



St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

A Voluntary Academy

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**Newsletter: Autumn Term  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Sunday I was privileged to attend the wreath laying ceremony in Haw Hill Park as part of the Remembrance Day service. It was a fantastic turn out from the local community to honour those who had served in battle. It was lovely to see so many of our school community in attendance. Many thanks to Evie Y5 and Martha Y2 who represented the school in laying a wreath at the memorial on our behalf.

Have a good week

Mrs Warters

**Children in Need Day**

Tomorrow **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**PA School Disco**

The Parents Association will be holding a UV disco on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Please return the booking form that was sent out previously (1 form per family) by **tomorrow** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

**Anti-Bullying Week**

This week we have had Anti Bullying Week in school. Our School Council launched the week in assembly on the theme of 'Change starts with us'. Children and staff wore odd socks for the day and have undertaken many activities on the theme of anti-bullying throughout the week. Check out our Twitter page on the school website to see some fantastic photographs. Many thanks to Mrs Ferguson and the School Council who have led many of the activities.

**Safer Schools App**

As part of our Anti- Bullying week we have also launched the Safer Schools app for all of our school community. This has been launched across all our BKCAT family of schools and provides parents with useful guidance regarding online safety and electronic devices. The app for children is designed for KS2 pupils. On the children's app you will find quizzes and also guidance on online games. For parents you will find tips on mobile phone settings, passwords, social media and gaming. Download the app for free by searching for 'Safer Schools' in the Apple App Store or on Google play. (You can download it on more than one device!) Enter the name of our school (please look for the school logo as there are a number of schools with the same

name) Enter the relevant codes for either parents or children

The log on codes are:

Parents 7440

Children: 9342

Please remember to look out for our monthly Online Safety newsletter with useful tips for parents in regards to online safety and technology.

**Election Day**

As you are aware a General Election has been called for Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> December the Nativity that was to be held on that day has had to be re-arranged. This will now take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am or 2.00pm. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. All are welcome to attend.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – Late Foundation Inspire Workshop 9.15am

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

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – Y3/4 Inspire Workshop 9.15am

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Y5/6 Workshop 2.00pm

**Pantomime – Jack and the Beanstalk**

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 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

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#### PA Christmas Fair

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

#### Dress Down Day for the PA Christmas Fair – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November

On Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> November, we 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 9<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

The winning number for last week was;

Number 72, Mr Chester

#### Diary Dates

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need day

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November** – Dress down day

**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** – Pantomime – Jack and the Beanstalk

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

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – Y3/4 Inspire Workshop 9.15am

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Y5/6 Workshop 2.00pm

**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

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** Foundation Stage Nativity 9.30am and 2.15pm

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Party Day

**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 3 who had the winning attendance for week ending 8<sup>th</sup> November.**

Late Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93.67%	91.00%	95.00%	95.48%	95.33%	95.45%	95.00%

#### **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)