



## SJS NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2018



### READING FOCUS DAYS



Everyone enjoyed the **two Reading Focus Days** at the start of term. All classes took part in a **carousel of reading activities**. On Friday there was a **'Dress Up Day'** as a **favourite book character**. During the afternoon **Cathy from Barrow Library** provided **reading workshops** on new books and what the Library offers. **Reading is such an important part of learning** and we want to make sure all of **our pupils enjoy books and excel at reading**.



### CANDLEMAS

**On Friday 2nd February it is Candlemas.**

Candlemas is special in the Christian Calendar when we remember when Jesus was taken to the Temple in Jerusalem. Simeon was waiting for him and said he would be the **'light of the world'**.

**School will be holding a Candlemas Service in Church with Father Jack at 2pm.** Please come and join us.



### Additional Sporting Activities

During the Spring Term school is providing **Tennis Coaching** for Lower School and **Golf Lessons** for Upper School. The **School Gymnastic Team** will also be taking part in a Key Steps Gymnastic Competition.

### 'Real Love Rocks' – Barnardo's

Barnardo's are delivering the **'Real Love Rocks'** programme to **Year 6** which we are adopting in school. This will run alongside **'Kidsafe'** and **'Helping Hands'**.

## **THE GREAT SJS BAKE OFF** **(Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018)**



### **The Bake Off for Pupils**

To enter the Bake Off all you have to do is **make and decorate 4 cupcakes** and bring them to school by 9 o'clock on Thursday morning. They will be judged on appearance and originality. There will be prizes for the winners and certificates for the runners up (judged in Year Groups).

### **The Bake Off for Parents, Grandparents and Friends of SJS**

To enter the Bake Off all you have to do is **make and decorate a large sponge cake** and bring it to school by 9 o'clock on Thursday morning. It will be judged on appearance and originality. Again there will be prizes for the winners and certificates for the runners up.

**The cupcakes and large cakes will be sold at our Coffee Afternoon (1.30-3.00pm) so you will be donating them to raise funds for school.**

**Photographs will be taken of the winning entries.**

### **Coffee Afternoon (Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018 1.30-3.00pm)**

Admission 50p (price includes coffee, tea or juice)

**CAKE STALL AND RAFFLE PLUS ENTERTAINMENT**

**Singing – Whole School at 2pm**



**ON YOUR MARKS GET SET BAKE !**



### **PARENTS EVENINGS**

School has extended Parents Evening to two nights so now parents can attend either **Wednesday 28th February 3.30-6.00pm** or **Thursday 1st March 3.30-6.00pm**. This will allow parents, pupils and staff to have more time to discuss learning, progress and targets. Please send your reply slips in asap to secure your preferred night when the letters are sent out after half term. Thank You

### **ILLNESS IN SCHOOL**

During the first half of this term we have had much illness in school with sickness and diarrhoea, high temperature and sore throats/coughs and scarletina. We have advised all pupils to drink plenty of fluids and ask parents to send water bottles into school . We have been sending work home on request. Thank you



**Safer  
Internet  
Day 2018** | **Tuesday  
6 February**

## Online Safety Leaflet for Parents and Carers

**The best way to help your child to be safe when using the internet is to talk to them and make sure they understand these simple rules.**

**NICKNAME** Never give out personal details to online 'friends'. Use a nickname when logging on and don't share full name, email address, mobile number, school name and any photos.

**FAMILY ROOM** Talk to your child about what they are doing online and who they are talking to. Get them to show you how to use things you are not familiar with. Keeping the computer in a family room means that you can share your child's online experience, they are less likely to act inappropriately (i.e. via webcam) and their online 'friends' will see they are in a family room.

**UPSET** If your child receives a message that upsets them, remind them not to reply, they should save the message and show you or another trusted adult.

**STRANGERS** Don't open files sent from people you don't know. They could contain a virus, or even worse - an inappropriate image or film. An online 'friend' is anyone you have not met in real life; no matter how long you have been internet friends with them.

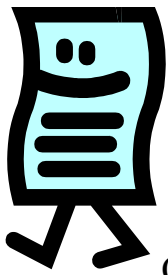
**LIES** Help your child to understand that some people lie online and that it's better to keep online 'mates' online. They should never meet up with any online 'friends' without an adult they trust. Spam and junk emails and texts are not true, don't reply or send them to anyone else, just delete them.

**BLOCK** Make sure they know how to block someone online and report them if they feel uncomfortable.

**FACEBOOK** Did you know that it is against site regulations for a child under the age of 13 to have a Facebook account? As all children at school are below the age of 13, no child should have access to this social networking site.

**BLAME** Make sure your child feels able to talk to you, let them know that it's never too late to tell someone if something makes them feel uncomfortable. Don't blame your child, let them know you trust them.

**Useful websites:** <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>  
<https://www.kidpower.org>



## FACEBOOK GUIDANCE

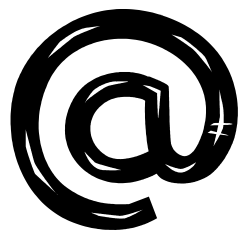
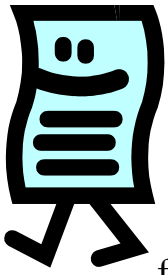
Some parents have asked for guidance concerning Facebook.



Our school is committed to promoting the safe and responsible use of the Internet and as such we feel it is our responsibility to raise this particular issue as a concern. Websites such as Facebook offer amazing communication and social connections, however they are created with their audience in mind and this is specifically over 13 years old. Possible risks for children under 13 using the site may include:

- Facebook use “age targeted” advertising and therefore your child could be exposed to adverts of a sexual or other inappropriate nature, depending on the age they stated they were when they registered
- Children may accept friend requests from people they don't know in real life which could increase the risk of inappropriate contact or behaviour
- Language, games, groups and content posted or shared on Facebook is not moderated, and therefore can be offensive, illegal or unsuitable for children
- Photographs shared by users are not moderated and therefore children could be exposed to inappropriate images or even post their own
- Underage users might be less likely to keep their identities private and lying about their age can expose them to further risks regarding privacy settings and options
- Facebook could be exploited by bullies and for other inappropriate contact
- Facebook cannot and does not verify its members therefore it is important to remember that if your child can lie about who they are online, so can anyone else!





We feel it important to point out to parents the risks of underage use of such sites, so you can make an informed decision as to whether to allow your child to have a profile or not. These profiles will have been created away from school and sometimes by a child, their friends, siblings or even parents. We will take action (such as reporting under aged profiles) if a problem comes to our attention that involves the safety or wellbeing of any of our children.

Should you decide to allow your child to have a Facebook profile we strongly advise you:

- Check their profile is set to private and that only friends can see information that is posted
- Monitor your child's use and talk to them about safe and appropriate online behaviour such as not sharing personal information and not posting offensive messages or photos
- Ask them to install the CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre) application from [www.facebook.com/clickceop](http://www.facebook.com/clickceop) on their profile. This places a bookmark on their profile to CEOP and the Report Abuse button which has been known to deter offenders
- Have a look at the advice for parents/carers from Facebook [www.facebook.com/safety/parents](http://www.facebook.com/safety/parents)
- Set up your own profile so you understand how the site works and ask them to have you as a friend on their profile so you know what they are posting online
- Make sure your child understands the following rules:
  - Always keep your profile private**
  - Never accept friends you don't know in real life**
  - Never post anything which could reveal your identity**
  - Never post anything you wouldn't want your parents to see**
  - Never agree to meet somebody you only know online without telling a trusted adult**
  - Always tell someone if you feel threatened or someone upsets you**

We'd recommend that all parents visit the CEOP Think U Know website for more information on keeping your child safe online [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

**Thank you**



## DATES TO REMEMBER



### **SPRING TERM (FIRST HALF) 2018**

#### February

- Fri 2<sup>nd</sup>      **Candlemas Service in Church 2pm**  
                  **Build my Skills Session for Year 5**
- Mon 5<sup>th</sup>      **Collective Worship with Father Jack**
- Tues 6<sup>th</sup>      **SAFER INTERNET DAY**  
                  **Asthma Training for some Staff**
- Thurs 8<sup>th</sup>     **GREAT SJS BAKE OFF**
- Fri 9<sup>th</sup>      **Break up for Half Term Holiday 3.30 pm**

### SPRING TERM (SECOND HALF)

Mon 19th February - Back to school

#### February

- Mon 19<sup>th</sup>      **Collective Worship with Father Jack**
- Wed 21<sup>st</sup>      **Swimming lessons start**

Wed 28<sup>th</sup>      **Parents Open Evening 3.30-6.00pm**

#### March

- Thurs 1<sup>st</sup>      **Parents Open Evenings 3.30-6.00pm**  
                  **WORLD BOOK DAY 2018 'DRESS UP DAY'**  
                  **(Bedtime Book plus Onesies or Pyjamas )**  
                  **Closing date of photo competition 'Where do you read your book?'**

- Mon 5<sup>th</sup>      **Collective Worship with Father Jack**
- Tues 6<sup>th</sup>      **SPECIAL SECRET EASTER DELIVERY \*\*\*\*\***

Mon 12<sup>th</sup>      **SHAKESPEARE WEEK HAMLET**  
 Tues 13<sup>th</sup>      **PLAY IN A DAY (Shakespeare's Hamlet)**

Mon 19<sup>th</sup>      **TRINITY CHURCH BIBLE WEEK for Lower School**  
 Fri 23<sup>rd</sup>      **Collective Worship with Father Jack**

Tues 27<sup>th</sup>      **Decorated Egg Competition (Parents to view after school)**  
                  **U Dance performance at The Forum (Year 4)**

Thurs 29<sup>th</sup>     **Easter Service in Church 11am**  
                  **Break up for Easter Holidays at 3.30pm**



Mon 16<sup>th</sup> April      **Pupils are back to school after the Easter holidays**

**YEAR 6 SATS MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> - FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018**

**Break up for Summer Holidays Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018**