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A Voluntary Academy

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**Newsletter: Autumn Term
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back for the second half of the Autumn term. We have certainly experienced some very autumnal weather this week. This is always a very busy but magical term, with the preparations for Advent and Christmas. There will be many events taking place over the coming weeks, so please do keep a check on the diary dates which are listed each week on the newsletter.

Have a good week
Mrs Warters

Election Day

As you are aware a General Election has been called for Thursday 12th December. Our nursery is to be used as a Polling Station for that day and therefore will be closed for both sessions to the children. Main school will be open as normal on that day.

Nursery and Foundation Stage Nativity

Please note that because of the General Election on the 12th December the Nativity that was to be held on that day has had to be re-arranged. This will now take place on Wednesday 18th December at 9.30am or 2.00pm. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. All are welcome to attend.

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week we will be undertaking activities across school in support of the national Anti-Bullying week. Our School Council will begin our week with a launch assembly on Monday for the children on the theme of 'change starts with us'. As part of our support for this we are asking the children to wear odd socks on Tuesday. Further information regarding the week will be sent out from Mrs Ferguson and the School Council.

Safer Schools App

Our school is registered for the Safer Schools app. The App is designed to support and protect children by educating and empowering them both at school and at home. Through their access, your children get access to information that is relevant to them and through the parent access you will receive tips and advice on how to keep them safer online. There is also a section for guidance for parents. If you have not already downloaded this useful app and need further information a short session will be held for parents on Monday at 3.30pm in the school hall to give further information. A passcode is required and this

will be sent out to all parents as part of a BKCAT Trust wide launch next week.

Open Morning for prospective parents

There will be an Open Morning for prospective parents who are considering application to St John's for Nursery or Late foundation on Monday 18th November at 9.30am.

Children in Need Day

On **Friday 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.

Inspire Workshops

Over the next few weeks we will be holding Inspire Mornings across school. Please look out for a letter from your child's class teacher with further information. The dates are:

Tuesday 3rd December – Late Foundation Inspire Workshop 9.15am

Wednesday 4th December – KS1 Inspire Workshop 9.15am

Tuesday 10th December – Y3/4 Inspire Workshop 9.15am

Wednesday 11th December – Y5/6 Workshop 2.00pm

Pantomime – Jack and the Beanstalk

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 shortly. It is a wonderful event and thoroughly enjoyed by the children across school. Oh yes it is!

Dolce Snowman Competition

Please see the information sent home yesterday with your child. Get creative and enter the Snowman competition organised by Dolce our school lunch provider. A superb winning prize is on offer of a Nintendo Switch for the winning entry. Please ensure all entries are submitted to school by Friday 22nd November.

PA Dates for your diary

PA School Disco

The Parents Association will be holding a UV disco on Monday 18th November. Please return the booking form that was sent out yesterday, (1 form per family) by Friday 15th November.

PA Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair will take place from 3pm on Thursday 5th December in the school hall. Further information will be sent out shortly.

Dress Down Day for the PA Christmas Fair – Friday 29th November

On Friday, 29th November, will be holding a dress down day. Children may come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a prize which may be used on one of our tombola stalls at the Christmas Fair.

In addition, if you have any unused gifts, toiletries, bottles or chocolate which you could donate to the Christmas Fair, we would be extremely grateful. These can be left with Mrs Edginton, in the school office, or a member of staff. Many thanks in advance.

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.

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 next half term are:

Friday 8th November

Friday 22nd November

Friday 6th December

Friday 13th December

The next Gold book assembly will take place tomorrow Friday 8th November 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 – Ava C Y2 & Harry B Y2

Late Foundation – Niamh & Edward

Year 1 – Skylah & Oscar

Year 2 – Martha & Charlie T

Year 3 – Olivia S & Lixie

Year 4 – Alfie & Layla

Year 5 – Alison & Bella

Year 6 – Abraham & Zuzanna K

Diary Dates

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

Tuesday 10th December – Y3/4 Inspire Workshop 9.15am

Wednesday 11th December – Y5/6 Workshop 2.00pm

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

Wednesday 18th December Foundation Stage Nativity 9.30am and 2.15pm

Thursday 19th December – Christmas Party Day

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 5 who had the winning attendance for week ending 24th October.

Late Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
90.76%	92.50%	92.92%	95.16%	93.33%	96.97%	95.09%

Our Virtue to live by:

I trust that God's love has no end and that He is at work in my life and in the world.

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)