



St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School
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Newsletter: Spring Term

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we end our term and look forward to our Easter break, I would like to thank all parents, carers and friends of the school for the support which you have given across the Spring Term. During Lent, we have been raising money for the Good Shepherd appeal, and you have shown such generosity. During this week we have shared our Holy Week assemblies throughout school reflecting upon the last week of Jesus' life. Many thanks to all who were able to attend and join with us in prayer and reflection.

May I wish you all a happy, holy and peaceful Easter. Enjoy the time you spend with your families, and I look forward to welcoming you back on the 29th April.

Happy Easter!

Mrs Warters



Parents Evening

Thank you to all those who attended the Parents evening consultation last week. We do hope that you found it informative as to the progress of your child and the next steps in their learning.

Summer Uniform

After the Easter holiday the children will be allowed to wear summer uniform. At St John's part of our identity is our school uniform and we pride ourselves in this. Therefore, I urge parents, to ensure that children are sent to school wearing the correct uniform at all times. Extreme haircuts and hairstyles are not permitted as part of the uniform policy agreed by the Academy Council. The following information is taken from the school uniform policy:

GIRLS: Grey pinafore or skirt, grey tailored trousers, white shirt or blouse, school tie, navy knitted cotton cardigan with school logo.

Summer – Blue and white full checked dresses with white socks, navy knitted cotton cardigan with school logo, indoor black pumps, sensible black shoes.

Boys: Grey tailored trousers, white shirt, school tie, navy knitted cotton jumper with school logo.

Summer – Grey tailored shorts, white short sleeved shirt, school tie, navy knitted cotton jumper with school logo, indoor black pumps and sensible black shoes.

All clothing, shoes, bags etc. must be labelled with your child's name. Please check regularly.

Jewellery

The wearing of earrings, rings or any other item of jewellery (except for watches) is very strongly discouraged in

accordance with Health and Safety regulations and Education Authority guidance. Children wearing earrings may not be allowed to participate in P.E. and may not be allowed to go out to play if it is judged that they pose a hazard to themselves or to other children in active physical situations. They will be asked to cover the studs with a plaster (provided from home) during active sessions. Staff are *not allowed* to either remove or insert earrings, or to apply plasters to children's ears.

The piercing of ears for primary age children is very strongly discouraged. Children with pierced ears may wear simple plain studs but will be subject to the school rules above.

Nursery Closures – Polling Station

Please be aware that Nursery will be closed to children on Thursday 2nd May as the nursery unit will be used as a polling station on these days. We do apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, but thank you for your understanding.

INSET DAY – Advanced notice

Please note that the school will be closed to pupils on Monday 10th June as staff will be undertaking an INSET day on that day.

Easter Egg Eggstravaganza Raffle

Many thanks for the donations of Easter eggs both big and small for our Easter egg raffle for the Good Shepherd Fund. We have had lots of lucky winners in the draw today. The final total raised for the Good Shepherd Fund will be announced after the holiday. I shall be taking three children from Y5 along to the Cathedral in Leeds to present our cheque at the annual Good Shepherd service in May.

Non –Uniform Day - Save the Children - Idai Cyclone Appeal

Many thanks for all your contributions. The total raised was £237 for the Save the Children Fund.

New dinner Menus

The kitchen have produced a new menu for the summer term which your child should have brought home this week.

Appeal

As you know we recently had some volunteers from HSBC working on the school gardens as part of an initiative from their employer. Many companies offer volunteering work or grants to schools or charities. If you work for a company that offers grants to schools or to a charity such as our Parents Association please let us know. I know many of you will have seen on the news the struggles that schools are having with funding. Any extra support coming our way would be greatly appreciated.

Bicycle and scooter safety

For the safety of all our school community please do not ride bicycles or scooters in the school grounds at the beginning and end of the school day. This applies to both children and adults.

Nursery places

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

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.

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.

The Prince of Wales Hospice Cyclothon

The Hospice are hosting a 25th Anniversary ride on Sunday 19th May. The ride is a 4.5 mile family ride starting at 9.00am at Pontefract Park. Please register for the ride online at www.pwh.org.uk

Bishop Konstant Youth Choir

All KS2 children are welcome to join Bishop Konstant Youth Choir and enjoy professionally led singing tuition, concerts, and Masses led by Charlotte Kitson from the Diocese of Leeds Music Department. The choir is FREE of charge to join. For more information and to confirm your child's place, please contact:

charlottekitson@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk / 0113 244 8634.

Monday - 4.15-5.15 Pontefract Boys Choir - St. Joseph's School, Pontefract WF8 4AA

Tuesday - 4.15-5.15 Wakefield Junior Choir (boys and girls) - English Martyrs School, WF2 9DD

Thursday - 4.15-5.15 Pontefract Girls Choir - St Wilfrid's School WF7 6BD.

Children's Book Launch

Frank English, a Normanton born author, will be launching his new book 'The story of Lemuel Pecker' at Normanton library on Saturday 4th May from 10.00am – 12 noon. Frank has worked with some of the children in our school previously and this is a wonderful opportunity to encourage the love of reading by meeting a real author.

Half Price School Book Fair

We will be holding a half price book fair from Friday 3rd – Thursday 9th May. Books will be on sale before and after school.

Masses at St John the Baptist Church

Holy Week Services:

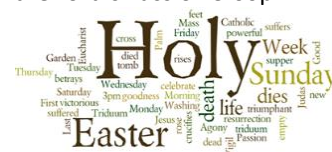
Maundy Thursday – 7.00pm

Good Friday – Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm

Stations of the Cross 7.00pm

Easter Vigil – 8.00pm

Easter Sunday Mass 10.00am



Gold Book Assembly

Due to other events in school there will be no Gold Book Assembly this Friday.

Diary Dates

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

Monday 10th June – Inset Day

Tuesday 11th June – School term begins

Monday 17th June – Sports Week

Tuesday 18th June – Sports Day

Monday 24th June – Feast day of St John the Baptist

Monday 8th July – Y6 Transition day – St Wilfrid's

Tuesday 9th July – Y6 Transition day – St Wilfrid's

Wednesday 17th July – Y6 Residential to Robinwood

Wednesday 24th July – Celebration Assembly 9.15am

Friday 26th July – End of year Mass in church 10.00am

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
92.33%	97.33%	98.71%	87.00%	95.63%	96.27%	98.67%

Our Statement of Belief for this week was:

I understand what trust means

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)