



St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

A Voluntary Academy

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## Newsletter: Summer Term

2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week we were all wilting in the heat – this week we have been dodging the rain showers! Hopefully it will be a good weekend. Our children in school continue to make us proud with their approach to the new ways of working and rules in school. Normally at this time of year we would be celebrating all the usual summer events such as Sports Day and school trips. I am looking forward to a time when all these things will resume in our school calendar.

Today we have received the guidance from the DFE regarding the requirements for the return of all our pupils in the new academic year. We are now looking at the recommendations from this guidance which will then help formulate the plan in enabling us to welcome all our children safely back into our school in September. We will share this plan with you as soon as we can.

Mrs Warters

### Parents of children in LF/Y1/Y6 Bubbles

If your child is currently attending school in a 'bubble' please remember to send your child with a full water bottle each day and a raincoat. Please ensure on sunny days that your child has a sun hat and is coated with sun cream. The 24-hour sun cream will allow your child to be better protected with this. *Please note that staff will not be able to administer sun cream onto children.*

***Children are not to bring book bags, toys or books from home at this time.***

**We ask that you please adhere to the start and finish times to access the school site to help us in the safety of all in our community with social distancing. The site rules are in place for the safety of all in our community so we ask that you please follow them.**

Bubbles	Arrival	Departure	Friday Departure
Key Workers - Penguin	8.40 – 8.50	3.05 – 3.15	12.10 – 12.20

LF- Starfish and Monkey	9.10 – 9.20	2.40 – 2.50	11.50 – 12.00
Y1 – Panda and Rabbit	9.00 – 9.10	2.50 – 3.00	12.00 – 12.10
Y6 – Owl, Lion and Fox	8.50 – 9.00	3.05 – 3.15	12.10 – 12.20

*Parents in the LF bubbles of Starfish and Monkey please note the earlier access time of 9.10 – 9.20am from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June*

### School Site

All visitors other than parents of the pupils attending the year group bubbles are discouraged from entering the school site. Any visit to the school office is to be made via prior appointment if the enquiry cannot be made by phone or email to [office@sjb.bkcat.co.uk](mailto:office@sjb.bkcat.co.uk) *If you have to enter the school grounds to visit the office, please maintain the site rules and the 2m social distancing measures in place.*



### School Lunches

If your child is currently attending school in one of the 'Bubbles' please ensure that you have ordered a school meal through your School Grid account. The menu is available to view and we would encourage you to pre-order the meals at home.

### **Annual reports**

Due to the current restrictions, and to reduce transmission of the virus, the annual academic report for your child will be sent via our parent communication system Groupcall this year. Please ensure the school office has an up to date email address if this has recently changed.

Reports will be sent to parents in the year groups on the following days:

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Nursery/ Late Foundation

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July - Y1/Y2

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Y3/4

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Y5/6

Your child will be bringing home their school books from this year at the beginning of next academic year.

Y6 who are currently attending school will bring home their books during the last week of term. We ask that parents of those pupils in Y6 who are not attending school contact the school office to arrange a prior appointment for collection. Thank you.

### **Y6 Leavers planned events**

Parents should have received a letter yesterday via Groupcall with the plans for our Y6 leaving events. Sadly, many of our usual celebrations cannot take place in the current circumstances but we have taken steps to make sure that the children have a memorable end to their primary years, here at St John's. The last day for our Y6 pupils will be **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

### **School Holidays**

The school will close to **all** pupils on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at the allocated 'bubble' finish times (see above).

School will be open to staff on the Friday to ensure that all plans for the full re- opening for September are in place before the school closes fully for the summer holidays.

### **SSP Sports Provision and Virtual Sports Day**

Wakefield Trinity SSP who deliver some of our PE and sports sessions in school now have a You Tube channel with various sports and exercise activities <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM-Ng4ZfVw3Y9E3tAxMpfpw>

Content is being uploaded on a regular basis, covering many aspects of sports and fitness. They are also holding virtual sports day events.

The videos are produced in partnership with the Leeds United Primary Stars coaches, and cover 10 different activities over two videos, where the children are set challenges in which they can try to beat the coaches' score, or aim for a personal best score.

Please see attached the link for Part 1 & Part 2 of the Virtual Sports Day.

### **Virtual Sports Day Part 1**

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3qqvOkUOWOI>

### **Virtual Sports Day Part 2**

- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QV9\\_-pBI0YQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QV9_-pBI0YQ)

If you watch the videos please subscribe to the Wakefield SSP YouTube channel so you can be notified when new content is added!

'Please tweet us @WakefieldSSP with any scores, pictures, videos or success stories of children taking part in our virtual sports day! We are very much looking forward to seeing if anyone can beat the coaches!'

Part 3 & 4 will be filmed in the coming weeks!

### **School Term dates 2020/2021**

*Please note the term dates for the next academic year.*

Open Thursday 3rd September 2020

Close Thursday 22nd October 2020, October Half Term

Open Monday 2nd November 2020

Close Friday 18th December 2020, Christmas Holiday

Open Tuesday 5th January 2021

Close Friday 12th February 2021, February Half Term

Open Monday 22nd February 2021

Close Friday 26th March 2021, Easter

Open Monday 12th April 2021

Closed Monday 3rd May, May Day

Close Friday 28th May 2021, Spring Bank

Open Monday 14th June 2021

Close Wednesday 21st July 2021, Summer

### **Inset days**

Tuesday 1st September 2020

Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Friday 23rd October 2020

Monday 4th January 2021

One INSET day tbc

### **100 Club**

The winner of the 100 Club this week is:

Number 66 – Florence Y2

Please contact the school office to arrange collection of your winnings.

**Masses at St John the Baptist Church**

Tel: 01924 892172

Please see the accompanying letter and FAQ  
information sheet from Fr Mark regarding First Holy

Communion and the plans for the celebration of Mass  
during the current restrictions.

Please visit the parish website at

[www.stjohnthebaptistnormanton.co.uk](http://www.stjohnthebaptistnormanton.co.uk) for current  
updates and further information regarding the parish  
community.

***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)***