



# St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

## A Voluntary Academy

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### Newsletter: Summer Term 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following sad news this week, please continue to keep Jake's family in your prayers at this difficult time.

It's hard to believe we are once again at the end of another school year. It is a time of sadness as we bid farewell to those who are leaving, and excitement as we all look forward to precious time spent with our families during the summer break.

I would like to thank all the staff at St John the Baptist for their valued work, dedication, commitment, support and good humour during the past year. Staff continue to work exceptionally hard with the children providing lots of opportunities for learning in an enriched curriculum. Our school goes from strength to strength in PE with the children participating in many aspects of physical wellbeing.

I would also like to say a big thank you to parents, parishioners and friends of the school, who have supported us tirelessly, giving us support through the Friends of St John's PA, fundraising, listening to children read and volunteering in classes.

Our Academy Council has also been a great support to the school. They are a wonderful team of professionals who provide governance with such great support as well as challenge. Their commitment to the school has ensured an effective staff team from September.

I would especially like to thank the children who are at the heart of our school. They make our community one of joy and pleasure, and I will really miss those leaving us today. Y6 have been a pleasure to get to know, especially for me as they were my first class here at St John's. I look forward to hearing of their many achievements in the future. I hope that you all have a lovely summer break and that you find some sunshine wherever you go.

Have a lovely summer holiday, see you in September!  
Mrs Warters



### Last day of term- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July

Please note that the school will **close today at 2.30pm**. We hope to start a new tradition this year of the 'Leavers Tunnel' we hope parents and families will join us at 2.30pm to form a 'Leavers Tunnel' around the school playground in which

our Y6 and any other leavers will be applauded and recognised for their service to St John's. At that time we will be saying 'goodbye' to our Y6 pupils by the 'Leavers Tunnel' we hope all our parents will join in applauding our wonderful pupils as they leave the school for the last time. **Please follow the directions of staff as to where to form the parent line.** Following this parents will be able to collect their children from the classroom doors

### New academic year

Please note that the school will re-open for the new academic year on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

### Charity Fundraising

Many thanks for your great generosity across the past year. Charitable donations this academic year have included the following:-

September – Macmillan Coffee Morning - £438

November - Children in Need £230

December – Donations for the 'Well' project

Christmas Jumper Day £217

March – Red Nose Day - £234

March – Good Shepherd Appeal £510

May – Cyclone Idai Appeal - £237

Total parental donations to charities this academic year have reached £1,866 Many thanks for a fantastic achievement raising funds for those in need.

### School uniform

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 September. Please note that trainers **must not** be worn except for PE. All children will require black pumps for indoor use.

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

Summer – Blue and white checked dresses with white socks.

**BOYS:** Grey tailored trousers, white shirt, navy knitted cotton jumper with school logo, school tie, grey socks, indoor black pumps, sensible black shoes (No Trainers)

Summer – Grey shorts.

Exceptional haircuts / unusual styling and patterns cut in the hair *are not* accepted as part of the uniform policy. Nail polish is also not allowed to be worn.

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

*All clothing, shoes, bags etc. must be labelled with your child's name. Please check regularly.*

### **JEWELLERY**

The wearing of earrings, rings or any other item of jewellery (except for watches) is very strongly discouraged in accordance with Health and Safety regulations and Education Authority guidance. Children wearing earrings may not be allowed to participate in P.E. and may not be allowed to go out to play if it is judged that they pose a hazard to themselves or to other children in active physical situations. They will be asked to cover the studs with a plaster during active sessions. Staff are not allowed to either remove or insert earrings, or to apply plasters to children's ears.

### **Parents Association**

St John's Parent Association would like to thank everyone for their support throughout this academic year. The contributions have enabled the PA to purchase lockers for Y3/4 and contributed to the whole school to experience a pantomime at Christmas.

We are always looking for new members to strengthen our team. Please check newsletters for dates of our meetings.

### **Pirates of the Curry Bean!**

Our Y6 amazed us all yesterday with their production of the Pirates of the Curry Bean. They were real superstars every one of them! Many thanks go to, Mrs Scott and Mrs Verity for their hard work in putting it all together. It was a very memorable performance by all the children involved!

### **100 Club**

The final draw has taken place last week for this year. The winner weekly winner was Ethan Y1 and the winner of the £50 draw was Elsa Y3. I am sure it will be put to good use as she begins the holidays. Numbers for this draw will be available to purchase from September.

### **Celebration Assembly 2019 – Award winners**

Thank you to all of you who were able to join us on Wednesday at the celebration assembly. Many congratulations to the following children who received an award this year:

#### **Award for Extraordinary Effort 'for trying hard all the time'**

LF – Poppy & Amarachi

Y1 – Conor & Ricky

Y2 – Charlie & Ellie

Y3 – Alfie & Hanna

Y4 – Georgia & Freya

Y5 – Niamh & Milan

Y6 – Aoife & Willow

#### **Award for Impressive Improvement 'for succeeding through trying'**

LF – Emily & Charlie

Y1 – Krista & Harley

Y2 – Oliver & Violet

Y3 – Matthew & Ava

Y4 – Isabella & Harrison

Y5 – Daniel & Lacey G

Y6 – Lyla & Corben

#### **Award for Handwriting**

LF – Alex H & Samanta

Y1 – Charlie & Ethan

Y2 – Jan & Ruby

Y3 – Bradley & Kara

Y4 – Jessica & Holly

Y5 – Sophia & Bartosz

Y6 – Emily & Ruby

#### **Father O'Keefe Award for superb handwriting –**

Lyla Y6

#### **Year 6 Awards**

English Achievement Award – Beatrix

Mathematics Achievement Award – Erin

RE Achievement Award – Ruby H

#### **Sporting Achievement Award\_Archie Y6**

#### **Best Sporting Attitude \_Emily Y6**

#### **Most improved Sporting Achievement – Hanna K Y3**

#### **Award for Creativity –**

KS1 Zoe Y1

KS2 Kara Y3

#### **The Jack Bowery Gardening Award**

KS1 – Alex H LF

KS2 - Lily B Y4

#### **Bravery, Courage and Determination**

Isobelle Y6

#### **The Canon Maguire Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Catholic life of the school.**

Sophia G Y5

Congratulations also to the children who received certificates for excellent and 100% attendance, the superb members of our school council, Sports Council, Eco Council, School Newspaper and Mini Vinnies.

#### **Summer events across the district**

#### **Wakefield Libraries Summer Reading Challenge**

The library service have organised a Space Chase Summer Reading Challenge throughout the summer. Throughout the holidays the challenge combines free access to books, and creative activities at any Wakefield district library. Children are to read at least six library books and can register for the challenge at their local library. For schools with the highest percentage of children participating in the reading challenge there is an opportunity for them to win a collection of books worth £500 for school. We do encourage a love of reading in school and this would be a good way to further enhance this over the holidays.

## Museum of the Moon

This is a touring artwork which will be arriving in Wakefield's former Market Hall from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September. This allows you to experience close up a model of the moon. It will be a free exhibition, however children can earn a VIP experience by collecting 'rocket stamps' from libraries and cultural destinations across the district. Please look out for the postcard with further information coming home with your child.

## Family Support Services and Safeguarding

Please see below for information on a number of events in the area to support families over the holiday period. Please go to the early help website directory at [earlyhelp.wakefield.gov.uk](http://earlyhelp.wakefield.gov.uk) to find out more about what is happening in Wakefield District

For any concerns about a child in regards to safeguarding you can contact Social Care Direct on 03458503503  
Childline 08001111  
NSPCC 08088005000

## Counselling Support for St John's

Please also see the letter which is being sent out today regarding counselling support from Catholic Care for our children over the summer period if needed.

## The Well - Normanton

Brunch Clubs - Wednesday's 11am to 1pm in the school holidays at The Well, Haw Hill Park, Normanton Free Zumba session from 11 to 12 with light lunch afterwards.

Monday's, Youth Club at Woodhouse Community Centre, Queen Elizabeth Drive, Normanton

5:30 to 7pm - Ages 7 to 12

7:15 to 8:30pm - Ages 12+

Wednesday's - detached work - various hours ranging from 3pm to 9pm

Thursday's, Youth Club at The Well in Haw Hill Park, Normanton

5:30 to 7pm - Ages 7 to 12

7:15 to 8:30pm - Ages 12+

## Haw Hill Park Playday

**What's Playday?** Playday is a national day of celebration of children's right to play!

**What's On?** Family Zumba 11am, Brunch 12pm, Giant board games, sports and other activities 1pm

**Where and When?** Haw Hill Park, Castleford Rd, Normanton WF6 2HB

August 7<sup>th</sup> 2019 11am-2pm

**Please note:** Parents and guardians are responsible for children taking part in activities.

**Contact:** Sam 07919553406/ 01924 307878

## Team Fun Day

We are hosting a health engagement/fun day on the 22/8/19 at Wakefield Trinity 1-3.30pm for families to come firstly to have some fun, secondly to speak with health services and provide any feedback about services.

We were hoping that your services could join us on the day to engage with families.

So far we are having representation from CAMHS, OT's, Physio, SALT, consultants, adhd nurses, specialty nursing team, ASD pathway, future in mind and the community navigators. We are hoping to add a few more towards the end of the week.

There will be a travelling zoo disco and face painting plus some fun physical activities provided by Wakefield Trinity

## FUTURE IN MIND FREE FUN ACTIVITIES - Luggage for Life

Butterflies Children Centre, Normanton, WF6 1BB

WHEN: Wednesdays :10.30am -1.00pm

31<sup>st</sup> July, 7<sup>th</sup> August, 14<sup>th</sup> August, 21<sup>st</sup> August

WHO: School Years 7 – 10

HOW TO BOOK A PLACE:

Contact Debbie Tolson on: 07397377244

## 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 26<sup>th</sup> July** – End of year Mass in church 10.00am  
**2019/2020**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September** – School re-opens for new academic year

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September** – PA meeting 3.30pm – all welcome

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September** Macmillan Coffee Morning – all welcome

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October** – Harvest Festival

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October** – Open morning for prospective parents for Nursery and Late Foundation

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> October** – Y5 Residential to Robin Hoods Bay

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September** – School Photographs

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October** – Parents Evening

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** – Parents Evening

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October** - Half Term

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** – INSET Day



## 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 1 who had the winning attendance for the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> July.**

Late Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.33%	98.67%	95.81%	96.33%	92.50%	92.50%	92.67%