



St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School  
A Voluntary Academy

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### **Newsletter: Autumn Term**

**26<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Tomorrow we have our Macmillan Coffee morning led by our School Council. Do come along to support this worthy cause.

As we are beginning to see the many signs of autumn around us please ensure that your child comes to school with a coat now that the days are much cooler. We certainly have experienced some very wet weather this week.

Mrs Warters

### **Fundraiser**

Thank you for the contributions to the non-uniform fundraiser in memory of Jake. We raised £259.40. Please look out for further events to help raise funds for this appeal.

### **School Uniform**

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform as stated in the school policy. Dungaree style shorts and trousers are not permitted. Please note that the Academy Council of St John's do not permit shaved haircuts.

### **Flu Immunisation – change of date**

Please note that we have been informed by the nursing team that the date of the Nasal Flu Vaccination has been changed to the **3<sup>rd</sup> December**.

### **Aldi's Kit for Schools vouchers**

We are collecting the Aldi vouchers towards a sports kit and the chance to win £20,000. Please ask friends and relatives to collect these vouchers too so that we can reach our target of 300 stickers and the chance to win. Many thanks to all those who have sent in stickers so far.

### **St Wilfrid's Open Day**

St Wilfrid's will be holding an open day this Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September from 10.30am – 1.30pm for parents of children in current Y6 considering applications to high schools.

Prospective pupils will have an opportunity to look around the school, meet pupils and talk to staff. Do go along and see what the school has to offer.

The application process is undertaken online and the closing date for parental preferences is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019. It is very important that applications are submitted by the closing date. Decision letters will be sent out by the Local Authority by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March to your home address.

### **Recruitment**

We are currently recruiting for two lunchtime supervisor positions and an experienced Teaching Assistant to work with a child with SEND. Please see the school website for more details.

### **Cheques**

If you are sending in a cheque to school for payments please ensure that the cheques are made out to St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School. The bank are no longer accepting cheques that are just made out to St John's. We appreciate your support with this.

### **Breakfast Club**

Should your child no longer require their place at Breakfast Club you are requested to inform the school in writing giving two weeks notice. A reply slip can also be found at the bottom of the half-termly fees letter indicating your preferences.

### **Harvest Festival**

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October we will give thanks to God for the harvest with two celebrations. FS/ KS1 will be at 9.15am and KS2 will be at 2.30pm. The children are asked to bring in donations of fruit, vegetables, tins and packets for the harvest celebration. These will be shared out between the Well project, the SVP and sick and housebound parishioners. We do hope you will be able to come along and share in the celebration.

### **School Dinners**

We have recently had a number of children wanting to change their choices when they arrive in school or getting upset at lunch as they do not want the food ordered. We encourage as many parents as possible to order meals at home online following discussions regarding the food choices with your child. Ordering can be done on a daily or weekly basis.

### **School Dinner – Rugby World Cup themed lunch**

Our school kitchen will be offering a Rugby World Cup themed menu next Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Please see the Dolce School Grid for the menu choices on offer.

### **Open Morning**

We will be holding an Open Morning for prospective parents for both Nursery and Foundation Stage. If you are considering applying for a school place for a sibling or know of someone who is considering our school for their child, you are warmly invited to attend on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October from 9.30 – 11.30am. It will be an opportunity to look around the school, meet some of our school governors and staff. No appointment is necessary.

### Smoking on school premises

Smoking on school premises is **NOT** allowed this includes E-cigarettes.

### Young Voices

We will once again, be participating in Young Voices at Sheffield Arena. The event will take place on Thursday 9th January. Please return the order forms for tickets and T-Shirts by October 11<sup>th</sup>. Orders will **not** be accepted after this date.

### The Sacraments of Confirmation (Year6) First Holy Communion (Year 4) and First Confession (Year 3) 2020.

Fr Mark has asked us to share the following information:

There will be **ONE** meeting for the parents of the children wishing to celebrate these Sacraments next year. The meeting will be **MONDAY 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7- 8pm** in the Parish Hall. This will be the **only** opportunity to register and complete the applications forms. Parents will need proof of baptism if the child has not been baptised in St. John's. Those wishing to celebrate Confirmation must have already celebrated First Confession and First Holy Communion. Those wishing to celebrate First Holy Communion in Y4 must have already celebrated First Confession. If they have not they may prepare for and celebrate First Confession this year and then Holy Communion the following year. There is to be a year between the celebration for First Confession and First Holy Communion. **ALL THOSE WISHING TO CELEBRATE THESE SACRAMENTS, LIKE ALL CATHOLICS, MUST BE ATTENDING MASS EACH WEEK AND HOLY 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 during term time. All welcome

### 100 Club

If you wish to purchase a 100 Club number for £10 for this academic year please call in to the school office.

### Gold Book Assembly

The dates for Gold Book Assemblies this half term are:

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Gold book assembly will take place tomorrow Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 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** – Devon Y1 & Jacques Y6

**Late Foundation** – Hudson & Reuben W

**Year 1** – Ava & William

**Year 2** – Harley & Zoe

**Year 3** – Riley & Abel

**Year 4** – Rico & Bradley

**Year 5** – Jasper & Evie

**Year 6** – Milan & Lacey G

### Diary Dates

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September** – Macmillan Coffee Morning  
9.00am- 10.30am

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October** – KS1 Harvest Festival 9.15am  
KS2 Harvest Assembly 2.30pm

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October** – Open Morning for Nursery and Late Foundation for prospective parents

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October** – Y5 Residential to Robin Hoods Bay

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October** – Y2 Maths information session for parents 3.30pm

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October** – Parent Consultation Evening, 3.30-6pm

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** - Parent Consultation Evening, 3.30-6pm

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October** – Break up

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** – INSET Day

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November** – Anti Bullying week

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – Y5/6 Advent Praise 2.45pm

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – Foundation Stage Inspire morning 9.15am

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 Inspire morning 9.15am

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December** – PA Christmas Fair 3pm onwards

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – Half price book fair

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December** Y3/4 Advent praise 2.45pm

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** Foundation Stage Nativity 9.30am and 2.15pm

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper Day

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Y1/2 Advent Praise 2.45pm

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 Nativity 9.30am and 2.00pm

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – School closes for Christmas

### 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 last week.**

| Late Foundation | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 95.00%          | 99.67% | 96.67% | 99.35% | 98.67% | 94.24% | 98.93% |

**Our Statement of Belief for this week was:**

*I know how to laugh and have fun*

**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)