



St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School
A Voluntary Academy

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Newsletter: Autumn Term 5th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new academic year! The summer seems to be well and truly behind us as we have experienced a few autumnal mornings this week.

The children have settled well into their new classes and we are delighted with the wonderful learning behaviour and the great attitudes that we have seen around school already. Our youngest children have settled really well too. Please note some of the diary dates below for events taking place over the coming half term.

Have a good week.

Mrs Warters

Our heartfelt thanks!

On behalf of the staff team here at St John's, I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all families for the kind and generous gifts, cards and kind words which we received at the end of last term. We really do appreciate the wonderful support which we receive from all in our community.

Staffing

This week we welcome Mrs James back to St John's. Mrs James is covering Y4 while Mrs Grainger is absent undergoing surgery. I am sure that you will give her a warm welcome.

Prayers

It is with great sadness that we heard the news that one of the parents of children in our Y2 and Nursery Mr Craig Longley, died suddenly earlier this week. We ask that you keep all the family in your prayers at this time.

Appointments with staff

We always encourage parents to come in and speak with us should you have any concerns, no matter how big or small. Unfortunately, staff are unable to speak at length with parents at the start of the school day, as we need to ensure that all staff are in class for 8.55am in order to begin the school day promptly. Should you have any concern, your first port of call is the class teacher. You can arrange to make an appointment with your child's class teacher for a mutually agreeable time. Should you feel the matter has not been resolved, you can arrange to meet with a member of the Leadership Team.

INSET Days

Our INSET days have been confirmed for this academic year.

The dates are as follows:

Friday – 25th October 2019

Monday 8th June 2020

Monday 27th July

Flu Immunisation Consent forms

Today your child should have brought home the consent forms for the Flu Immunisation programme for this year. Please ensure these forms are returned to school by Thursday 19th September to ensure that your child is registered for the immunisation.

School Crossing Patrol

Please ensure that you use our crossing patrol on Cemetery Road with your children at the beginning and end of the school day. This is a valuable service that is funded through the Trust.

Y6 Transition of pupils to High School

Your child should have brought home an information pack regarding the application process for transition to high school in September 2020. The application process is undertaken online and the closing date for parental preferences is 31st October 2019. It is very important that applications are submitted by the closing date. Decision letters will be sent out by the Local Authority by Monday 2nd March to your home address.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 27th September we will be holding a coffee morning in school from 9.00am to support the Macmillan cancer charity. Do come along for a 'cuppa' after you have dropped off your child at school and raise funds for this very worthy cause. Our School Council will also be helping to organise this event.

School Uniform

The Academy Council have a clear policy on uniform expectations. The school policy is that black shoes are worn as part of the school uniform, however there are a number of children who have returned to school this week wearing trainers. Please follow our uniform policy as stated. This can also be found on the school website.

GIRLS: Grey pinafore or skirt, grey tailored trousers, white shirt (*not polo shirts*) navy knitted cotton cardigan (plain edged) or jumper with school logo, school tie, grey socks or tights, indoor black pumps, sensible black shoes.

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)

Exceptional haircuts / unusual styling, shaved haircuts and patterns cut in the hair are not accepted as part of the uniform policy.

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.

Water Bottles

Please do send your child to school with a labelled water bottle, in order that they are kept hydrated during the day. If your child wishes to purchase a bottle from school, they need to bring 50p in to school and purchase one from Mrs Edginton in the school office.

Please note that children are **not allowed** to bring flavoured water or juice to school in their water bottles or in school lunch boxes. We encourage children to drink water as a healthy choice.

Nut allergies

Please note that we have a number of children in school who have severe nut allergies. Please could you avoid nuts and nut based products in packed lunches as these could cause these children to have an allergic reaction. Thank you.

Parking

As we return to school, please do consider the local residents around our school, and remember to park considerately. For the safety of all our children, please drive and park with care and consideration for all the children in our school community. Please refrain from using the school car park which is reserved for the use of staff and visitors only and also from parking on the yellow zigzag lines.

HELPING IN SCHOOLS

We have been asked to advertise the following training opportunity.

Level 2 Support Work in Schools and Colleges (Cache)

Venues and details for the autumn term 2019

St George's Community Centre Broadway, Lupset,

Wakefield WF2 8AA

Information and Induction session 9.30 am to 12.30 pm,

Friday 20 September

Starts Friday 27 September, 14 sessions - 9.30 am to 2.45 pm

St Marys Community Centre, The Circle, Pontefract WF8 2AY

Information and Induction session 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm,

Tuesday 17 September

Starts Tuesday 24 September, 20 sessions - 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm

Note: There are no classes during school holidays

There is a short break for lunch, where classes run for the full day.

PLEASE NOTE This course is supported by the University of Leeds

For further information about the course contact

Trish Hollies on Tel: 01977 703196 or email

thollies@wea.org.uk

100 Club

If you wish to purchase a 100 Club number for £10 for this academic year please do look out for the letter and return the accompanying slip. The weekly draw for this year will begin next week in our Gold Book assembly.

Young Voices

We will once again, be participating in Young Voices at Sheffield Arena. The event will take place on Thursday 9th January. Letters will be sent out tomorrow inviting children in Key Stage Two to take part. Please return as soon as possible if your child wishes to take part in this event. Further details will be sent out in the next few weeks.

The Sacraments of Confirmation (Year6) First Holy Communion (Year 4) and First Confession (Year 3) 2020.

Fr Mark has asked us to share the following information:

There will be **ONE** meeting for the parents of the children wishing to celebrate these Sacraments next year. The meeting will be **MONDAY 30th September at 7- 8pm** in the Parish Hall. This will be the **only** opportunity to register and complete the applications forms. Parents will need proof of baptism if the child has not been baptised in St. **John's**. Those wishing to celebrate Confirmation must have already celebrated First Confession and First Holy Communion. Those wishing to celebrate First Holy Communion in Y4 must have already celebrated First Confession. If they have not they may prepare for and celebrate First Confession this year and then Holy Communion the following year. There is to be a year between the celebration for First Confession and First Holy Communion. **ALL THOSE WISHING TO CELEBRATE THESE SACRAMENTS, LIKE ALL CATHOLICS, MUST BE ATTENDING MASS EACH WEEK AND HOLY DAY.**

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

Gold Book Assembly

The dates for Gold Book Assemblies this half term are:

Friday 13th September

Friday 27th September

Friday 11th October

Friday 18th October

Diary Dates

Friday 13th September – School Council Voting Day

Thursday 26th September – Individual and Family Group photographs

Friday 27th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning 9.00am- 10.30am

Tuesday 1st October – KS1 Harvest Festival 9.15am
KS2 Harvest Assembly 2.30pm

Wednesday 9th October – Open Morning for Nursery and Late Foundation for prospective parents

Wednesday 9th October – Y5 Residential to Robin Hoods Bay

Monday 21st October – Parent Consultation Evening, 3.30-6pm

Tuesday 22nd October - Parent Consultation Evening, 3.30-6pm

Thursday 24th October – Break up

Friday 25th 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.

Our Statement of Belief for this week was:

We are all special

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)