



St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

A Voluntary Academy

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Newsletter: Autumn Term

10th October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday we held an Open Morning in school for prospective parents for children in Nursery and Late Foundation. Those attending were very ably escorted around school by some of our children from Y6. The children did a superb job and were commended by the visitors over their enthusiasm about their school.

Many thanks also to our wonderful Parents Association who provided refreshments and shared their experiences of our school with our visitors.

Have a good week

Mrs Warters

Y2 Maths Information session

Mrs Tonks will be holding a Maths information session for parents in Y2 today at 3.30pm in the Y2 classroom.

Young Voices

Tomorrow is the last day for ordering tickets and T-Shirts for the concert. Orders **cannot** be accepted after this date.

Parent's Evening LF – Y6

All parents should have received a letter this week to choose an appointment time for either Monday 21st or Tuesday 22nd of October for Parent's Evening. If you have not received a letter, please speak with your child's class teacher or contact Mrs Edginton in the school office. Appointment slips will be sent out early next week.

Either myself or Mr Flood will be available on both days. Mrs Ferguson will also be available should you wish to discuss any pastoral or attendance issues regarding your child.

Absence

Should your child be absent from school please contact the office to report on the first morning of absence, before 9.30, giving the reason and the intended date of return. The absence will need to be followed up by a letter when your child returns.

Fundraiser for Jake

Next Thursday our Y6 pupils who left in the summer are returning to St John's for the afternoon to participate in a sponsored Fun Run. They are hoping to raise funds to create a memorial area in school in memory of Jake who died suddenly in the last week of term. It will be wonderful to welcome them back to St John's and for them to undertake something they had asked to do in Jake's memory. If anyone would like to support them by sponsorship in their efforts please leave your donation with Mrs Edginton at the school office. Our wonderful PA have also kindly offered to host a bun stall at the end of the day to support the event.

Aldi's Kit for Schools vouchers

We have completed our first poster and are now collecting to complete the second 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.

Free School Meals

If you think your child may be eligible for Free School Meals please contact the school office for an application form. If you have any questions about your application or are unsure, please contact Miss Tudor who is happy to help on this issue.

School Photographs

Please can all orders for school photographs be returned to school by next Friday 18th October. Many Thanks

INSET DAY

Please note that **Friday 25th October** is an INSET day for staff and school will **not be open** on that day. School will re-open after the half term holiday on Monday 4th November

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

Children's Liturgy - We remind parents that the Sunday Children's Liturgy of the Word is **only** for children up to, **but not including** those who have started their Preparation for or have already received the First Sacraments.

Sacramental Preparation

Please see the information below from Fr Mark in regards to the preparation meetings for the sacraments this year.

Confirmation – Year 6

Saturday 18th January 2020 Sessions 1-6 10am – 4pm – Church Hall

Saturday 1st February 2020 Practice 4.30pm – 5.45pm

Tuesday 4th February – Sacrament of Confirmation – Church

Reconciliation – Year 3

Saturday 9th November Session 1 3.30pm – 5.45pm – Church hall

Saturday 7th December Session 2 – 3.30 -5.45pm – church hall

Saturday 29th February – Practice session – 4.30pm – 5.45pm – Church

First Holy Communion – Year 4

Saturday 25th April – 3- 5pm Church Hall

Saturday 16th May – 3 – 5pm Church Hall
 Saturday 6th June – Practice session 3 – 5pm – Church
 Saturday 13th June – First Holy Communion Mass 12pm Church
 Sunday – Thanksgiving Mass – TBC - Church and Hall

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 11th October

Friday 18th October

Gold book assembly will take place tomorrow Friday 11th October 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 – Ned LF & Matthew Y4

Late Foundation – Stanley & Reuben B

Year 1 – Grace & Sophie

Year 2 – Krista & Oliver

Year 3 – Kaylen & Bella

Year 4 – Joseph & Kara

Year 5 – Not in assembly due to residential

Year 6 – Abraham & Luke

Diary Dates

Thursday 10th October – Y2 Maths information session for parents 3.30pm

Thursday 17th October – Past pupils sponsored Fun Run for Jake

Monday 21st October – Parent Consultation Evening, 3.30-6pm

Tuesday 22nd October - Parent Consultation Evening, 3.30-6pm

Thursday 24th October – Break up

Friday 25th October – INSET Day

Monday 11th November – Anti Bullying week

Monday 2nd December – Y5/6 Advent Praise 2.45pm

Tuesday 3rd December – Foundation Stage Inspire morning 9.15am

Wednesday 4th December – KS1 Inspire morning 9.15am

Thursday 5th December – PA Christmas Fair 3pm onwards

Friday 6th December – Half price book fair

Monday 9th December Y3/4 Advent praise 2.45pm

Thursday 12th December Foundation Stage Nativity 9.30am and 2.15pm

Friday 13th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 16th December - Y1/2 Advent Praise 2.45pm

Tuesday 17th December – KS1 Nativity 9.30am and 2.00pm

Friday 20th 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 3 who had the winning attendance for last week.

Late Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93.67%	94.67%	97.00%	99.35%	97.33%	97.58%	96.07%

Our Statement of Belief for this week was:

I understand that rights match responsibility

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)**