



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

School closes for Easter - Thursday 13th April at normal time and returns on Monday 24th April.

Whole school activities

Palm Monday Liturgy—Monday 10th April @ 9:30 am

Stations of the Cross visit for parents and Parish members —Tuesday 11th April @ 9:45 am in the school hall

Washing of the feet—Wednesday 12th April @10:45 am

Resurrection mass and Stations of the Cross visit—Thursday 27th April @9:15 am

Year group activities

Year 5 Residential Visit to Hothersall Lodge—Monday 3rd April—Wednesday 5th April

Reception Parents' workshop—Thursday 6th April @ 9:00am—9:30am

2W Class assembly—Friday 7th April @ 9:00am and 9:30am

Year 4 Passion Play—Monday 10th April @ 2:00pm and 4:30pm

1C Class assembly—Friday 5th May

Year 6 SATS—Monday 8th May—Thursday 11th May

Year 2 SATS—Between Thursday 11th May and Tuesday 23rd May (not every day)

1H Class assembly—Friday 19th May

Year 6 Residential Visit to London—Monday 22nd—Wednesday 24th May

ATTENDANCE

We are currently running an attendance initiative until 10/4/17. The class with the highest attendance will win a trip to the park with a treat as chosen by the School Council. Well done to 1H who are currently in the lead with 97.6%!

N -	RC -	RM -	1H -	1C -
93.7%	97.2%	92.5%	97.6%	95.7%
2W -	2M -	3A -	3K -	4L -
95.9%	96.3%	94.1%	93.7%	97.1%
4W -	5H -	5T -	60K -	6B -
95.6%	95.9%	96.5%	96.1%	96.3%



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Dear Parents and Carers,
We are now over half-way through Lent and the children are all well underway in carrying out their fund-raising activities for CAFOD, one of several charities helping to deal with the dreadful drought and associated famine in the East of Africa. The children have been wonderful in their efforts and I thank you for encouraging their enthusiasm and supporting their ventures.

In the lead up to Easter in Holy Week, we have our usual celebrations including our Year 4 production of the Passion of Christ, which you are all welcome to attend. Now the weather is improving, we are also starting again our monthly walk to school from the Saddle. This starts this Friday 31st, meeting at 8.15 am. This is to encourage our children to walk whenever possible both for fitness and environmentally-friendly reasons. Please be aware, you must stay to walk with your children.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Allen
Headteacher

Recently our PTA have very kindly contributed towards the cost of our World Book Day prizes and also held a tuck shop at Parents' Evening as a fund-raising event. We really appreciate the help and support our PTA team provide.

Read all About it!

March has been an exciting month for celebrating reading at SJV! We started the month with 'World Book Day' on Thursday 2nd March when the children dressed up as their favourite book characters. The costumes were amazing; so thank you for all of your efforts and continued support. The following week, we had the 'Scholastic Book Fair' in school with a wonderful choice of books available to browse and buy. We took a total of £580.55 on the Book Fair this time; which will earn the school extra credits to purchase more beautiful books for the children to continue to read and enjoy.

Also this month, we've taken part in the nationwide 'Ten Million Minutes Reading

Challenge' where we came 25th out of a total of 231 schools which is an achievement we should be really proud of - as a nation, we read for a total of 15995407 minutes.



Again, thank you for all of

your support. Finally this month, we ran the 'Extreme Reader' competition and had some fantastic entries this year. Congratulations to Jessica Ormerod, Jackson Gunn, Hope Wrigley and Elliot Wrigley who were all winners of the competition. Please see our school Twitter page to have a look at their entries if you haven't seen them already.

KS1 and KS2 SATS Dates

Year 6 SATS will take place on the **8th-11th May**.

Year 2 will sit their tests **between 11th and 23rd May**. There will be several tests but these will not take place everyday!

Nursery - We have had a busy few weeks in Nursery. We thoroughly enjoyed being 'Super Heroes' doing everything from dressing up to rescuing 'Super Potato'! We are currently learning about traditional tales. Everyone loves our castle and being princes and princesses! The children have participated in a variety of activities based on 'The Princess and the Pea' and 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs'. This week we are trying to grow our own giant beanstalks! We are working hard to try to write our names and learn our letters and numbers too. It is great now the weather is improving and we're excited about going out without having to wrap up in several layers and wet weather gear!



Year 1 - What a busy half term Year 1 have had! We have had fun travelling the Globe to different countries. Please continue to help us at home by exploring maps and atlases so we can continue to learn about new places. We have really enjoyed exploring Non-Fiction books in Literacy and we are looking forward to creating our own. We especially love Monday afternoons with Mrs Blyth and Mrs Martin, as we are getting very creative with Music and Art. If you don't already have an old shirt in school for this, please send one in. Thank you. We would also like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful parents for joining us at Parents' Evening. We are so grateful for your continued support.

Year 3 - Firstly, a huge thank you for all of your support this half term. We have been very busy raising money for CAFOD, going to the Grand Theatre, having class assemblies, holding cake sales and of course working very hard in our school work. We have all enjoyed learning about the 'Stone age to the Iron age' this half term and are looking forward to our next topic of 'Green Fingers'. All of the children should now have been given new targets that were shared with you at parents' evening. Please could you continue to support your children at home and try to help them achieve these targets as these are vital in helping them progress in their learning. Please always feel free to contact us if you have any questions or queries. Thank you
Mr Kenny and Mrs Acton

Year 4 have been enjoying a very active few weeks with the BFC Community Trust Fit 2 Go programme. The children have really enjoyed learning about how to lead a healthy lifestyle in terms of diet, exercise and good sleep patterns. Year 4 are currently busy practising for the school's Passion Play, which will take place on Monday 10th April. Finally, we have been so impressed with all the children's efforts in learning their times tables. Please continue to practise these as it makes such a difference throughout Maths. Well done and keep it up!



Year 2 - Thanks for taking the time to come and see us at parents' evening and begin to discuss SATs - If you feel like you need further support when helping your child to prepare for SATs, then please come and speak to your teacher. SATs are nothing to worry about and we aim to ensure that the children are as relaxed as possible when completing the papers. The children are used to the routine of assessments as we've prepared them throughout the year. Please see the back page of the newsletter for the SATs dates.

As our topic is 'Neighbourhood Watch', we are planning on taking a trip to Stanley Park for a picnic. This will be in school time, dates to be confirmed later. We will inform parents via a letter or text, so keep your eyes peeled!

Finally, 2W assembly is on the 7th April at 9am and 9:30am. We'd love to see you there!

Thank you for your continued support; it is much appreciated. Miss M and Mr W

Year 6 have had another busy and enjoyable half term so far! Thank you to all the parents who attended Parents' Evening, and once again, sorry for any delay! If you were unable to attend, please make an appointment for after school. All the children are continuing to work hard towards their upcoming SATs (week commencing Monday 8th May). Please could you ensure they continue to complete their homework, giving 100% effort, and reading at least 3 times a week. Could you please also ensure your child is wearing full school uniform, including school shoes and have a PE kit in school. Any problems, please let us know. On Tuesday 4th April, Year 6 are holding a fundraising event in the hall for children from Nursery to Year 5 - stalls ranging from 10p to £1.50. Many thanks to everyone who has provided items to support this.

Reception - Thank you to those parents who were able to make parents' evening last week. If you were unavailable, we have been seeing a number of parents after school. By the end of next week, we hope to have met with everyone.

Don't forget to keep up-to-date with what your child has been doing in school by looking on Tapestry and Twitter. Tapestry is a two-way process so we would love to see (through photographs and/or a few written words) what your child likes to do at home. Don't forget to send the WOW sheets back into school showing what your child has achieved during their time at home, we want you to share this with us.

A reminder that our next parents' workshop is on Thursday 6th April at 9 am in the hall. The focus is on maths and it would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible.

We have a new 'trim, trail' in our outdoor area in reception.

I'm sure you have heard your child talking about this and seen photographs on Twitter.



We thank you for your continued support and wish you a happy and holy Easter.

Year 5 have an extremely busy half term! We have learnt all about the Ancient Egyptians and the discovery of Tutankhamen. This has involved; writing our names in Hieroglyphics; writing newspaper articles and designing death masks! . Thank-you to all the parents that came to parents' evening. We hope you agree that this is extremely crucial with the communication throughout Year 5, and we appreciate all of your ongoing support. We are all very excited about our upcoming trip to Hothersall Lodge; make sure you follow us on twitter for regular updates!