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A Voluntary Academy

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**Newsletter: Autumn Term
19th December 2019**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another lovely week in school, filled with nativity plays, parties, and all those wonderful and fun events which let you know that Christmas is really only a few 'sleeps' away. It was lovely to welcome so many of you to many of these events which were filled with the true meaning of Christmas. As we finish the term and embark on the Christmas holidays, I would like to thank children, staff, parents and friends of the school for your wonderful support this term. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very joyful and peaceful Christmas, and a very happy New Year.



Mrs Warters

Christmas Holidays

Several parents have requested to collect their children early on the last day of term tomorrow. If you do wish to collect your child early tomorrow, they can be collected from 2.30pm from the classroom doors. School **will remain open** until the usual finish time of 3.15pm for LF/ KS1 and 3.20pm for KS2. School is not closing early but providing an opportunity for those who wish to collect early on that day.

Please note that school will re-open on *Monday 6th January* for the children in classes from LF – Y6

Nursery will open on *Wednesday 8th January*

Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for helping to support the Christmas jumper day last Friday for Save the Children. We raised a total of £224.20.

Goodbye and Welcome back

Tomorrow we say farewell to Mrs James who has been teaching Y4 for the past term in Mrs Grainger's absence following surgery. Mrs James has shown great commitment to the children in Y4 and too our school in many aspects of school life. We thank her for her dedication and wish her all the best for the future.

Earlier this week we welcomed back Mrs Grainger from her long term absence. Mrs Grainger has been busy in school this week preparing for teaching Y4 after the holiday and liaising with Mrs James to ensure a smooth transition.

Travelling Cribs

Please could all Travelling Cribs be returned to school by tomorrow Friday 20th December. Many thanks to all the families who participated in this advent project.

Scooters and bikes

Please ensure that your child collects their scooter or bike from the bike shed at the end of the day tomorrow before the Christmas holiday.

Half price Book Fair

Many of you took advantage of some Christmas shopping at the Scholastic Book Fair last week. This raised over £500 of which £60 has been spent on books for school. Thanks you to all who supported this.

PA Thanks

The PA would like to express their thanks for all your support over recent weeks with fundraising. The school disco back in November raised £516 and the Christmas fair an amazing £1076. All of this benefits the children in our school. Thank you to all the PA for all their fundraising efforts.

PA Christmas Card Collection

The PA will be collecting Christmas cards after the school holiday. If you have any that you wish to donate please send them in to school with your child when we return in January.

Young Voices

For those parents who have ordered tickets for this event at Sheffield Arena on Thursday 9th January please note that tickets will be distributed on Monday 6th January.

School Dinner dietary requirements

If your child has an allergy or a specific dietary requirement, please ensure that this is noted on your child's profile with Dolce. Please log on to your School Grid account to update any changes.

Y6 SATs Meeting

There will be an information evening for the parents of pupils in Y6 on Monday 27th January. The SAT tests will take place during the week beginning 11th May. Please note no holidays should be taken during this time. The evening will give information regarding the statutory tests.

Y2 SAT's Meeting

There will be an information evening on Monday 3rd February at 3.30pm for the parents of pupils in Y2 regarding the SAT tests which will be administered during the month of May. The meeting will inform parents on what aspects of the curriculum will be assessed, and how the test process is undertaken for pupils in Y2.

Uniform

Please can I remind you that the Academy Council of St John's has a clear uniform policy which should be adhered to at all times. Children should not be wearing trainers to school but sensible black school shoes. Wellingtons and boots can be worn on days of severe weather to come to and leave school. Shaved haircuts or those following the current trend are not allowed in school. We have had a number of children coming into school in the last few weeks which is against the uniform policy. We would also encourage children with long hair to have this tied up and headbands to be of a sensible size.

At St John's part of our identity is our school uniform and we pride ourselves on this. Therefore, I urge parents, to ensure that children are sent to school wearing the correct uniform in January

GIRLS: Grey pinafore or skirt, grey tailored trousers, plain white shirt or blouse, navy knitted cardigan or jumper with school logo, school tie, indoor black pumps, sensible black shoes.

Summer – Blue and white checked dresses with white socks.

BOYS: Grey tailored trousers, white shirt, navy knitted jumper with school logo, school tie, indoor black pumps and sensible black shoes.

Summer – Grey shorts. Short sleeve white shirt

PE – Plain Navy blue shorts and plain white T- Shirt
Plain Navy Jogger bottoms and Navy sweatshirt
Trainers for outdoor PE

The school badge can be added to your jumper or cardigan that you are able to purchase at a variety of retailers at So This in Assembly Street in Normanton.

Please ensure that all items of uniform and PE kit are clearly labelled with your child's name.

The Well project and collection for the homeless

Many thanks for all the donations for the Well project and adult clothing for the homeless. I am sure that your donations will be well received by those in need.

Online Safety

I am sure that many of the children will be receiving new technology at Christmas. There are so many connected devices on the market now, each with their own unique way of setting up parental controls and restrictions. Equally the functionality of these devices can be daunting with chat, game downloads, in-app purchases, third party apps on the devices. Please see the many links below to support you in keeping your children safe online.

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/christmas-is-coming-so-take-control/>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/advice-giving-technology-gifts-christmas>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-technology>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

Advice by age

As well as devices, parents also need advice according to the age of their children. Again, Internet Matters has this covered for children 0-5, 6-10, 11-13 and 14+

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/>

Gaming - Gaming is likely to be high on the agenda for many children this holiday period. CEOP have a nice, simple guide for parents

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming/>

Internet Matters also has a gaming hub which is really useful for parents; it was updated a couple of months ago and has invaluable information

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-gaming-advice/>

Social Media - Internet Matters have a really useful hub for parents which explains the risks and the benefits of social media, along with some resources that parents can use

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-advice-hub/>

You can also access many useful resources and guidance through the **Safer Schools** app. Download the app for free by searching Safer Schools in the Apple app store or Google play. (You can download it on more than one device) Search for our school account (look for the school logo) Log in to our school account with the passcode 7440 for parents and 9342 for children.

Y1- Y6 Celebratory Mass

Fr Mark will lead us in celebration for the Epiphany and the Christmas season on Monday 6th January at 9.15am in school for Y1 – Y6. Parents are very welcome to join us, but space will be limited.

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.

Christmas Mass Times at St John the Baptist Church

All families are welcome to join the parish this Christmas for Mass. Christmas Mass times are as follows:

Vigil of the Nativity - 6pm

Midnight Mass (Carols from 11:30pm)

7am Dawn Mass (Latin)

10am Solemnity of the Nativity



100 Club

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

Last week's winner, number 44 Mrs Grainger

Christmas winner, number 4 Charlie Y3

Gold Book Assembly

There will be no Gold Book Assembly tomorrow Friday 20th December.

The dates for Gold Book Assemblies next half term are

Friday 10th January

Friday 24th January

Friday 7th February

Friday 14th February

Diary Dates

Friday 20th December – School closes for Christmas

Monday 6th January – School term begins

Thursday 9th January – Young Voices

Friday 10th January – Gold book assembly

Friday 24th January – Gold Book Assembly

Friday 14th February – Half Term holiday

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Tuesday 10th March – PA Film Night

Monday 16th March – Class Photographs

Friday 3rd April – School closes for Easter

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 2 who had the winning attendance for week ending 13th December.

Late Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96.00%	96.33%	99.33%	96.13%	97.33%	90.61%	88.93%

Our Virtue to live by: Patience

I can wait. I have self- control and act calmly even when things are difficult

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)