



St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School
A Voluntary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our first full week in school, and what a great week it has been. It has been a huge pleasure to walk around school, during lesson time, and see the children so engaged in their learning. The children are clearly back into the swing of things, and enjoying the new challenges which their new year groups offer. I am especially proud of Late Foundation. Our youngest full-time children have entered school with such confidence and enthusiasm to their learning.

Mrs Warters

School Uniform

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform as stated in the school policy. Also that all uniform is clearly labelled.

School Council Elections

Tomorrow voting will take place for the annual School Council elections. The successful candidates will be announced in the Gold Book assembly. Good luck to all our candidates standing for election.

Flu Immunisation Consent forms

Please ensure these forms are returned to school by Thursday 19th September to ensure that your child is registered for the immunisation. The date for the immunisation is Tuesday 15th October.

Aldi's Kit for Schools vouchers

We are collecting the Aldi vouchers towards a sports kit and the chance to win £20,000. Please ask friends and relatives to collect these vouchers too so that we can reach our target of 300 stickers and the chance to win. Many thanks

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.

St Wilfrid's Open Day

St Wilfrid's will be holding an open day on Saturday 28th September from 10.30am – 1.30pm for parents of children in current Y6 considering applications to high schools. Prospective pupils will have an opportunity to look around the school, meet pupils and talk to staff. Do go along and see what the school has to offer.

Parents Association AGM

Our PA will be holding their Annual General Meeting next Wednesday at 3.30pm here in school. All are welcome.

Non Uniform day

As many of you are aware Jake Thompson a Y6 pupil of our school died suddenly at the end of the summer term last academic year. The past pupils of Y6 are fundraising to create an area in our school in memory of Jake. To support their efforts, we will be holding a non-uniform day next Thursday 19th September. Children can wear their own clothes on that day and pay £1 towards the fundraiser in memory of Jake.

School Photographs.

The photographer will be in school on Thursday 26th September for individual and family photographs. Please ensure that your children come to school looking smart and in full school uniform. If you have younger children who do not attend the school, but wish for a family photograph, please come along from 8.30am.

School Library Books Amnesty

We have a number of missing library books in school. Please check at home if you have any books belonging to the school and return as soon as possible.

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.

Harvest Festival

On Tuesday 1st October we will give thanks to God for the harvest with two celebrations. FS/ KS1 will be at 9.15am and KS2 will be at 2.30pm. The children are asked to bring in donations of fruit, vegetables, tins and packets for the harvest celebration. These will be shared out between the Well project, the SVP and sick and housebound parishioners. We do hope you will be able to come along and share in the celebration.

Nut and food 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. We also ask that sweets and chocolate bars are to be discouraged from packed lunch boxes. Thank you.

Safeguarding

Should you have any concerns regarding the safeguarding and welfare of children please contact any member of our Safeguarding Team in school.

Mrs L Warters – Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Mr K Flood – Executive Headteacher/ Deputy DSL

Miss B Noone – Deputy DSL

Mrs S Spittle – Deputy DSL

Mrs D Ferguson – Deputy DSL

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 tomorrow 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. Please return the permission slip as soon as possible if your child wishes to take part in this event along with payment of £10 to contribute to the cost.

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

The first Gold book assembly of this year will take place this Friday 13th September 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 – Seth E Y2 & Michael Y5

Late Foundation – The Whole Class

Year 1 – Clex C & Amarachi

Year 2 – Amelia & Ricky

Year 3 – Charlie O & Oliver

Year 4 – Hanna & James

Year 5 – Freya & Joseph

Year 6 – Emilie & Jacques

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

Thursday 10th October – Y2 Maths information session for parents 3.30pm

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.

Congratulations to Late Foundation and Year 3 who had the winning attendance for last week.

Late Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
100%	96.67%	96.67%	100%	96.67%	89.39%	99.11%

Our Statement of Belief for this week was:

I can say one good thing about myself

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