



St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School
A Voluntary Academy

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Newsletter: Spring Term

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week with lots of learning taking place across school. On Tuesday Y1 had a visit from the local Police who came to speak with the children about the jobs they do as police officers. They then spoke with Y5 and Y6 about staying safe online and cyberbullying. The weather has certainly turned much colder today. Please ensure your child has a warm coat, hat and gloves for when they are out during playtimes.

Mrs Warters

Year 6 SAT's information session for parents

On Monday Mrs Scott will be hosting a Y6 Maths & English information session for parents at either 2.15pm or 6pm. This session is designed to inform parents about the expectations of the Y6 SAT tests which will take place during the week beginning the 13th May.

Maths Information session for Parents – Fractions, decimals and percentages

On Monday 28th January Mrs Grainger, our Maths leader, will be holding an information session for parents on Fractions, decimals and percentages. This session will be held from 3.30pm until approximately 4.30pm. This is an opportunity for you to have a greater understanding of how these maths concepts are taught in school so you are able to support your child.

Year 2 SAT's Information evening

Mrs Tonks will be holding a meeting for parents of children in Y2 on Monday 11th February at 3.30pm. This is an opportunity to hear about the expectations of the Year 2 SAT's which will take place during the month of May.

Medicines in school

Could I remind all parents that all medicines that are required to be administered in the school day must be handed in to the school office and not left in your child's care. A form is required by school to be completed by the parent or guardian stating dosage and time of medication. This must be completed prior to any medication being administered to your child by members of staff. Please speak with Mrs Edginton in the school office should your child require medicine in the day.

Procedure for unplanned School Closures due to adverse weather

There has been a number of reports in the last few days that we may be in for a change in the weather in the coming weeks. Should school need to close for any adverse weather conditions information will be sent to parents via

Groupcall as well as notification on the school website.

Postings will also be made on the Wakefield council website Wakefield.gov.uk and also on Ridings FM. Information will be updated daily and we would advise parents to check regularly for any new information.

Y5 Guitar Concert

On Friday 25th January Y5 will be presenting a short guitar concert to parents to showcase their achievements in their musical tuition so far. The concert will take place at 10.00am and will last approximately 30 minutes.

Skipping Festival

The children in Years 2 and 4 will be participating in a Skipping festival at St Wilfrid's in the coming weeks. This week Leanne, a coach from the Skipping School, came in to work with the children to support them with their preparations for the competition. If your child is in Y2 or 4 and wishes to purchase a skipping rope from the Skipping school to practise they are available from the school office at a cost of £5

Eco Council Request

Our School Eco Council are collecting plastic bottle top lids. These are to be sent to the cosmetic chain 'Lush' to be recycled and turned into new cosmetic bottles and pots. Please send the washed bottle lids in to your child's class teacher.

Volunteer Readers

We are appealing once again for parents, parishioners or friends of the school who may have a morning or afternoon free, and would like to come into school and listen to children read individually. If you are interested in supporting school in this way, please leave your name with Mrs Edginton and we will get back to you.

100 Club

If you wish to purchase a 100 Club number for £10 for this academic year there are still some numbers available. Please contact the school office.

The winning number for the draw last week was number 19, Ethan (Y1)

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.

Parish News

Confirmation (current Y6&7)

On the 26th January a dress rehearsal for Confirmation will take place at 4.30pm – 5.45pm

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place at St Anne's Cathedral in Leeds on 5th February at 7.00pm

First Holy Communion (current Y4)

There will be a meeting for parents of children preparing to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion on 10th February following the 10.00am Mass.

Sessions for the children are as follows:

Saturday 9th March – 10.00am – 3.00pm

Saturday 11th May – 10.00am – 3.00pm

Saturday 18th May – 4.30pm – 5.45pm

Dress Rehearsal – Saturday 15th June 4.30pm – 5.45pm

All of the above sessions will take place in the Parish Hall

Celebration of First Holy Communion – Sunday 22nd June

Confirmation 2020 (current Y5)

There will be an initial meeting for parents of children in current Y5 on 12th May following the 10.00am Mass with information regarding the sacrament of Confirmation in 2020

Gold Book Assembly

Gold book assembly will take place tomorrow Friday 18th January at 2.30pm. The following children have made it into the Gold Book this week. We are very proud of them, and their achievements:

Lunchtime Awards – Maddison Y4 & Olivia Y3

Late Foundation – Grace & Zachary F

Year 1 – Ethan & Harrison

Year 2 – Lucy & Ola

Year 3 – Sophia & Leyton

Year 4 – Lily & Lillie

Year 5 – Lucas & Sophia

Year 6 – Lennon & Ruby H

Diary Dates

Monday 21st January – Y6 SAT's Information evening for parents – 2.15pm or 6pm

Wednesday 23rd January – Y1 Fire Station visit

Wednesday 23rd January – Y6 Athletics Tournament (10 children) Minsthorpe

Friday 25th January – Y5 Guitar Concert

Monday 28th January – Maths Information session for parents – Fractions, decimals and percentages

Monday 4th February – Internet Safety week

Tuesday 5th February – Reading and phonics information session for Y1 parents

Monday 11th February – Y4 Skipping – St Wilfrid's

Friday 15th 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 Late Foundation who had the winning attendance for the week.

Late Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98.00%	97.00%	97.42%	94.00%	92.19%	97.41%	96.67%

Our Statement of Belief for this week was:

I listen to what you say. I show that I am listening to you

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