



St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School
A Voluntary Academy

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Newsletter: Spring Term

21st March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has seen a return to better weather as we officially begin the season of Spring. Hopefully it will continue for the weekend. I have seen lots of wonderful work taking place in classes this week and many of our children recognised for their achievements in this week's Gold Book assembly.

Have a good week

Mrs Warters

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 by tomorrow **Friday 22nd March**.

Parents Evening

On Monday the children should have brought home appointment slips for the Parent's Evening on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th April. Please complete and return to your child's class teacher by Monday 25th March. The appointments will be sent out on Wednesday 27th March.

Mobile Phones

Parents are reminded that children are *not allowed* to bring mobile phones to school. The only exceptions are to children in Y5/6 who walk home and they must hand in their phones to the class teacher on arrival. Phones will be locked away in the school office and then returned at the end of the school day. We do hope that you will support us in this matter.

Red Nose Day

Thank you to all those who supported this event. The total raised was £234.00

Fancy Dress Clothes

We would like some fancy dress clothes for KS1 to use/dress up in at playtimes. If you have any fancy dress clothes that are suitable and would like to donate them to school can you please send them into the school office.

Thank you.

Wanted

Our nursery unit are looking for clean small baby or dolls clothes for their role play areas. Please hand in to the school office if you have anything suitable.

Nursery places

We have availability for places in our Nursery from September. Please contact the school office for more information and an application pack.

Nursery Stay and Play

Parents of our Nursery children are warmly invited to come along to the Stay and Play session on Friday 29th March. The sessions will take place from 10.00am – 11.30am for the children attending morning nursery and from 1.45 – 3.15pm for those children attending the afternoon session.

Wakefield and Pontefract Junior Park run

Now that Spring has arrived and we will hopefully have better weather Miss James wants to remind families of the Park run which takes place each Sunday morning at either Thornes Park or Pontefract Park at 8.50am. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to participate in a fun run. If you have not taken part previously an information letter is available from the school office.

Please note that there is no Wakefield Thornes Park Run this weekend because of the Wakefield 10K

Parking

Please could we remind all parents and carers to park considerately along Beckbridge Lane. Also not to park on the zig -zag lines outside the school gates for the safety of all the community of St John's. Many thanks in anticipation of your support in this matter

Outdoor School Equipment

Parents are reminded that the children are not allowed to play on the outdoor equipment such as the Trim Trail and the new football nets at the beginning and end of the school day.

Good Shepherd appeal

During Lent, schools across the Diocese raise funds for the Good Shepherd Appeal. This is an appeal on behalf of the Bishop to support Catholic Care. Catholic Care support many in the community from both young and old. Our Mini Vinnies would like to respond to this fundraising appeal by holding an Easter Egg Raffle in school. From Monday, 25th March, they will begin to sell raffle tickets for this appeal. Tickets will cost 20p each and children may bring their money to school, and purchase tickets from the school office at playtimes. Alternatively, parents may wish to purchase tickets from the school office, please see Mrs Edginton.

We would greatly appreciate any contributions of chocolate Easter treats or Easter eggs for prizes. The more we have, the more chances of winning a prize. The raffle will be drawn in the last week of term. Many thanks in advance.

Eco Council and Gardening Club appeal

The Eco Council and School Gardening club are working on a joint venture to build a greenhouse from clear plastic bottles. Please send in to school any clean clear plastic pop or water bottles (e.g.Coke and lemonade style) so they can be used to create a wonderful growing space for the Gardening Club.

Non –Uniform Day

On Friday the 5th April we will be holding a non – uniform day to raise funds for the Good Shepherd Fund. The children can wear their own clothes on the day and pay £1

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 25, Mrs Eddy.

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 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 22nd 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 – Jack Y2 & Calvin LF

Late Foundation – Oscar & Amarachi

Year 1 – Franciszek & Megan-Rose

Year 2 – Shelbie & Tommy

Year 3 – Kornelia & Jamie

Year 4 – Not in assembly as they are at a music festival

Year 5 – Lacey G & Tom

Year 6 – Corben & Willow

Diary Dates

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

Friday 5th April – Non-uniform day

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

Monday 29th April – School term begins

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday Monday

Monday 13th May – Y6 SAT’s week

Wednesday 22nd May – Y3 Singing performance 9.15am

Friday 24th May – 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
90.67%	97.67.%	99.68%	98.00%	94.69%	96.30%	97.67%

Our Statement of Belief for this week was:

I know when to ask for help and who to ask help from

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)