



# St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

## A Voluntary Academy

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### Newsletter: Summer Term 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the unseasonal weather, we have managed to have some of the planned sports activities this week. The children have had the opportunity to experience some of the following sports - Cricket, Rugby, Football, Athletics, gymnastics and even Taekwondo. It has been an enjoyable week, despite having to cancel our sports day on Tuesday. Many thanks to Miss James our PE Coordinator for organising the many events during the week.

Let's hope for better weather in the coming weeks.

Have a good week.

Mrs Warters

#### **St John the Baptist Feast Day**

On Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June we will be celebrating the feast day of our patron saint, St John the Baptist. We will be joining with the Parish community for Mass in church at 10.00am.

*Please ensure that your child has a raincoat as we will be walking up to church.*

The children will then join together for a picnic lunch at lunchtime followed by fun activities in the afternoon. Your child will be able to select their sandwich choice on the morning in school.

The menu will include:

A slice of Pizza

Sausage Roll

Choice of sandwich (ham, cheese, tuna mayo, egg mayo)

Cucumber and carrot sticks

Muffin

#### **First Holy Communion**

This weekend, many of our Year 4 children will be celebrating their First Holy Communion in church on Saturday at 12 noon. I am sure that you will join me in wishing them a very special and memorable day. The children have spent the past few months preparing for this sacrament and this will be a very special day. Please do keep them in your prayers.

#### **ECO Week**

The 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> July will be our school Eco Week. We are looking for donations of different recyclable materials for our children to make a piece of clothing e.g newspapers, carrier bags, plastic wrapping, washed yoghurt pots etc to enter into the Trashion Show on the Thursday. The Friday will be a 'Keen to be Green' non - uniform day where the children can wear any item of green clothing e.g socks, hair bobbles, T-shirts etc. This will not apply to Y1 who will be on their School trip on this day and will be required to wear school uniform.

#### **Urgent – help needed! A plea from the Gardening Club**

The recent rainy weather has turned the school allotment into a 'jungle.' We are no longer growing prize winning vegetables but weeds! It was dis- heartening for the children on Tuesday to see all their previous hard work in planting and preparation so overgrown in such a short space of time. The recent weather has provided perfect growing conditions. If anyone would be willing to spend some time in school at any time to help clear some of the allotment it would be really appreciated by the children – and indeed Mrs Hill and Mrs Warters who feel they are on an uphill struggle. Many thanks in advance.

#### **Sports Day**

Unfortunately due to the typical British weather our Sports Day on Tuesday had to be cancelled. This has been rearranged for Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July. I apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused, but it was unfortunately unavoidable due to the inclement weather we have had over the last two weeks which led to the sports field being waterlogged. Even though the sun came out on Tuesday the field was still extremely wet and muddy.

***Please note that the KS2 Sports day will take place in the morning from 9.30am and KS1 Sports will take place in the afternoon from 1.30pm on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July***

#### **May Day Bank Holiday 2020**

Many of you may have seen the recent announcement that the May Day Bank Holiday in 2020 has been moved from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May to coincide with the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day. Please note the change of date as school will be closed on that day.

#### **Nut Allergies**

We have a number of children across school who have severe nut allergies. This includes a range of varieties of nuts. Please could we ask that children are not sent to school with nuts or chocolate bars containing nuts e.g Snickers as part of their packed lunch to avoid any of our children having a serious allergic reaction.

#### **100 Club**

The winner of the last 100 club draw was: Number 71 Mr Chester.

#### **Mr Flood takes to the skies**

Mr Flood would like to say thank you to those of you who have already sponsored him for his sky dive on the 14<sup>th</sup> July in support of the 3G pitch fundraising at St Wilfrid's.

Mr Flood is aiming to raise £500 towards this alongside other colleagues from the Trust.  
If you wish to sponsor Mr Flood the Trust have set up a Just Giving webpage. Copy this link into your browser to access the page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Kieron-Flood>

### **Pirates of the Curry Bean!**

Shiver me timbers! Our Y6 will be sharing their end of year production 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30 am and at 2pm.

### **BKCAT Diocesan Singing Programme presentation**

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**

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.

### **Celebration Evening**

This will take place on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July from 3.30pm – 6.00pm. It will give you the opportunity to have a look around school and look at all the wonderful work your child has been doing in their books throughout the year. Our PA will be supporting the event selling refreshments throughout the evening.

### **Summer Holiday Club**

Following success of previous holiday clubs during the August holidays we are once again able to offer a holiday club 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.

### **Parents Association**

A huge thank you to our PA who have recently funded lockers in the cloakroom for both our Y3 and Y4 children. These have been a great success and follow on from the lockers provided for Y5/6. They also provided each class

with £50 to purchase essential equipment such as glue sticks etc as we come towards the end of the year and many of these resources run out. Our PA undertake many events to raise funds to support our children. Do come along and give your support in any way you can.

### **Parent's Association Summer Disco**

The PA will be holding a disco for LF/ KS1 and KS2 on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July. Letters will be sent out tomorrow, one letter per family, so eldest child will bring the letter home.

### **Gold Book Assembly**

The next Gold book assembly will take place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

Please note the dates for Gold Book Assemblies this half term are as follows:

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

### **Class Masses**

Fr Mark will be celebrating masses with KS2 at 9.30am on the following dates:

4<sup>th</sup> July – Y3/4/5

11<sup>th</sup> July – Y6

### **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**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June** – Feast day of St John the Baptist – Mass in church 10am

**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

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July** - Y6 Transition day – St Wilfrid's

**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 Pirates of the Curry Bean 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 2 who had the winning attendance for the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> June.**



Late Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
90.42%	90.00%	95.67%	95.42%	93.36%	93.52%	87.50%

**Our Statement of Belief for this week was:** I know what human dignity means and I show that I respect others.

***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)***