



# St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

## A Voluntary Academy

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### Newsletter: Summer Term 16th May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I must begin this week's newsletter by commending Year 6 for the wonderful values and qualities which they have displayed during their end of Year 6 tests. I have been very proud of each and every one of them for the stamina, confidence, resilience, perseverance and good humour they have shown this week. They really have taken the week in their stride with great maturity. It is important that they remember they are all more than a test and have an abundance of talents gifts and skills that can't be measured by SAT's!

I would also like to say a huge thank you to all staff for the part they have each played in supporting the children, and to parents for their support at home which has ensured that children have arrived for the SATs breakfast club with a big smile on their face!

This afternoon the children were treated to a visit to Haw Hill Park for some well deserved rest and relaxation and importantly some fun!

Have a good week.  
Mrs Warters

#### Water Bottles

As the weather has turned much warmer 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.

#### Non – Uniform day

We will be holding a non- uniform day tomorrow Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May, £1 donation to support the Good Shepherd fund. I shall be taking some of our Mini Vinnies to St Anne's cathedral in Leeds on the 24<sup>th</sup> May to the Good Shepherd celebration to present our cheque to Bishop Marcus following our fundraising efforts.

#### Nursery Closure – Polling Station

Please be aware that Nursery will be closed to children on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** as the nursery unit will be used as a polling station for the European election on this day.

#### Nursery places

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

#### Plastic Bottles collection

Many thanks to those of you who have contributed to the collection of plastic bottles by our Eco Council. These will be used to create a cold frame for the allotment in the next week. We have received many donations of bottles and this collection has now finished. Please look out on our Twitter page to monitor the progress of the 'build'.

#### 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 20<sup>th</sup> May**. Any orders after this date will not be processed.

#### Y3 Singing Performance

On **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** Y3 will be showcasing their work with Mrs Chapman in a short performance at 9.30am. All are welcome to attend.

#### INSET DAY

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

#### Sports Week

Beginning on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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. our Nursery children will join us for their 'Teddy Bear' race during their morning or afternoon session.

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

#### Wakefield in Bloom – planter competition

This year we are taking part in the Wakefield in Bloom planter competition and are looking for children who would like to take part. The challenge is to create a planter out of something that would otherwise be thrown away. The planter needs to be made at home during our half term holiday. Entries can be brought to school on Tuesday 11th June and placed in the hall ready for judging by the Eco

Council. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place entries. These will then be sent to Angler's Country Park for public display where voting will take place on the entries from across Wakefield. If one of our planters is lucky enough to win, the winning child will receive a £50 retail voucher for themselves and £500 for school. As entries will be on public display and on the Wakefield Recycles Facebook page we assume that, upon entry, you give permission for photographs of your child's planter, their first name and our school name to be used in publications. We look forward to receiving your fabulous entries and look forward to brightening up our school grounds with all the entries we receive!

#### **Mr Flood takes to the skies - Literally!**

Our feeder Catholic High School, St Wilfrid's have been granted planning permission to build a 4G all-weather pitch on their school grounds.

This is really exciting news for our Trust as it will give a first-class facility to be used for sports and PE. It will in turn directly benefit the children of St John's - not only those that choose St Wilfrid's as their high school but also as we will have regular access to the facility to enhance our own sport and PE provision.

As part of the fundraising efforts, a group of colleagues from across the Trust are doing a tandem-skydive in July to raise funds for the building of the facility. One of those who are doing the skydive is our very own Mr Flood! Mr Flood is terrified of heights but wants to do his bit to help the build. You can show your support by sponsoring Mr Flood as he aims to raise £500.

If you wish to sponsor Mr Flood the Trust have set up a Just Giving webpage

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Kieron-Flood>

More details will be shared after half term if you would like to watch the skydive first hand and support Mr Flood!



#### **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 8<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00am. All are welcome.

#### **Y5 Guitar Concert – save the date**

Our Y5 children will be showcasing their guitar skills with Mrs Garside at a short recital on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 10.00am. All are welcome.

#### **Summer Holiday Club**

Following success of previous holiday clubs during the August holidays we are once again able to offer a holiday club again this year led by Wakefield trinity who run many of our After School Clubs. The club will run on two separate weeks. The first from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August and the second from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. The clubs are open to children from LF – Y6 and will run from 9.00am – 3.00pm. Each session will cost £15 per child but we are able to offer a discount for other children in the family. Information has been sent out to parents via the Groupcall email. Should you require any further information or want an application form please contact the school office.

#### **Parent's Association – Save the date**

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

#### **Dolce Kitchen Vacancies**

Dolce who are our school lunch provider are recruiting for staff to work in our school in the kitchen. The hours are 1 and 1/4 hours per day. Please contact Claire Oldfield at [claire.oldfield@dolce.co.uk](mailto:claire.oldfield@dolce.co.uk) for further information.

#### **BKCAT Trust Job Vacancies – IT Technicians/ Assistants**

The Academy Trust are currently recruiting for IT staff please see the school or BKCAT Trust website for further information.

#### **Gold Book Assembly**

The next Gold book assembly will take place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 – Leyton Y3 & Charlie Y3

Late Foundation – Poppy A & Pravan

Year 1 – Krista & Charlie T

Year 2 – Olivia S & Kaylen

Year 3 – Jakub & Layla

Year 4 – Maddison & Missy

Year 5 – Frankie & Maria

Year 6 – The Whole Class

#### **First Holy Communion (current Y4)**

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 4pm- 5.45pm – meet in the Church

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 4.30pm – 5.45pm – Rehearsal

Holy Communion celebration – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

#### **Confirmation 2020 (current Y5)**

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

#### **Masses at St John the Baptist Church**

Saturday at 6.00pm

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

### Diary Dates

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** – Y3 Singing performance 9.15am

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** – Half term Holiday

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June** – Inset Day

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June** – School term begins

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June** – Sports Week

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June** – Sports Day

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June** – Feast day of St John the Baptist – Mass in church

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July** – Eco Week

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

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July** – Y6 Transition day – St Wilfrid's

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**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July** – PA Disco

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Y6 Residential to Robinwood

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** – Y6 Hopes and Dreams assembly

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July** – Celebration Assembly 9.15am

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July** – Y6 production 9.30am and 2.00pm

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 4 who had the winning attendance for the week.**

Late Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
99.58%	95.83%	98.39%	99.58%	100%	99.54%	95.83%

**Our Statement of Belief for this week was: I know how to show I am sorry**

*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)*