



St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

A Voluntary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the last two days four of our Y6 children have had the opportunity of joining with other Year 6 children from across our BKCAT at St Peter and Paul's Church in dance and spiritual reflection. On Wednesday evening they presented their work from over the two days to their parents and guests. The Year 6 children, who were involved, participated with reverence and confidence. I am sure that the parents in the audience were as proud as I was. I would like to say a huge well done to Thomas, Daniel, Aoife and Emily from Year 6.

This afternoon we honoured Our Lady in our May Procession led by Fr Mark. Thank you to all those who attended, including many of our parishioners as well as the wonderful donations of flowers we received. School resembled a florist shop in the KS2 area this morning!

Tomorrow, school will close for two weeks, returning on Tuesday 11th June for the last half term of this academic year. I do hope that you all have a restful and refreshing break and enjoy precious time with your family.

Have a lovely holiday and let's hope for some lovely weather.
Mrs Warters

INSET DAY reminder

School will be closed to pupils on Monday 10th June as staff will be undertaking an INSET day on that day.

Non – Uniform day

Many thanks for your contributions to the non-uniform day last Friday. A total of £220 was raised for the Good Shepherd Fund. Tomorrow I will be accompanying three of our Mini Vinnies from Y4 to St Anne's Cathedral in Leeds to present our cheque to Bishop Marcus for this year's appeal.

Nursery places

We have availability for places in our Nursery from September. Please contact the school office for more information and an application pack.

Junior Park Run

We have been asked to inform you there will be no Junior Park Run at Thornes Park, Wakefield this Sunday.

Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to our Cricket Team who participated in the St Wilfrid's tournament on Tuesday of this week. They

played really well winning many of their matches. It was a super event hosted by our feeder high school. Also to our Y5/ 6 footballers who played a match at Darrington Primary. Despite a 4- 2 defeat the team did play really well and were a credit to the school.

Sports Week

Beginning on Monday 17th June we will be holding our Sports Week in school with many activities taking place for all year groups across school including cricket, football, taekwondo, gymnastics and dance. During the week the children will be able to wear sportswear each day rather than their usual uniform. *However the children must wear their uniform PE kit on Sports Day itself.*

Our **Sports Day** will take place on Tuesday 18th June (weather permitting) Our sports day has been divided into two events, one for Foundation Stage and Key Stage One, which will take place in the morning, and another for the children in Key Stage Two, which will take place in the afternoon. Both events will take place on the school field with the morning event beginning at 9.30am and the afternoon event starting at 1.30pm. our Nursery children will join us for their 'Teddy Bear' race during their morning or afternoon session.

The PA are kindly supporting this event by providing refreshments etc throughout the day.

Wakefield in Bloom – planter competition

This year we are taking part in the Wakefield in Bloom planter competition and are looking for children who would like to take part. The challenge is to create a planter out of something that would otherwise be thrown away. The planter needs to be made at home during our half term holiday. Entries can be brought to school on Tuesday 11th June and placed in the hall ready for judging by the Eco Council. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place entries. These will then be sent to Angler's Country Park for public display where voting will take place on the entries from across Wakefield. If one of our planters is lucky enough to win, the winning child will receive a £50 retail voucher for themselves and £500 for school. As entries will be on public display and on the Wakefield Recycles Facebook page we assume that, upon entry, you give permission for photographs of your child's planter, their first name and our school name to be used in publications. We look forward to receiving your fabulous entries and look forward to brightening up our school grounds with all the entries we receive!

Mr Flood takes to the skies - Literally!

Our feeder Catholic High School, St Wilfrid's have been granted planning permission to build a 4G all-weather pitch on their school grounds.

This is really exciting news for our Trust as it will give a first-class facility to be used for sports and PE. It will in turn directly benefit the children of St John's - not only those that choose St Wilfrid's as their high school but also as we will have regular access to the facility to enhance our own sport and PE provision.

As part of the fundraising efforts, a group of colleagues from across the Trust are doing a tandem-skydive in July to raise funds for the building of the facility. One of those who are doing the skydive is our very own Mr Flood! Mr Flood is terrified of heights but wants to do his bit to help the build. You can show your support by sponsoring Mr Flood as he aims to raise £500.

If you wish to sponsor Mr Flood the Trust have set up a Just Giving webpage

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Kieron-Flood>

More details will be shared after half term if you would like to watch the skydive first hand and support Mr Flood!



BKCAT Diocesan Singing Programme presentation – Save the date

Y2/4 will be showcasing their wonderful singing under the direction of Miss Kitson from the Diocesan Singing programme on Monday 8th July at 11.00am. All are welcome.

Y5 Guitar Concert – save the date

Our Y5 children will be showcasing their guitar skills with Mrs Garside at a short recital on Friday 12th July at 10.00am. All are welcome.

Summer Holiday Club

Following success of previous holiday clubs during the August holidays we are once again able to offer a holiday club again this year led by Wakefield trinity who run many of our After School Clubs. The club will run on two separate weeks. The first from Monday 12th – Thursday 15th August and the second from Monday 19th – Thursday 22nd August. The clubs are open to children from LF – Y6 and will run from 9.00am – 3.00pm. Each session will cost £15 per child but we are able to offer a discount for other children in the family. Information has been sent out to parents via the Groupcall email. Should you require any further information or want an application form please contact the school office.

Parent's Association – Save the date

The PA will be holding a disco for LF/ KS1 and KS2 on Wednesday 10th July. Further details will be sent out shortly.

Dolce Kitchen Vacancies

Dolce who are our school lunch provider are recruiting for staff to work in our school in the kitchen. The hours are 1 and 1/4 hours per day. Please contact Claire Oldfield at claire.oldfield@dolce.co.uk for further information.

BKCAT Trust Job Vacancies – IT Technicians/ Assistants

The Academy Trust are currently recruiting for IT staff please see the school or BKCAT Trust website for further information.

100 Club

The winners of the 100 club draw last week were: Number 73, Ruby & Evie T and Number 57 Mrs C Hill.

Gold Book Assembly

The next Gold book assembly will take place on Friday 24th May 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 – Missy Y4 & Seth E Y1

Late Foundation – The Whole Class

Year 1 – Ethan & Harley

Year 2 – Lucy & Jack

Year 3 – The Whole Class

Year 4 – Lily & McKenzie

Year 5 – Bella & Felix

Year 6 – Daniel, Thomas, Aoife & Emily

First Holy Communion (current Y4)

Saturday 15th June 4.30pm – 5.45pm – Rehearsal

Holy Communion celebration – Saturday 22nd June

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. All welcome

Diary Dates

Friday 24th May – Half term Holiday

Monday 10th June – Inset Day

Tuesday 11th June – School term begins

Monday 17th June – Sports Week

Tuesday 18th June – Sports Day

Monday 24th June – Feast day of St John the Baptist – Mass in church

Monday 1st July – Eco Week

Monday 8th July – BKCAT Diocesan singing programme concert for Y2/ Y4 – 11.00am

Monday 8th July – Y6 Transition day – St Wilfrid's

Tuesday 9th July - Y6 Transition day – St Wilfrid's

Wednesday 10th July – PA Disco

Wednesday 17th July – Y6 Residential to Robinwood

Tuesday 23rd July – Y6 Hopes and Dreams assembly

Wednesday 24th July – Celebration Assembly 9.15am

Thursday 25th July – Y6 production 9.30am and 2.00pm

Friday 26th July – End of year Mass in church 10.00am



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 6 who had the winning attendance for the week.

Late Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
99.33%	97.00%	96.77%	97.67%	97.50%	97.78%	99.33%

Our Statement of Belief for this week was: I understand the importance of peace

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)