



# St John the Baptist's Weekly Newsletter

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Faithfulness, Courage and Respect



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## Welcome families



On Monday morning, Year 3 & 4 led a beautiful Avent Liturgy which they delivered virtually to the whole school. Father Mark joined us for the start of this special journey and blessed our Advent wreaths. Father Mark talked to our children about *waiting* and in their class worships children will think about the virtue of *patience*. Our children have all thought about their Advent promises and how they can prepare for the birth of Jesus.

This year, instead of sending Christmas cards, Mini Vinnies have encouraged classes to donate the money that they would have spent to CAFOD and as a class use the money to choose CAFOD World Gifts. This also supports the work of our Eco-Council, to protect the environment and take care of our beautiful world!

Following the Trust BKCAC Climate Summit, our Eco Council have been working on their action plan and putting their ideas into action. Please see below their third eco-friendly tip!

With the very best wishes, Mrs Hartley

## Virtue to live by: **Patience**

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



### Attendance

Our school attendance target for each class is **96%**. Classes are rewarded for achieving the highest attendance for the week.  
**Congratulations to Year 5 who had the winning attendance for last week.**



Late Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
87.10%	93.88%	98.48%	96.73%	93.55%	99.00%	95.17%

### Diary Dates

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – Flu Immunisation (LF-Y6)

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December**-Film Night for LF-Y6

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December**- Christmas Jumper Day

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Dinner

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December**- Christmas Party Day

### Safeguarding

Should you have any concerns regarding the safety of children please contact the safeguarding team.

**DSL:** Mrs Hartley (Head of School)

**Deputy DSLs:** Mrs S Spittle, Mrs D Ferguson, Miss B Noone and Mr Flood (Executive Headteacher)

## Nursery places available from January

We have 15 hours and 30 hours places available from January. Please contact the school office for further information.

## Celebration Assembly

We are really looking forward to celebrating, virtually next week, as a whole school to celebrate our Gold Book assembly!



## Wednesday Word

Please see the link for this weeks *Wednesday Word* below.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/preparation?pid=MTA101634&v=46.10>

## 100 Club

The draw for the Hundred Club for last week took place in Gold Book Assembly.

The winning number was number 64, Jamie Year 6.

## Christmas Dinner

Our Christmas Dinner will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December for **all year groups**. If your child wishes to have a Christmas dinner on that day you will need to log on to your School Grid account to place your order.

**Orders must be placed through your School Grid account by THURSDAY 9TH DECEMBER.**

## Christmas shopping on Amazon

If you are buying Christmas presents or gifts on Amazon, you can help our school parents' association raise money at no cost to you. Go to **smile.amazon.co.uk** and sign in with your usual login details. You will be asked to nominate a charity. In the search box, type in 'St John the Baptist Normanton' and select 'Parent Association of St John the Baptist Cp School'. A percentage of each purchase will go to the Parents' Association. Thank you.

## Admission to School September 2022

Last week began with a visit from our Early Years Consultant. Our children were super, sharing their enthusiasm and love of learning. The feedback from the morning was extremely positive. Our children have a fantastic learning environment and strong relationships with wonderful adults that support their development. We're very proud of our fabulous children and staff!

**If your child is due to start school, Late Foundation (Reception Class), in September 2022 then please contact the school office for further information and to make an appointment if you wish to visit our wonderful school!**

## Poppy Appeal

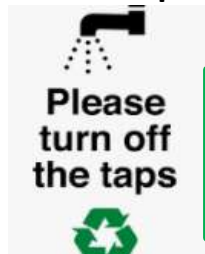
Thank you for your recent support of the Royal British legion Poppy Appeal. We raised £478.41 for the charity in school. Please see the school Twitter page also.

## PA Christmas Raffle

Thank you for your generous donation last Friday towards raffle prizes. Raffle tickets will be sent out shortly.

## Eco Council

Our Eco Council are keen to share their eco-friendly tips with you. They have tried to look for simple things we can all do every day to save energy. See what you can do this week. Tweet a photograph of yourselves helping in our mission to look after our beautiful planet. The Eco Councillors would love to see what you are doing at home!



3) Remember to turn the tap off between brushes whilst you are brushing your teeth!