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A Voluntary Academy

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### **Newsletter: Autumn Term 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy first week back in school. The children have returned with great enthusiasm and an eagerness in their learning. This week we began the term with a celebration of Mass led by Fr Mark in celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany.

Today we are taking many of our KS2 children to participate in the Young Voices concert at Sheffield Arena. This is a wonderful event with the children joining in with over a thousand other children from across the North in this singing event. I know we will have a fabulous time.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to pass on our huge thanks for the many cards, presents and good wishes that we received before we broke up for the Christmas holidays.

Have a lovely weekend  
Mrs Warters

#### **Uniform**

As we begin the New Year, may I take this opportunity to remind you of the uniform expectations. These were stated on the letter sent out before the holidays. All children do need to have a pair of black pumps in school. These need to be in a good condition as they are worn indoors throughout the day. Children are **not permitted to wear trainers**, other than for outdoor PE. Children must wear sensible black shoes to school. Please also ensure that your child has a suitable warm and waterproof coat at all times and an outdoor PE kit. If your child is currently not wearing correct uniform, please ensure they do so as soon as possible.

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

#### **PA Christmas Card Collection**

The PA are collecting your used Christmas cards. If you have any that you wish to donate, please send them in to school with your child or hand them into the school office. Many thanks.

#### **The Italian Experience – themed lunch menu**

On Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> January our school kitchen will be holding an Italian themed dining experience. The menu for the day will be:

Traditional Pizza

Beef Bolognese with Gnocchi

Italian Macaroni cheese

Jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings will also be available on the menu. The children will also have the choice of a

selection of desserts including Ice Cream and Sicilian lemon cake. If your child would like to have dinner on this day please log on to your School Grid account to place your order.

#### **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.

#### **Y1 Phonics Screening information meeting**

The children in Y1 will undertake a statutory phonics test in June. Miss James will be holding an information meeting for parents of children in Y1 regarding the process and how you can help support your child in phonics on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 3.30pm.

#### **Y6 SATs Meeting**

There will be an information evening for the parents of pupils in Y6 on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January. The SAT tests will take place during the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

#### **Volunteer Readers**

We are appealing once again for parents, parishioners or friends of the school who may have a morning or afternoon free, and would like to come into school and listen to children read individually. Any regular volunteers will be required to have a DBS check and provide two character references prior to working in school. If you are interested in supporting school in this way, please leave your name with Mrs Edginton and we will get back to you.

#### **Medicines in school**

Could I remind all parents that all medicines that are required to be administered in the school day must be handed in to the school office and not left in your child's care. A form is required by school to be completed by the parent or guardian stating dosage and time of medication. This must be completed prior to any medication being administered to your child by members of staff. Please speak with Mrs Edginton in the school office should your child require medicine in the day.

### Procedure for unplanned School Closures due to adverse weather

Although we are experiencing a very mild winter at the moment, should school need to close for any adverse weather conditions information will be sent to parents via Groupcall as well as notification on the school website. Postings will also be made on the Wakefield council website Wakefield.gov.uk and also on Ridings FM. Information will be updated daily and we would advise parents to check regularly for any new information.

### 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

Gold book assembly will take place tomorrow Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 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** – Wiktor LF & Natasha Y5

**Late Foundation** – Jakub & Dawid

**Year 1** – Alex & Lydia

**Year 2** – Conor & Florence

**Year 3** – Charley & Tommy

**Year 4** – Bradley & Layla

**Year 5** – Kalen & Natasha

**Year 6** – Marcel & Frankie

The dates for Gold Book Assemblies this half term are

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

### Diary Dates

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January** – Gold book assembly

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January** – Gold Book Assembly

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February** – Half Term holiday

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** - World Book Day

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March** – PA Film Night

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March** – Class Photographs

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Late Foundation & Year 4 who had the winning attendance for week ending 20<sup>th</sup> December.**

Late Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
99.33%	98.33%	95.67%	98.71%	99.33%	91.21%	93.57%

**Our Virtue to live by: Faith**  
**I know that faith is a gift from God**

**Safeguarding:** Should you have any concerns regarding the safety of children please contact the Safeguarding Team. **DSL:** Mrs L Wartors (Head of School) **Deputy DSL:** Mrs S Spittle **Deputy DSL:** Mrs D Ferguson **Deputy DSL:** Miss B Noone **Mr K Flood (Executive Headteacher)**