



St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

A Voluntary Academy

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Newsletter: Summer Term 27th June 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we celebrated the feast of St John the Baptist, our patron saint. Fr Mark celebrated Mass with us with some of the parishioners from the parish. We are the only parish named after St John the Baptist in the Diocese so feel honoured to have him as our patron saint. Unfortunately our planned picnic was held indoors due to the weather. The improving weather conditions will hopefully see our Sports Day take place on Monday.

Have a good week.

Mrs Warters

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to many of our children in Y4 who made their first holy communion last Saturday. It was a wonderful occasion to see many of our families celebrating this special sacrament.

Sports Day

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 1st July

The PA will be selling cakes and refreshments throughout the day

ECO Week

Next week 1st – 5th 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. **On Friday there 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.

Safer Schools App

By now you should have received an information leaflet regarding the Safer Schools App via our Groupcall system. This is a useful app providing parents with guidance and information on safety settings, online risks, social media advice and how to block and report content. In an advancing technological age it is so important to keep our children safe on devices.

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.

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.

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 14th 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 25th 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 8th 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 12th July at 10.00am. All are welcome.

Celebration Evening

This will take place on Monday 15th 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.

Last day of term- Friday 26th July

Please note that the school will close at 2.30pm on Friday 26th July. We hope to start a new tradition this year of the 'Leavers Tunnel' we hope parents and families will join us at 2.30pm to form a 'Leavers Tunnel' around the school playground in which our Y6 and any other leavers will be applauded and recognised for their service to St John's. At that time we will be saying 'goodbye' to our Y6 pupils by the 'Leavers Tunnel' we hope all our parents will join in applauding our wonderful pupils as they leave the school for the last time. Following this parents will be able to collect their children from the classroom doors.

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 12th – Thursday 15th August and the second from Monday 19th – Thursday 22nd 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 Summer Disco

The PA will be holding a disco for LF/ KS1 and KS2 on Wednesday 10th July. Letters were sent out last Friday, one letter per family, so eldest child should have brought the letter home. Please return the reply slip and money by Monday 8th July.

Gold Book Assembly

The next Gold book assembly will take place tomorrow Friday 28th June.

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

Friday 12th July

Friday 19th July

The following children have made it into the Gold Book this week. We are very proud of them, and their achievements:

Lunchtime Awards – Summer Y3 & Jan Y2

Late Foundation – Emily & Zuzanna

Year 1 – Zoe & Harry

Year 2 – Riley & Oliver

Year 3 – Louis & Elsa

Year 4 – Alison & Kacper

Year 5 – Emilie & Milan

Year 6 – Harry & Kizzy

Class Masses

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

4th July – Y3/4/5

11th 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 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

Thursday 25th July – Y6 production Pirates of the Curry Bean 9.30am and 2.00pm

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 5 who had the winning attendance for the week beginning 17th June.

Late Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.00%	95.33%	95.16%	95.67%	92.50%	96.07%	92.67%

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)