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A Voluntary Academy

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**Newsletter: Autumn Term
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Dear Parents and Carers,

On Tuesday of this week I had the privilege of taking some of our existing Mini Vinnies and our new Mini Vinnies to the BKCAT Mini Vinnie day which was held in our parish. It was wonderful to see so many of our children and young people sharing the good work that is taking place in the schools across the Trust. Fr Mark celebrated Mass with us and spoke about how the work of the children was so important. Our children were such fantastic ambassadors for our school sharing the work they have undertaken in their role as Mini Vinnies. Thank you to them all.

Have a good week
Mrs Warters

Parent's Evening LF – Y6

All parents should have received an appointment for either Monday or Tuesday of next week for Parent's Evening. If you have not received an appointment or need to make an appointment please speak with your child's class teacher or contact Mrs Edginton in the school office.

INSET DAY

Please note that next **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

Crossing Patrol

Colin our relief school crossing patrol will sadly be leaving his role at our school on Friday. We are thankful for all he has done for our children over the past year, and we are hoping to acknowledge this in the Gold Book assembly on Friday. Mrs Hogarth will take up the permanent position on Wednesday morning. There will be no crossing patrol on Monday morning and afternoon or on Tuesday morning. I do hope you will all make her feel welcome and get to know her as you have done Colin. Please use the crossing patrol with your children when crossing the road. This is a valuable service and one we do not want to lose.

Fundraiser for Jake

This afternoon many of our Y6 pupils from last academic year came back to St John's to participate in the Sponsored Fun Run for Jake. It was lovely to see so many of them back here at school along with their families for this very special event. If you wish to make a donation to the fund in memory of Jake please leave your contribution in the school office. We will be developing a prayer space within school in his memory in the coming weeks.

Y5 Residential to Robin Hood's Bay

Last week our Y5 experienced their first residential to Robin Hood's Bay. Many activities were undertaken including being an evacuee on the steam train from Pickering to Whitby, climbing the 199 steps up to Whitby Abbey, coast guard visit, star gazing, smuggler hunting and rock pooling. A super time was had by all who went!

Many thanks to the children for their fantastic behaviour and to the staff who accompanied them on the residential; Mrs Steadman, Mrs Ferguson, Mrs Bowker and Mrs Holmes.

Trim Trail and equipment

Could I please remind parents that children should not be playing on the Trim Trail or other school equipment at the beginning and end of the school day.

Children in Need Day

On **Thursday 15th November** we will be supporting Children in Need by having a non-uniform day. The children can wear their own clothes/Pudsey bear items and pay a £1 to support the charity.

Young Voices

For those children attending the Young Voices concert in January you are able to access the YV Children's Room via the Young Voices website to practice the songs that will be performed on the night. Please go to the Young Voices website for further information. Look for the Children tab and enter the following code to access the music: YV2020. Mrs Ferguson, Mrs Weeks and Mrs Bowker are also running an after school club on a Wednesday to rehearse for the event.

Dogs around the school area.

Dogs are *not allowed* on the school premises. Many parents often bring their dogs and tie them to the fence outside the school gates whilst they are dropping off and collecting their children. Please ensure that your dog is fastened securely, and that all necessary precautions have been taken to ensure that your dog is not a risk to other dogs or to members of our school community.

Pantomime – Snow White

On Friday 6th December the children will have the opportunity to attend the pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk performed by Acorn productions. This will take place in school and is part funded by the Parents Association but we would ask for a voluntary contribution of £2.50 towards the cost. A letter with further details will be sent out after half term. It is a wonderful event and thoroughly enjoyed by the children across school. Oh yes it is!

PA Dates for your diary

PA School Disco

The Parents Association will be holding a UV disco on Monday 18th November. Please look out for further details coming soon

Christmas Fair

The fair will take place from 3pm on Thursday 5th December in the school hall.

Aldi's Kit for Schools vouchers

Please keep collecting the Aldi vouchers to enable us to have the opportunity to win sports kit and funds for our school. 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 **tomorrow**. Many Thanks

Scholastic half price Book Fair

We will be holding a half price book fair in school from Monday 9th – Thursday 12th December. Come along to see the many bargains on offer and possible Christmas presents for the children in the family.

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 – Year3

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.

The winning numbers for the last two weeks are:

Number 55, Claire S

Number 72, Mr Chester

Gold Book Assembly

The dates for Gold Book Assemblies this half term are:

Friday 18th October

Gold book assembly will take place tomorrow Friday 18th 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 – Harry G Y1 & Harry B Y2

Late Foundation – Oliver & AJ

Year 1 – Lydia & Charlie B

Year 2 – Sean & Megan-Rose

Year 3 – The Whole Class

Year 4 – Summer-Rose & Jakub

Year 5 – Michael & Josh

Year 6 – Daniel & Darcey

Diary Dates

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

Friday 15th November – Children in Need day

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 – Pantomime – Jack and the Beanstalk

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
96.00%	93.67%	96.00%	99.03%	94.00%	98.18%	98.57%

Our Statement of Belief for this week was:

I try to stand up for myself without hurting 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)