

St Sebastian's CoE Primary School

Fortnightly Newsletter



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Happy New Year

I hope everyone has returned rested and refreshed from the Christmas break. My sincere apologies that we were unable to open on Monday morning last week. I had no idea initially that the snow and flooding were going to cause so many issues for staff getting to school. As you can imagine, generally the staff live further away from school than the children which presented us with a big problem as it became apparent that around 166 children were expected with just two qualified teachers in the building by 8.15! Closure is only ever a last resort.

Despite our tricky start, it has been a brilliant beginning to the year with our Local History week being truly inspiring! We have all learnt so much about the village, Grantham and school building and have been thrilled to find out fascinating information. I have said to the children that I really hope that they have been bringing home some of the things that they have learnt to share with you. We have been lucky to have members of our community who have been able to share their knowledge with the children.

The School Council has met and have a number of projects that they would like to work on this year both within school and beyond. The interest in the school building and some of the old photos has meant that they have noticed that the original bell tower that was at the front of the school is no longer there although Jeff Thompson does have the bell that used to be inside it (sadly not the original one). The children are really interested in this and would like to reinstate this which we are looking into. They would also like to buy some board games and picnic tables to go on our artificial grass area at the end of the playground. They are aware that these project will need some funding and would like to start the year with a Bake Sale on 31st January after Shine and also a Childrens' Raffle, potential prizes of unwanted Christmas presents or sweets/chocolate will be gratefully received.

The School Council will start selling raffle tickets from Monday 20th January but would be pleased to start receiving any potential prizes as soon as possible.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Bedford



Term Dates

Height & Weight Checks

EYFS & Year 6

Thursday 23rd January

Young Voices

Monday 27th January

Sew and Chat—Year 3

Wednesday 29th January

Cake Sale and Raffle

Friday 31st January
3.30pm

Disco

Thursday 6th February

Last Day of Term

Friday 14th February

Term 4 Begins

Monday 24th February

KS1 Class News

Pandas— This term the Pandas are learning all about animals. We have been very busy learning all about animals that live in hot or cold parts of the world



Koalas— Koala's have had a fantastic start to the term. We've been exploring how Grantham has changed since the 1900s and getting items ready to put in our time capsule.



Polar Bears— Polar Bears were really excited to invite Elephants into their classroom to share their learning about Great Gonerby - there was a real 'buzz' in the air! They are looking forward to sharing their poster at the community local history event too.



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This term our Christian Value is 'Aspiration'

"I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

KS2 Class News

Tigers— This week we have started our new DT project. We practiced our cross stitch ready for making cushions in a few weeks.



Penguins— Year 4 enjoyed our scavenger hunt around the school investigating its history. Last Friday, we started our clarinet lessons and we learnt how to take care of the instrument.

Elephants— Over the past few weeks, we have explored the history of Great Gonerby by using a variety of sources and even a tour of the village. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning new facts and information about the village where they come to school.



Giraffes— The children have really enjoyed learning about local history during Local History Week. We have been into Grantham and conducted a tour of local historic buildings, looking at their origins, fascinating facts and what makes them so special. The Year 6's also spent time in Year 1 helping the children learn about local history and told the younger children all the facts and information they had learnt! Parents – ask them what they have learned during this special week!



Attendance

Just a reminder that our Attendance Policy explains that if your child is late (between 8.50 and 9.00) then this is recorded as an 'L' on the register. If they arrive after 9am, this is recorded as a 'U' which stands for Unauthorised Absence and will show as if they are absent for the morning session. If they have 10 'U's within a 10 week period then this could trigger a Penalty Fine. Obviously, if they are ill or absent for a medical appointment this is not the case. All of this is in line with the DfE guidelines that we have to follow and may explain any attendance codes or percentages on your child's end of year report

Stars of the Week



Shreya, Zach, Ella, Caleb R,
Oliver P-H, Mariia, Ruby

Special Mention

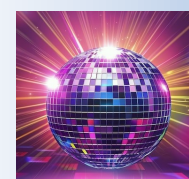
25 Values Points

Theon, Max J, Henry, Lexie, Thomas

50 Values Points

Chloe, Taylor

School Disco Thursday 6th February



Tickets are £4 each and will include Hot dog, sweets and unlimited squash

Panda, Koala &
Polar Bear

Classes—

3.45-5.00pm

Tiger, Penguin,
Elephant and
Giraffe Classes—
5.15-6.30pm

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