



St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

A Voluntary Academy

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## Newsletter: Autumn Term 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another lovely week in school, filled with Christmas dinners, parties, and all those wonderful and fun events which let you know that Christmas is really only a few 'sleeps' away.

As we finish the term and embark on the Christmas holidays, I would like to thank children, staff, parents and friends of the school for your wonderful support this term. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very joyful and peaceful Christmas, and a very happy New Year.

Have a wonderful week.

Mrs Warters



### Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for helping to support the Christmas jumper day last Friday for Save the Children. We raised a total of £217.

### Christmas Holidays

Several parents have requested to collect their children early on the last day of term tomorrow. If you do wish to collect your child early tomorrow, they can be collected from 2.30pm from the classroom doors. School **will remain open** until the usual finish time of 3.15pm for LF/ KS1 and 3.20pm for KS2. School is not closing early but providing an opportunity for those who wish to collect early on that day.

### Missing!

Unfortunately once again we have had a number of pieces from the 'Travelling Cribbs' go missing over the last few weeks. If you have had one of our 'Travelling Cribbs' in your home during the Advent season please could you check to see if any figures have become mislaid. If you find them, we would really appreciate if they could be returned to school. Many Thanks

### Uniform

Please can I remind you that the Academy Council of St John's has a clear uniform policy which should be adhered to at all times. Children should not be wearing trainers to school but sensible black school shoes. Wellingtons and boots can be worn on days of severe weather to come to and leave school. Shaved haircuts or those following the current trend are not allowed in school. We would also encourage children with long hair to have this tied up and headbands to be off a sensible size. We have had a number

of girls wearing the large Jojo bands in recent weeks which are to be discouraged.

At St John's part of our identity is our school uniform and we pride ourselves on this. Therefore, I urge parents, to ensure that children are sent to school wearing the correct uniform in January

**GIRLS:** Grey pinafore or skirt, grey tailored trousers, plain white shirt or blouse, navy knitted cardigan or jumper with school logo, school tie, indoor black pumps, sensible black shoes.

Summer – Blue and white checked dresses with white socks.

**BOYS:** Grey tailored trousers, white shirt, navy knitted jumper with school logo, school tie, indoor black pumps and sensible black shoes.

Summer – Grey shorts. Short sleeve white shirt

**PE** – Plain Navy blue shorts and plain white T- Shirt  
Plain Navy Jogger bottoms and Navy sweatshirt  
Trainers for outdoor PE

*The school badge can be added to your jumper or cardigan that you are able to purchase at a variety of retailers at So This in Assembly Street in Normanton.*

***Please ensure that all items of uniform and PE kit are clearly labelled with your child's name.***

### After School Clubs

Our new programme of After School clubs begin in the spring term. The clubs are for all year groups unless specified. Please contact the school office if your child requires a place.

Monday – Netball

Tuesday – Football

Wednesday – Zumba

Thursday – Dodgeball

Art Club – Y4 & 5 (lunchtime)

Friday – Newspaper club (lunchtime)

Art Club Y4&5 (lunchtime)

Lunchtime Disco - all years

### The Well project

Many thanks for all the donations for the Well project. Some of our children will be delivering the goods to the centre in Haw Hill Park tomorrow.

### Y1- Y6 Celebratory Mass

Fr Mark will lead us in celebration for the Epiphany and the Christmas season on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 9.15am in school for Y1 – Y6. Parents are very welcome to join us, but space will be limited.

### Parish News

#### Masses at St John the Baptist Church

Saturday at **6.00pm**

Sunday at **10.00am** – Children's Liturgy for children from LF to Y2 takes place during the 10.00am Mass during term time. All welcome.

#### Christmas Mass Times at St John the Baptist Church

All families are welcome to join the parish this Christmas for Mass. Christmas Mass times are as follows:

Vigil of the Nativity - 6pm

Midnight Mass (Carols from 11:30pm)

7am Dawn Mass (Latin)

10am Solemnity of the Nativity

St. Stephen's Day -12 noon



### Gold Book Assembly

There will be no Gold Book assembly this Friday.

### Diary Dates

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December** - School closes for Christmas holiday

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January** – School opens

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January** – Young Voices – Sheffield Arena

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January** – Y6 Maths & English information session for parents (details to follow) 2.15pm or 6pm

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January** – Y6 SAT's Information evening for parents – 2.15pm or 6pm

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January** – Y5 Guitar Concert

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January** – Maths Information session for parents – Fractions, decimals and percentages

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February** – Y4 Skipping – St Wilfrid's

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February** – Half Term holiday

### Attendance



Our school attendance target for each class is **96%**. Classes are rewarded for achieving the highest attendance for the week. This is acknowledged in the weekly Gold Book Assembly

**Congratulations to Year 2 who had the winning attendance for the week.**

Late Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
89.67%	94.33%	97.67%	95.00%	93.23%	96.90%	97.33%

**Our Statement of Belief for this week was:**

*I know that I belong to a community that includes my school*

**Safeguarding:** Should you have any concerns regarding the safety of children please contact the Safeguarding Team. **DSL:** Mrs L Wartors (Head of School) **Deputy DSL:** Mrs S Spittle **Deputy DSL:** Mrs D Ferguson **Deputy DSL:** Miss B Noone **Mr K Flood (Executive Headteacher)**

***Wishing you all a very happy and holy Christmas and a prosperous New Year***

***from all the staff at St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School***

