



St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

A Voluntary Academy

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Newsletter: Summer Term 2nd May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to school after the Easter holidays. I do hope that you had a good break and are feeling refreshed and relaxed. The children have returned to school with a super attitude and have had a great first week back. This is a busy term, with the end of key stage one and end of key stage two tests taking place before our next break. Please do keep all our children in your prayers as they revise and prepare for the SATs.

Have a good week.

Mrs Warters

Nursery Closure – Polling Station

Please be aware that Nursery will be closed to children on Thursday 23rd May as the nursery unit will be used as a polling station for the European election on this day. This may be subject to change at short notice so do check the school website for further information. The school will also send out a Groupcall message to the parents of children in Nursery if the election is postponed. We do apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, but thank you for your understanding.

Class Photographs

Your child should have brought home a copy of the class photograph for this academic year. Please can all orders and payment be made by Monday 20th May. Any orders after this date will not be processed.

May Day Bank Holiday

Please note that next Monday 6th May is a Bank Holiday. School will be closed on this day.

INSET DAY

School will be closed to pupils on Monday 10th June as staff will be undertaking an INSET day on that day.

Sports Week

Beginning on Monday 17th June we will be holding our Sports Week in school with many activities taking place for all year groups across school including cricket, football, taekwondo, gymnastics and dance.

Our **Sports Day** will take place on Tuesday 18th June (weather permitting) Our sports day has been divided into two events, one for Foundation Stage and Key Stage One, which will take place in the morning, and another for the children in Key Stage Two, which will take place in the afternoon. Both events will take place on the school field

with the morning event beginning at 9.30am and the afternoon event starting at 1.30pm.

The PA are kindly supporting this event by providing refreshments etc throughout the day.

Good Shepherd Appeal

During Lent the school participated in fundraising events for the Good Shepherd Fund. I am pleased to inform you that a total of £290.90 was raised in the Easter raffle. Some of our Mini Vinnies children will present the cheque to Bishop Marcus at St Anne's Cathedral at the Good Shepherd service on 24th May. Thank you for all your support.

Water Bottles

We encourage the children to drink water throughout the day. Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school each day. Should your child not have a bottle they can purchase a bottle from the school office at a cost of 50p.

BKCAT Diocesan Singing Programme presentation – Save the date

Y2/4 will be showcasing their wonderful singing under the direction of Miss Kitson from the Diocesan Singing programme on Monday 8th July at 11.00am. All are welcome

Safeguarding

Any concerns regarding the safeguarding of a child should be brought to the attention of the Safeguarding Team in school. The team is: Mrs Warters (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Mrs Spittle, Miss Noone, Mr Flood and Mrs Ferguson. Any serious concerns you have can be reported directly to Social Care Direct on 0345 8503 503.

Home Time

Please do ensure that your children are closely supervised at the end of the school day to ensure their safety. Please do not allow your children to play in the outdoor classroom or climb on the playground equipment. Can we also remind you that dogs are not allowed on the school premises at the beginning or end of the school day. This is for the safety of all concerned - including our canine friends!

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.

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.

Nursery places

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

Parent's Association – Save the date

The PA will be holding a disco for LF/ KS1 and KS2 on Wednesday 10th July. Further details will be sent out shortly.

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

100 Club

The winner of the 100 club Easter draw was:
Number 10, Mrs Weeks

First Holy Communion (current Y4)

Saturday 11th May 10am – 3pm in the Parish Hall (Packed lunch required)

Saturday 18th May 4pm- 5.45pm – meet in the Church

Saturday 15th June 4.30pm – 5.45pm – Rehearsal

Holy Communion celebration – Saturday 22nd June

Confirmation 2020 (current Y5)

The first meeting for children and parents wishing to apply for confirmation next year will take place on Sunday 12th May after the 10.00am Mass.

The first session for children will take place on Saturday 20th July from 10am – 3pm. A packed lunch will be required for this day

Masses at St John the Baptist Church

Saturday at 7.00pm

Sunday at 10.00am – Children's Liturgy takes place during the 10.00am Mass. All welcome

Gold Book Assembly

The next Gold book assembly will take place on Friday 3rd May 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 – Skylah LF & Eva Y6

Late Foundation – Zac J & Sophie

Year 1 – Seth H & Teddy D

Year 2 – Poppy & Charlie O

Year 3 – Jacob & Alfie

Year 4 – Harrison & Evie

Year 5 – Zuzanna K & Aiden

Year 6 – Abby & Daniel

Diary Dates

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 – Mass in church

Monday 1st July – Eco Week

Monday 8th July – BKCAT Diocesan singing programme concert for Y2/ Y4 – 11.00am

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

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

Wednesday 10th July – PA Disco

Wednesday 17th July – Y6 Residential to Robinwood

Tuesday 23rd July – Y6 Hopes and Dreams assembly

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 1 who had the winning attendance for the week.

Late Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96.67%	99.33%	97.10%	94.33%	90.63%	99.26%	95.33%

Our Statement of Belief for this week was: I try to forgive those who have hurt me

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