



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,

Yesterday we gathered together for a liturgy to mark Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. As we begin our Lenten journey over the next 40 days we try to grow closer to Jesus by our words and actions. As part of our Lenten journey we will think about those in need in our diocese and the work of Catholic Care. Our Mini Vinnies will be holding a fundraising appeal for the Good Shepherd Fund in the next few weeks.

Could I thank you for the many messages of condolence I have received during this past week following the death of my Father. Please could you continue to keep him and my family in your prayers at this difficult time.

Mrs Warters

World Book Day

Today we celebrated World Book Day with lots of children dressing up as their favourite book character. The children had the opportunity to share their favourite book with their class as well as many other 'book' related activities including a book swap. The Staff have had a lovely day sharing their own favourite books as well as entering into the spirit of World Book Day in costume! Each child has brought home a World Book Day voucher which can be redeemed in participating stores. Please check out the school website for photographs.

Sporting Achievements

Netball

Many congratulations to our Y6 Netball team who made the semi - final at the recent tournament at St Wilfrid's. Also to our Y5 netball team who also participated in this event and did really well. All the children represented the school in such a fantastic way and we are really proud of them.

Orienteering

This week our Y6 and Y4 took part in an Orienteering event at DeLacy Academy. The children were great representatives of the school. Two of the teams, one from Y4 and Y6 have made it through to the final later this month. Well done to all who took part!

School Crossing Patrol

Please be aware that Colin Aylward our School Crossing Patrol will not be working on Monday 11th March at either the beginning or end of the school day.

Headlice

We have had a number of reported cases of headlice in most year groups in school this last week. Please could you check **all** family members including adults and treat accordingly. Further advice in relation to treatment can be sought at the chemist, and an advice sheet has been sent out from school this week. Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

Film Night

The Parents Association have arranged a film night to be held in school for children in Late Foundation to Year 6, on Tuesday 26th March. Please ensure that your booking form and money is returned to school as soon as possible.

Red Nose Day

To join in with the fundraising, we will be holding a non-uniform day **next Friday 15th March**. The children can dress in red or wear red items on that day for a donation of £1.00 that will go to the Comic Relief charity.

Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for two Teaching Assistants and for a Lunchtime Supervisor. Please see the 'More' tab on the school website for further information regarding the positions and how to apply.

St Wilfrid's School Bus Service Consultation

St Wilfrid's have asked us to notify you of a consultation taking place in regards to the school bus services currently under review by the local transport authority. Please see the information below from the school. We would urge our parents also to make their feelings known on the potential withdrawal of some services from the Normanton and Altofts area to St Wilfrid's.

*We have been made aware by The West Yorkshire Combined Authority that bus services across the region are being reviewed. There are 5 services under review that directly affect St Wilfrid's, these are **582, 606, 610, 611, 613.***

*The consultation and engagement website is now open and **closes on 15th March 2019**, therefore time is limited and we request that parents and other interested parties respond to the consultation here:*

Link: [Combined Authority's consultation and engagement website](#)

Any withdrawal of these services will have a detrimental effect on Catholic education, limiting pupil and parent choice. We urge all parents to respond to the consultation to safeguard the future of School Bus services in this area.

Indoor Pumps

All children need to have a pair of black pumps to wear in school. Can you please ensure your child has a pair as there are several children currently without them.

Class Masses

All parents, parishioners and friends of the school are welcome to join us for school and class Masses which take place at 9.15am in the school hall.

Y3/4 – Thursday 14th March

Y5/6 – Thursday 21st March

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 – 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 8th March 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 – Aiden Y5 & Shelbie Y2

Late Foundation – Calvin & Billy

Year 1 – Ava C & Harriet

Year 2 – Isabel F & Bella B

Year 3 – George & Ben

Year 4 – The Whole Class

Year 5 – Luke & Abraham

Year 6 – Emily & Ruby T

Diary Dates

Friday 8th March – Y2 Multiskills Event – St Wilfrids

Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day

Monday 18th March – Class Photographs

Friday 22nd March – Y4 Rothwell Music Festival

Tuesday 26th March – Film Night (LF-Y6)

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 Year 2 who had the winning attendance for the week.

Late Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98.67%	98.67%	98.71%	98.62%	93.12%	95.93%	93.33%

Our Statement of Belief for this week was:

I try to keep going when things get difficult and not give up

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)