

# St. John's C of E Primary School, Shildon

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## Newsletter 2: Spring Term 2022

### Welcome

Since my last newsletter the weeks have gone by very quickly! Despite the fact that we have continued to have cases of COVID amongst Staff, Children and parents I am so relieved that we have not needed to close any classes. Everything you have all done in testing and isolating is really appreciated.

### Attendance

As a result of your actions our overall attendance rates have been good, when compared to National figures. Last week the overall school attendance was 93.6%. Congratulations to Y1 who were the best class in school with 95.1%. I look forward to seeing this rise again as COVID cases decline.

### Curriculum News

#### Special Activities:

Year 6 have recently started work on a special 'Curiosity' Project with Make Believe Arts. We look forward to seeing the results of this in school and sharing with parents in the near future. Our thanks to the Ironmongers Company in London who pay for this work.

**Swimming:** Year 6 are nearing the end of their swimming sessions. They have all made tremendous progress, meaning that 97% can now swim the required 25m and all are working on Level 5 or 6 Life Saving Skills. This is an amazing achievement, well done to everyone.

After the February half-term Y5 will return to their Swimming lessons.

### Parent Information

#### Parents Meetings:

We have taken some small steps getting parents back in to school for different reasons, and so far these meetings have gone really well.

After half term, as long as COVID concerns continue to fall, we are hoping to get parents in to school to enable you to see your child's work.

### School News

#### Stars of the Week and celebrating success:

Every Friday we have an on-line Assembly for all classes, where we share many of the good things that have happened in school during the week. Star of the Week, Dojo and Reading certificates are presented, and a whole list of other special mentions read out. This week alone I read out the names of 50 children and there were 3 whole class special mentions.

Congratulations to all of those children!

#### Daily Mile Track:

Great news! Thanks to the Councilors' of Shildon (past and present) we have been awarded funding of £19,000 to develop a 'daily mile' running track. We have lots to do before it is in place but it will be another great addition to the children's play times and PE lessons.

### Term Dates

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February – School closes for Half Term  
reopens Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April – School closes for Easter  
reopens Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
School closed Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Bank Holiday  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – School closes for Half Term  
Reopens Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – School closes for Summer  
~~Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – School closes for Summer~~

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