



St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

A Voluntary Academy

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Newsletter: Summer Term 18th July 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many thanks to all of you who were able to join us at the Celebration Evening on Monday evening. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate all that your child has achieved this year and lovely to see so many of you in attendance. Thanks also to our fantastic Parents Association for providing refreshments

Our Y6 are currently on residential at Robinwood. They are having a fabulous time and will return tomorrow, no doubt with many stories of their achievements, a bag of dirty washing and probably very tired!

Next week will see many events taking place in school; I do hope that you will be able to join us for some of them.

Mrs Warters

Visiting author – Frank English

Tomorrow we are very fortunate to have a local author Frank English working with children in Y3,4 and 5. Frank will be showcasing his books and leading writing workshops with the children throughout the day. An opportunity for the children to purchase signed copies of his books will be made available on the day. The hardback books on offer are at discounted prices from the retail price ranging from £7.99 - £8.99. If you would like your child to purchase a book please send in payment on the day. Books will be unavailable to purchase after tomorrow.

Water Bottles

As we are experiencing warmer weather 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.

Transition Morning

Next Tuesday morning your child will have an opportunity to spend the morning with their new classteacher. The children will return back to their current classes just before lunch on that day.

Confirmation Y5 Sessions

Please note that there will be no session this weekend on the 20th July as previously advertised. New dates for sessions will be advertised in September.

Crossing Patrol

As you know the school benefits from a Crossing Patrol on Cemetery Lane. This is at a cost to our Academy Trust and

we encourage all parents to use this service to cross the road safely. This is something we have been requesting for several years so it is important that we recognise the benefits to our school community. Colin, our Crossing Patrol, is keen for all to be safe too. If the service is not used we are in danger of losing it altogether. To quote a well known phrase 'use it, or lose it'.

Dolce – New Menus for September

Tomorrow your child should bring home the leaflet for the new menus starting in September. Please be aware that on Tuesday, week 2 where it says Chicken Drumsticks, we have requested they change this for Chicken Goujons.

Mr Flood takes to the skies

Congratulations to Mr Flood who completed his skydive last Sunday to raise funds for the St Wilfrid's 3G pitch. He described the experience as amazing! After a long wait due to cloud cover Mr Flood completed his jump. Many thanks to all of you who have sponsored him so far. Should you wish to donate you can do so at <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

End of Year Celebration Assembly

Next Wednesday we will celebrate the many achievements of children in school at our annual Celebration Awards Assembly. This will take place at 9.15am.

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.

New academic year

Please note that the school will re-open for the new academic year on **Wednesday 4th September**

Parents Association

Many thanks to our wonderful PA who have raised £1030 in recent weeks by holding a Bun Sale, Refreshments at the Sports Day and the Summer Disco. All their efforts go to supporting your child in school. Thank you to them for all their hard work in ensuring these events ran smoothly.

After school Clubs

Forms are available for the After School Clubs for September from the School Office. Information about the clubs in the autumn term has been sent out by Groupcall.

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.

Leavers Mass

Please join us on Friday 26th July as we celebrate the end of the academic year with Mass in church at 10.00am. At this service we will be saying a fond goodbye to our Y6 leavers, as well as giving thanks for the academic year.

Sports Day Raffle

The winning unclaimed tickets for the raffle are;

1st 546 – 550

2nd 436 – 440

7th 911 – 915

Please contact the school office to collect your prize.

Gold Book Assembly

The final Gold Book Assembly of this academic year will take place tomorrow at 2.30pm.

There will be no Gold Book next Friday. Our end of year Celebration Assembly will take place on Wednesday 24th July at 9.15am. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Lunchtime Awards – Oliver H Y1 & Missy Y4

Late Foundation – The Whole Class

Year 1 – The Whole Class

Year 2 – Ola & Charley S

Year 3 – Olivia L & Joseph

Year 4 – The Whole Class

Year 5 – The Whole Class

Year 6 – Will not be in Assembly as they will be returning from their Residential.

Summer events across the district

Wakefield Libraries Summer Reading Challenge

The library service have organised a Space Chase Summer Reading Challenge throughout the summer. Throughout the holidays the challenge combines free access to books, and creative activities at any Wakefield district library. Children are to read at least six library books and can register for the challenge at their local library. For schools with the highest percentage of children participating in the reading challenge there is an opportunity for them to win a collection of books worth £500 for school. We do encourage a love of reading in school and this would be a good way to further enhance this over the holidays.

Museum of the Moon

This is a touring artwork which will be arriving in Wakefield's former Market Hall from Friday 23rd August – Sunday 8th September. This allows you to experience close up a model of the moon. It will be a free exhibition, however children can earn a VIP experience by collecting 'rocket stamps' from libraries and cultural destinations across the district. Please look out for the postcard with further information coming home with your child.

Family Support Services

Please see below for information on a number of events in the area to support families over the holiday period. Please go to the early help website directory at earlyhelp.wakefield.gov.uk to find out more about what is happening in Wakefield District

The Well - Normanton

Brunch Clubs - Wednesday's 11am to 1pm in the school holidays at The Well, Haw Hill Park, Normanton Free Zumba session from 11 to 12 with light lunch afterwards.

Monday's, Youth Club at Woodhouse Community Centre, Queen Elizabeth Drive, Normanton

5:30 to 7pm - Ages 7 to 12

7:15 to 8:30pm - Ages 12+

Wednesday's - detached work - various hours ranging from 3pm to 9pm

Thursday's, Youth Club at The Well in Haw Hill Park, Normanton

5:30 to 7pm - Ages 7 to 12

7:15 to 8:30pm - Ages 12+

Haw Hill Park Playday

What's Playday? Playday is a national day of celebration of children's right to play!

What's On? Family Zumba 11am, Brunch 12pm, Giant board games, sports and other activities 1pm

Where and When? Haw Hill Park, Castleford Rd, Normanton WF6 2HB

August 7th 2019 11am-2pm

Please note: Parents and guardians are responsible for children taking part in activities.

Contact: Sam 07919553406/ 01924 307878

Team Fun Day

We are hosting a health engagement/fun day on the 22/8/19 at Wakefield Trinity 1-3.30pm for families to come firstly to

have some fun, secondly to speak with health services and provide any feedback about services.

We were hoping that your services could join us on the day to engage with families.

So far we are having representation from CAMHS, OT's, Physio, SALT, consultants, adhd nurses, specialty nursing team, ASD pathway, future in mind and the community navigators. We are hoping to add a few more towards the end of the week.

There will be a travelling zoo disco and face painting plus some fun physical activities provided by Wakefield Trinity

FUTURE IN MIND FREE FUN ACTIVITIES - Luggage for Life

Butterflies Children Centre, Normanton, WF6 1BB

WHEN: Wednesdays :10.30am -1.00pm

31st July, 7th August, 14th August, 21st August

WHO: School Years 7 – 10

HOW TO BOOK A PLACE:

Contact Debbie Tolson on: 07397377244

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



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 beginning 8th July.

Late Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
97.67%	99.33%	88.71%	94.00%	98.44%	96.79%	92.00%

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)

Diary Dates

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

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Wednesday 4th September – School re-opens for new academic year