

## Congratulations!

<b><u>Child of the week!</u></b> <b><u>28<sup>th</sup> January</u></b> St Andrew: Emellia St Elizabeth: Legend St Francis: Kadie St Margaret: Jack C St Philip: Emmanouil St Teresa: Arijus
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<b><u>Child of the week!</u></b> <b><u>4<sup>th</sup> February</u></b> St Andrew: Luca St Elizabeth: Lukas St Francis: Riley St Margaret: Carlos St Philip: Logan St Teresa: Lewis C
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<b><u>Attendance</u></b> <b><u>Best Class</u></b> KS1: St Elizabeth 95% KS2: St Philip 97%  <b><u>Head Teacher Award</u></b> Mark
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<b><u>Cloud 9</u></b> Faustina      Kiki George        Zion Viona          Eman Gabriella      Eloany Billie          Mia C Emellia
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Children – you never fail to surprise us – you were determined, enthusiastic, resilient and really challenged yourselves. We certainly had a lot of fearless and very talented climbers amongst us. You were all brilliant!

We have entered a climbing competition (Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February) at Withdean, so watch this space to see how we get on!

### Author Visit

Year 4 were treated to a visit from author Steven Butler, writer of ‘Happy Howlidays’ and the ‘Dog Diaries’ series, who came to school at the end of January. He shared his love of writing and told some brilliant jokes! Steven also gave a masterclass in drawing the lead character of the ‘Dog Diaries’ series, Junior.

### Year 5 Trip to St Matthias

Year 5 had a lovely trip to visit an Anglican church on Ditchling Road called St Matthias. As part of their unit on ecumenism (unity among churches), they went with a goal of learning about some of the differences and similarities between Catholic and some Anglican churches. They discovered different ways to pray and their favourite part was the music that was played! They returned to school buzzing with ideas and questions about worship and prayer.

### KS1 Visit to Hove Museum

KS1 are looking forward to visiting Hove Museum to enhance the learning and enjoyment of their current topic, Toys. Year 2 will be on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February, Year 1 on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February and Reception will be visiting on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

### Activity Passports

Your child should have come home with an ‘activity passport’ over the past few weeks. This is a government initiative aimed at getting

### IMPORTANT DATES:



#### February

- Mon 11<sup>th</sup>      Y2 Hove Museum
- Mon 11<sup>th</sup>      Bikeability starts
- Tue 12<sup>th</sup>      Y1 Hove Museum
- Wed 13<sup>th</sup>      Y6 Indoor Cricket Competition
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup>      Last day before half term
- Mon 25<sup>th</sup>      First day back after half term
- Thur 28<sup>th</sup>      KS2 African Drumming

#### March

- Fri 1<sup>st</sup>        YR Hove Museum
- Thur 7<sup>th</sup>      World Book Day

#### April

- Thur 4<sup>th</sup>      Y6 Newhaven Fort

### Year 6 Go Climbing!

Year 6 took a short break out of their busy schedule to go to ‘High Sports’ climbing centre based at Withdean Sports Complex. The children started off their session with some warm up games before getting their harnesses on, ready to climb. They took part in the ‘Rock Box’ activity session and experienced ‘traversing’ as well as a variety of different high climbs.

children across the primary school age to experience different things and gain new skills while spending quality time with friends and family. We're really impressed with how the children have taken this on board and enjoy hearing about their exciting experiences.

Year 6 have been set up with an email address to send their pictures to. Thank you parents and carers for your support with this – the response has been brilliant. However, please don't use this email for anything like reporting absences. This needs to continue to be done in the usual way, via the school office. It may not always be possible to check the Year 6 email in the morning, so all absences, pick-up arrangements etc. should go through the school office. Thank you for your understanding.

### **SchoolPing**

There are a number of parents still not on SchoolPing – which is a great way for us to communicate. If you need assistance setting up, please come and see Miss Hill who will be happy to help.

### **Bikeability**

Bikeability are coming to school next week to run some balance training sessions for St Andrew and St Elizabeth classes. The training takes place in the school playground and comprises four sessions of 45 minutes (using the Bikeability balance bikes and helmets).

### **World Book Day 7<sup>th</sup> March**

Years R, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 will have a 'stay and read' on the morning of Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March from 08.50-9.10am. Parents and carers are invited to come in and read with their child, or a small group of children. They are welcome to bring in their favourite book to share if they wish, or choose one from the book corner.

### **Breakfast Club Cashless System**

Breakfast Club now works in the same way as our School Meals payments, so you'll be able to top up your account with an amount of your choice and this balance will be reduced every time your child attends Breakfast Club. Please remember to keep your accounts in credit. Thank you.

### **Minibus Payment System**

Payment for the minibus now works in the same way as the School Meals payment system whereby you can top up your account on ParentPay and your balance will be reduced every day that your child uses the minibus (please make sure your account is kept in credit). Also, we require 24 hours' notice if your child is **not** going to use the minibus. Thank you in advance.

### **Challenge21 Down's Syndrome**

The Down's Syndrome Association have sent their thanks to St Joseph's for raising an incredible £497.98 while taking part in the Challenge21 initiative. Thank you for your support.

### **Pick-up Arrangements**

If there are any changes to pick-up arrangements at the end of the school day, please let the office know before lunchtime if at all possible so that we can send messages to the teachers. Thank you.

### **School Uniform Orders**

If you require any school uniform, please pay on ParentPay before collecting items from the school office.

### **Term-Time Absences**

Just a reminder that holidays should be taken in official school holiday times. Fixed penalties will continue to be issued by Brighton & Hove City Council for unauthorised absences.