



St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School  
A Voluntary Academy

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### **Newsletter: Autumn Term 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we had volunteers from HSBC helping in the school allotment and garden area. A huge thank you to them for all they have done to help in our school. A special thank you to Mr and Mrs Savage who helped to organise the event. Our school gardens look so much better.

Mrs Warters

#### **Fundraiser for Jake**

Thank you to all those who helped support the fundraising efforts for Jake today. Please look out for further events that will be held to support this effort.

#### **School Uniform**

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform as stated in the school policy. Dungaree style shorts and trousers are not permitted. Please note that the Academy Council of St John's do not permit shaved haircuts.

#### **Flu Immunisation**

Thank you to all those who have returned forms for the immunisation. The date for the immunisation is Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> 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

#### **Thank You**

Thank you to Emma at So This Embroidery for printing the school logo on all our sports shirts. They look great and will be on show at the many sporting events we have planned in the coming weeks.

#### **Congratulations**

Our Y5/6 football team achieved great success winning the football tournament at St Wilfrid's yesterday. Thank you to all those parents who supported them along the way.

#### **Visit by our local PCSO's Amy and Paige**

Our local Police Community Support Officers Amy and Paige visited Y6 this week to talk to them about knife crime awareness. It was a good opportunity for the children to learn about the dangers involved in knife crime and how they can keep themselves safe.

#### **St Wilfrid's Open Day**

St Wilfrid's will be holding an open day on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

The application process is undertaken online and the closing date for parental preferences is 31<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> March to your home address.

#### **Recruitment**

We are currently recruiting for two lunchtime supervisor positions and an experienced Teaching Assistant to work with a child with SEND. Please see the school website for more details.

#### **Cheques**

If you are sending in a cheque to school for payments please ensure that the cheques are made out to St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School. The bank are no longer accepting cheques that are just made out to St John's. We appreciate your support with this.

#### **Breakfast Club**

Should your child no longer require their place at Breakfast Club you are requested to inform the school in writing giving two weeks notice. A reply slip can also be found at the bottom of the half-termly fees letter indicating your preferences.

#### **School Photographs.**

The photographer will be in school next Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 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**

Next Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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. Any donations of cakes and buns will be gratefully received.

### **Harvest Festival**

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **School Dinners**

We encourage as many parents as possible to order meals at home online following discussions regarding choices with your child. Ordering can be done on a daily or weekly basis. All payments should be made online or by phone to Dolce. If you have not received your log in or passwords, please contact 01942 707709 or email [customercare@dolce.co.uk](mailto:customercare@dolce.co.uk) Please ensure that if you order a dinner, you do not then send in a packed lunch for your child for that day. If you do your child will need to have the dinner as the school kitchen will have already cooked the meal as ordered.

### **Parking**

We would like to request that parents dropping off children for breakfast club, do not park on either the yellow zig-zags, or on the lane leading up to the playground entrance. Please do park considerately in the surrounding streets, bearing in mind not to block driveways and entrances.

### **Open Morning**

We will be holding an Open Morning for prospective parents for both Nursery and Foundation Stage. If you are considering applying for a school place for a sibling or know of someone who is considering our school for their child, you are warmly invited to attend on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October from 9.30 – 11.30am. It will be an opportunity to look around the school, meet some of our school governors and staff. No appointment is necessary.

### **Safeguarding**

There is some very useful information on the NSPCC website for parents in regards to safeguarding and particularly keeping children safe online. This includes guidance on apps and sharing online.

### **Young Voices**

We will once again, be participating in Young Voices at Sheffield Arena. The event will take place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 (Year 6) 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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

### **100 Club**

If you wish to purchase a 100 Club number for £10 for this academic year please call in to the school office

### **Gold Book Assembly**

The dates for Gold Book Assemblies this half term are:

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

### **Diary Dates**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September** – Individual and Family Group photographs

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September** – Macmillan Coffee Morning  
9.00am- 10.30am

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October** – KS1 Harvest Festival 9.15am  
KS2 Harvest Assembly 2.30pm

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October** – Open Morning for Nursery and Late Foundation for prospective parents

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

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October** – Y2 Maths information session for parents 3.30pm

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October** – Parent Consultation Evening, 3.30-6pm

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** - Parent Consultation Evening, 3.30-6pm

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October** – Break up

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

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November** – Anti Bullying week

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – Y5/6 Advent Praise 2.45pm

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – Foundation Stage Inspire morning 9.15am

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 Inspire morning 9.15am

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December** – PA Christmas Fair 3pm onwards

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – Half price book fair

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December** Y3/4 Advent praise 2.45pm

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** Foundation Stage Nativity 9.30am and 2.15pm

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper Day

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - Y1/2 Advent Praise 2.45pm

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 Nativity 9.30am and 2.00pm

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – School closes for Christmas

## 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 6 who had the winning attendance for last week.**

Late Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
99.67%	95.67%	94.00%	99.35%	95.67%	96.36%	100%

**Our Statement of Belief for this week was:**

*I can say how I feel*

**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)**