



St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

A Voluntary Academy

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Newsletter: Spring Term

14th February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term has certainly flown, with lots of children undertaking some fantastic work in class. One of our current areas of focus across school is improvement in presentation and handwriting. We have seen a number of children rise to this challenge with some lovely work across many year groups. Tomorrow we break up for the half term holiday. Hopefully when we return we will start to see some further signs of spring and warmer weather!

Have a lovely half term break.

Mrs Warters

Confirmation congratulations

At the Sunday Mass last weekend many of our children in Y6 and some past pupils of Y7 received their certificates in recognition of their confirmation. The pupils had been confirmed by Bishop Marcus at a celebration at the Cathedral on the previous Tuesday. It was, I am told, a lovely celebration and acknowledged their full initiation into the Catholic faith. Congratulations from all the community at St John's school.

Parking

Please could we ask you to park considerately around the school neighbourhood. Yesterday we received a phone call from a local resident complaining they were unable to get their car out to go to the hospital to seek urgent treatment. Please could we ask that you do not block entrances to driveways or block in other cars that may be parked. We do ask for your support in this matter.

World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March, we will be celebrating World Book day in school. Children are invited to come into school dressed as their favourite book character. Prizes will be awarded to the most creative outfits and we will have special reading-themed events on the day. On this day, children will bring home their World Book Day £1 token which can be used in participating book shops.

Inhalers and medication

If your child has been identified by your GP as requiring an inhaler, medication or allergy please ensure that you inform the school office and complete the appropriate medical form as soon as possible. This will ensure that our records are kept up to date and that staff are aware of which children require inhalers or medication in their class. This is particularly important if your child has been diagnosed since the completion of the home/ school information forms in September.

Wakefield Junior Park Run

Miss James would like to remind all families that the 'Wakefield Junior Park Run' is now up and running each Sunday from 8.50am at either Wakefield Thornes Park or Pontefract Park. If you would like your child to take part in the park Run, please collect a letter from the School Office.

Normanton Council Easter Egg Colouring Competition

All entries for this competition need to be returned to Normanton Council at the Town Hall by Monday 4th March.

Parents Association

Our PA will be holding a meeting today 14th February at 3.30pm in school. Do come along and find out about the wonderful work of the PA and how they support our school. If you can help in any way or just want to find out a little more do come along to the meeting. All are welcome.

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 52, W Smith

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

First Holy Communion (current Y4)

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 15th February 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 – Emily LF & Daniel Y6

Late Foundation – Isabelle & Samanta

Year 1 – The Whole Class

Year 2 – Lexie & Daniel

Year 3 – Ben & James

Year 4 – The Whole Class

Year 5 – Niamh & Daniel

Year 6 – Isobelle & Arvy-Lee

Diary Dates

Friday 15th February – Half Term holiday

Monday 4th March – Book Week

Wednesday 6th March – Ash Wednesday

Thursday 7th March – World book Day

Friday 8th March – Y2 Multiskills Event – St Wilfrids

Monday 18th March – Class Photographs

Friday 22nd March – Y4 Rothwell Music Festival

Friday 29th March – Y6 Tag Rugby Tournament – (Team)

Monday 1st April – Y2 Skipping Tournament – St Wilfrid's

Wednesday 3rd April – Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm

Thursday 4th April – Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm

Tuesday 9th April – LF/KS1 Palm Sunday Assembly 9.15am

Wednesday 10th April – Y3/4 Last Supper Assembly 9.15am

Thursday 11th April – Y6/6 Good Friday Assembly 9.15am

Friday 12th April – Break up for Easter

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 Years 1 & 6 who had the winning attendance for the week.

| Late Foundation | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 96.33% | 98.67% | 93.87% | 95.00% | 95.63% | 93.70% | 98.67% |

Our Statement of Belief for this week was:

I know that it is ok for me to make mistakes

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)