

Lent

'Give alms...Pray to your Father...Fast without a gloomy face...' (Matthew 6:1-18)

Attendance

Last week: 94.97%

Overall attendance from September is:
96.34%

Today we hear a voice from the clouds saying "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." How do we listen to Jesus in our lives? And how do we respond to what we hear about Jesus? Let's think a bit more about that today.

Prayer

God of mercy, you ask us to listen to your Son, Jesus. Open our ears to hear your Word and fill our hearts with your love so that we may change our lives and so change the lives of others. *Amen.*

Mark 9: 2 - 10

The Transfiguration

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters— one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They kept the matter to themselves, discussing what "rising from the dead" meant.

Prayer

God of life, help us to listen to your Son Jesus and to live our lives as he asks us, making a real change to ourselves and the lives of all we meet. *Amen.*

Headteacher's Address

Dear Parents / Carers,
Last week was a great start to the final half term of spring. The children were all ready and prepared to continue to work hard and do their very best every day. It makes me feel so proud when I'm walking around the school and I see our children persevering and not giving up. This is a quality I want to see from all our children as we move through this term.

For our Year 6 children this is a very important half term. They are getting closer



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to SATS week and beginning to count down the weeks in preparation. They have made me so proud already with their 'work ethic'. Keep going the finish line is nearly there!

We are now in the season of 'Lent' and as a Church of England school this time in the Church calendar is exceptionally important. Many people 'give' up something for Lent and I am giving up all sweets. This is going to be tricky for me but this time of the year is about leading a simpler life. Lent is about three very important 'pillars' – Almsgiving (helping those less fortunate than ourselves, Prayer and Fasting (giving something up).

We continue using our 'school values' so you will hear the children coming home talking about the values of: Love, Respect and Courage. These are our three Christian Values we have chosen as a school for our community. We will continue focusing on these values to help us become better members of our school community. These three values underpin all we do and will enable us to Learn, Love and Fly!

Please remember our school uniform policy and ensure your children are wearing the correct uniform, this includes black school shoes and not trainers! Also please ensure if your children have long hair it is tied back. It continues to be important that we wear our uniform with pride and we are presented well.

As always thank you for your continued support,
Always,
Mr. L. Strong
Headteacher

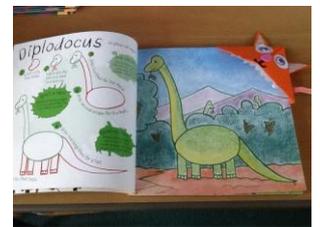
KS2

The National Literacy Trust's Young Reader's Programme.

Years 3 and 4 have been lucky to be invited to take part in this programme. Its aim is to motivate children and young people to read for enjoyment through a series of literacy

events that celebrate the fun of reading. At each event the children independently select a new book of their choice to keep.

We held our first event last week which consisted of a carousel of activities that included: making bookmarks, a book quiz and chill out reading time. As you can see the children had a great time. They have chosen a book each which will be presented to them on World Book Day. The children were very excited when they chose their books and are looking forward to receiving them.



Quotes from children:

We made bookmarks of our choice and I made a Pokemon one. It was really fun to be able to pick books and make book marks. .
Lewis 4KH

I enjoyed all the activities, especially making my bookmark and reading stories to Year 3. I found it really hard to choose my book because there were a lot of books I really liked. I finally chose one about space as I wanted to find out more. Teigan 4KH



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Early years and KSI in action...

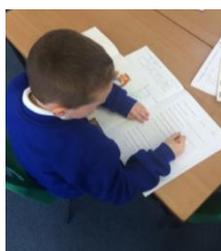
Year R staff have been working with the children to create new areas inside and outside. The children love the new 'beach hut' outside that Mrs Taylor has painted and the new fine motor corner. Children have been taking turns to 'give their fingers a work out' by turning, screwing, pulling and pushing. Well done to all involved!



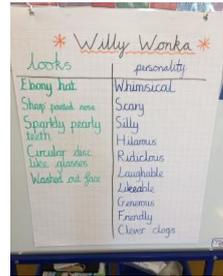
Year 1 have been making amazing progress with their reading since Christmas. I went in and saw all the children really engaged and enjoying their reading sessions.

"Reading is fun" Vinny IMS

"This book is just so funny" Oliver IMS



Year 2 have started reading Roald Dahl's 'Charlie the Chocolate Factory'. They received a letter from Mr Willy Wonka and are going to write a character profile about him for outside his factory. The children



have been working hard to improve their word choices this week.

I've been very impressed with the attitude to learning in KSI this week.

Well done and keep up the hard work!

Mrs Hooper

Friends of St John's

The money raised at last week's disco went towards the cost of hiring a mini bus for children attending Rock Challenge and a van to transport all the costumes and scenery. It all takes place Saturday 3rd March at the Guildhall in Portsmouth. Tickets still available for the show at the school office.

Calendar

Tuesday 27th February: Full Governing Body meeting

Wednesday 28th February: Netball Festival 1000 – 1400 at Brune Park

Friday 2nd March: Rock Challenge final rehearsal

Saturday 3rd March: Rock Challenge at Portsmouth Guildhall

Wednesday 7th March: Netball Festival 1000 – 1400 (tbc)

Friday 9th March: Tag Rugby Festival (Gosport & Fareham Rugby Club) tbc

Thursday 15th March: Maths Fraction Workshops 2.00 p.m. and 5. 30 p.m. (more details to come)

Wednesday 21st March : 12.00 – 1400 Netball Tournament (Tbc)

Thursday 22nd March: 6.00 – 7.00 p.m. Choir Concert

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Friday 23rd March: 12.00 – 1400 Tag Rugby Festival

Friday 23rd March: Friends of St Johns Quiz Night

Easter Church Service (date and time to be confirmed)

Thursday 29th March: 3.15 p.m. Break up for the Easter break

Monday 16th April: 8.45 a.m. Return to school (not 26th)

Awards and achievements

Congratulations for achieving the following awards:

School Award – Love

RAW: Saffron
RCC: Lacey
IMS: Angela
IHC: Alfie
2FH: Ethan
2TW: George
3MC: Olivia
3PJ: Finley
4KJ: Katy
4KH: Oliver
5CR: Lola-Rose
5DW: Chloe
6PD: Lilly-Anna
6GH: Max

School Values Award – Respect

Head teachers' Award (using the Learning Powers in school)

RAW: Melissa
RCC: Mikolaj
IMS: Ayden
IHC: Charlotte
2FH: Vanessa
2TW: Indigo
3MC: Amelia
3PJ: Kiera
4KJ: Daisy
4KH: Lewis
5CR: Charlie
5DW: Kian
6GH: Skye
6PD: Ben

Gold Award (for excellent presentation during the week)

RAW: Thomas
RCC: Vinnie
IMS: Vinny
IHC: Lilly
2FH: Bridey
2TW: Daisy
3MC: Harley
3PJ: Charlie
4KJ: Marcel
4KH: Teigan
5CR: Grace
5DW: sera
6PD: Agamjot
6GH: Hollie-Louise

Behaviour (for excellent behaviour during the week)

RAW: Archie
RCC: Jessica
IMS: Oliver
IHC: Annabelle
2FH: Lily
2TW: Ollie-Dean
3MC: Taylor
3PJ: Emily
4KJ: Jasmine
4KH: Riley
5CR: Mackenzie
5DW: Olivia
6PD: Mia
6GH: Milla

Best behaved class: 3PJ – much improved all week

Best lined up class: IHC – all week



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