



St John's CE Primary School

Newsletter 01 March 24



FAIRTRADE
FOUNDATION

We have been thinking a lot this week about things being fair and how we can make the world a fairer place, particularly by supporting the Fairtrade foundation. We have encouraged the children to be advocates for making the world a fairer place for everyone now and in the future.

As well as that, our Year 4's are in Carrot Wood as I type, I am sure they will all have an enjoyable time, whatever the weather.

Our sensory garden continues to take shape and Mr Grobel, Mr Gent and I had an exciting meeting last week with the North West Kent Countryside partnership to begin thinking about and planning a Forest school - more details to come!

Mrs Pullan

Polite notice: parking



Please can we remind parents to keep the double yellow lines and the yellow zig zag lines clear at drop off and collection in the mornings and afternoons.

We would ask all parents to park considerately for the safety of the children.

Plea for forks!



The kitchen are low on forks for the lunch service, so if you have any you are able to donate, we would be very grateful!

Please bring them to the office.

Dates for your diary

March

07.03.24—Year 6 trip to Sevenoaks Library

08.03.24— World Book Day

08.03.24— 14.30 KS1 Mother's Day Act of Worship

12.03.24—Parent consultations

13.03.24—Parent consultations

14.03.24—Science Day

15.03.24— 09.15 Year 5 Assembly

15.03.24— Red Nose Day



15.03.24— Year 3 Cake Sale

22.03.24—PTA Bunny Hop Disco

27.03.24— 09.30 Easter Service

28.03.24—Last day of Term 4 *(please note this falls on a Thursday)*

April

15.04.24—INSET DAY

16.04.24—First Day of Term 5

You can find all of the dates for your diary, including the final club dates and further information on the [School Calendar](#)

*Prayer:
Compassionate
God, we ask you
to fill us with
your love, to
place in our
hearts a spirit
of courage, to
move us to
reach out to
others in need.
Lead us to play
our part, so
that now and in
generations to
come all your
children may
share in our
hope for a
better world.
Amen*

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Sports update: Football



On Friday 23rd February, a girls' football team went to Kemsing to compete in their annual tournament. We had 4 matches to play in the group stages before finding out whether we had got through to the semi-finals.

We played Lady Boswell's and won 1-0 with a goal from Mila (who apparently chinned the ball into the back of the net!). Then we played Shoreham and with goals from Freya and Amelie we went on to win 2-0.

Next we came up against Kemsing Cobras and went on to win 3-0 with goals from Freya and Rachel.

Our last game was against Ightham which was a close game ending in a 1-0 loss. This meant we went on to play Kemsing Pythons in the semi-final. This was a hard fought match and we went on to lose 2-0.

The girls played brilliantly and should be really proud of themselves. Well done!



Special mentions—Week beginning 19 February

Reception - George, for trying so hard with his phonics and writing. Your poster and list of clues will help to find Cyril the Squirrel in no time!

Year 1 — Oskar, for being a superstar in Maths and for being able to recognise and order numbers to 50! Well done!

Year 2 — Freya, for her increasingly positive attitude to her learning and hard work to success in both Maths and English

Year 3 — Frankie-Joe, for his determination in class and for always being kind to others.

Year 4 — Oscar, for his enthusiastic approach to learning all the parts of the digestive system and being able to explain the journey food takes. You are working with real determination in all lessons!

Year 5 — Lara, for super work in Maths at multiplying a fraction with an integer. Well done Lara!

Year 6 — Maurice, for his rapid progress in English, his positive attitude and friendly personality.



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Parent Consultation evenings

Don't forget
parents
evening!

Further to the ParentMail, parents consultations will take place in person on **Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th March 15:30 - 18:30** and bookings are now open.

Please visit <https://stjohnscep.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointment(s).

Please see the Parents' Guide for Booking Appointments sent by ParentMail if you have any queries or contact the school office if you experience any problems.

Viking Day Year 4



On Thursday 1st February 2024, the classroom was invaded by some "not so vicious" Vikings. Thank you for putting so much effort into making their costumes as they all looked amazing.

We started the day by writing our names using Viking runes and discovered that the letter "Y" did not exist so some of us had to adapt our names for the day.

We learnt that Vikings travelled from Norway, Sweden and Denmark and were excellent maritime sailors, travelling across vast distances in their longships.

We researched how these were built and why they were so successful and effective.

We were surprised to see how ornately carved some of them were, particularly the Oseburg.

We then set up our own Viking trading posts and began to travel across the world to trade precious goods.

In the afternoon, we were creative in our approach to building and decorating our longships.

They were nothing like the Vikings would have had. Just like Vikings not wearing horned helmets, they also did not have brightly coloured stripy sails.

Were Vikings raiders or traders? I think all of Owl Class would agree that they were both!

This was a fabulous day of learning and a brilliant way to make the Viking topic come to life.

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