

Dear Parents,

Please see the following notices and attachments for week commencing 24/11/25. (It's a long one, so please read to the end, as there is some really useful information)

Community Update

Thank you all those of you who have been in contact regarding the Crowborough Training Camp. We appreciate your concerns and would like to take this opportunity to reassure you all that safeguarding and the safety of the children continues to be central to every aspect of St John's. We remain committed to working in partnership with our families to support all members of our community.

As a school, we continue to work in partnership with the other local schools, external agencies and the police with regards to updates. Currently, we continue to follow our robust policies and risk assessments, but will be ready to amend these as necessary. Potential amendments are continually being discussed to ensure appropriate measures are put in place where necessary. Learning remains unchanged and continues to be underpinned by our school vision and values where children are respectful, inclusive and feel a sense of belonging. We will continue to update you with any further developments.

Thank you for your continued support.

REMINDERS

27/11/2025 – PTA Wreath making.

28/11/2025 – Choir performing at the Christmas cracker – the turning on of the Christmas lights.

28/11/2025 – Non uniform day in exchange for hamper items of a certain colour – See attached flyer.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

04/12/2025 - Year 6 – National Child Measurement Programme. (date has been amended from 26/11/25)

04/12/2025 – Prospective parents open morning at 9.30am and open evening at 7pm.

04/12/2025 – Choir at the Christmas civic ceremony – separate letter to follow for the choir members.

05/12/2025 – All KS2 clubs end on Friday 5th December.

05/12/2025 – St John's church are hosting a wine tasting evening run by Alteus Wines to raise funds to improve the Church Drive. Tickets are selling fast and as we all use the drive if you are able to attend it would be really great to see some representation from our St John's parents – tickets are £22 per person which includes sparkling wine on arrival, 5 wine tastings, cheese and biscuits Tickets available from Tracey Stevens traceyhstevens@gmail.com

09/12/2025 – Choir to Glyndebourne.

11/12/2025 – iRock Christmas concert – All iRocker parents are welcome, 2.30pm in the hall.

12/12/2025 – Non uniform day in exchange for chocolates (year R, 1, 2 and 3) and bottles (year 4, 5 and 6) Please see the attached PTA flyer with information regarding what's happening when!

13/12/2025 – PTA Christmas fair.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND ATTACHMENTS

Thank you for all your kind messages wishing Mrs Cooper a speedy recovery, these have been passed on and have been gratefully received!

We raised £233.48 for Children in Need – so thank you!!

We also raised £232.00 for the Poppy Appeal – we just can't thank you enough for your ongoing generosity.

Online Safety - Mobile Phone Addiction and Social Media - PAPAYA

PAPAYA (Parents Against Phone Addiction in Young Adolescents) is a UK Charity that runs workshops for parents and schools to address the negative impacts of smartphones and social media use on children. There is lots of information on the website available here: <https://www.papayatalks.com/>

If you would like to find out more about rediscovering childhood in the digital age, follow this link to an online event taking place later this month:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/papaya/1914663>

Please also see the attached Wake Up Wednesday Infographics from the National College.

For Parents - Shopping Scams (Please also pass this onto members of your family – great advice for everyone)

Every year hundreds of thousands of people here in the UK fall victim to fraud when buying something online. With Xmas and Xmas sales rapidly approaching, fraud and scams will be significantly on the increase.

GetSafeOnline has a plethora of information to help with this such as:

- Information on purchase scams [**HERE**](#).
- Online buying tips [**HERE**](#).
- Scam website checker [**HERE**](#).

One piece of advice I couldn't see on either of these pages is related to the legitimacy of the company. Particularly on social media such as Instagram I will often see ads for things like clothing and gifts which look interesting and unique. When I click on the ad to take a closer look, I will always tap on the 3 dots on the top right and tap on "open in external browser." The

reason for this is that if it is a company that I'm not aware of, I want to know the details of the company before I purchase. Often when I go onto the website there are no company details, no contact details (apart from a web form), and either no reviews or perfect reviews. These are all red flags to me and I would never purchase from such a site.

Mrs Herniman

Kind regards