



# St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

## A Voluntary Academy

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### Newsletter: Autumn Term

**3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to St John's! I do hope that you all had a good holiday and some valuable time spent with your families. I must thank all our parents for ensuring that all children have returned to school with the correct uniform looking so smart. All staff enjoyed their first day with the children yesterday, and the children's behaviour and attitude was exemplary. I look forward to working with you all over the next academic year.

Have a good week,  
Mrs Mumby

#### **Our heartfelt thanks!**

On behalf of all 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 Mr France, our new teacher, to St John's School. Mr France will be teaching Year 6 this year. We welcome back Mrs Weeks from maternity leave. Mrs Weeks will be supporting in Year 1 each morning, and in Year 3 each afternoon. Miss Tudor has a new role in school, and is now based in the school office as our school office administrator. We also welcome Mr Nicholson back to St John's. Mr Nicholson undertook a placement as part of his undergraduate degree last year, in Year 5. He has now successfully gained a teacher training place and will be working with Mrs Grainger, in Year 5, for the rest of the academic year.

#### **Autumn Term Events**

Please see the list of autumn term dates at the end of the newsletter. We will shortly be sending out the dates for the rest of the academic year, in order that parents can plan time off work. We will be adding events which arise throughout the year and are planning some parent workshops with a Maths focus in the autumn term, an English focus in the spring term and an RE and Catholic Life of the school focus in the summer term.

#### **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 the phase leader and then myself or Mrs Warters, our Deputy Head.

Phase leaders are as follows:

**Foundation Stage (Early and Late Foundation)** – Mrs Spittle

**Key Stage One (Years 1 and 2)** – Mrs Warters

**Key Stage Two (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)** – Miss Whitehouse

#### **Collecting Children**

We do still have a number of children throughout school who are collected by older siblings who attend St Wilfrid's. Unfortunately, as the school bus from St Wilfrid's arrives in Normanton after the end of our school day, this means that we have a number of children who are left unsupervised at the end of the day, often for up to half an hour or more, if the bus is late. We do not currently have childcare facilities for after school and rely on staff members sitting with these children until their older sibling arrives. The school day ends for foundation stage and key stage one at 3.15pm, and for key stage 2 at 3.20pm. Therefore, parents must ensure that appropriate childcare arrangements are in place for all children to be collected at these times.

Please ensure that, if you have been relying on older children, who attend St Wilfrid's, to collect younger siblings, that alternative arrangements are put in place from next week.

#### **Water Bottles**

We do encourage children to bring water bottles into school in order to keep hydrated during the school day. Children can buy water bottles from the school office for 50p. Alternatively, children may bring their own from home into school. Please ensure that your child's

water bottle is labelled with their name, and that it only contains still water, and not juice or flavoured water.

### 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.

### School Meals

As part of the Universal Free Infant School Meals pledge, the children in Late Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to receive free school meals. If your child has now moved into Year 3, you will now need to pay for their school meals, unless you are in receipt of free school meals. The cost is £10.25 per week.

### Twitter

A reminder that we are on Twitter. You can follow us @SJBNormanton. You can find up to date news, information and pictures of key events. There is a Twitter feed on the home page of our school website if you don't have access to Twitter.

### School Milk Registration

If you wish your children to have school milk this academic year, and you haven't already done so, you must register as soon as possible. Parents can register their child at [www.schoolmilkuk.com](http://www.schoolmilkuk.com)

### Gold Book Assembly

The first Gold book assembly of this year will take place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm.

### School and Class Masses

All parents, parishioners and friends of the school are welcome to join us for school and class

Masses which will take place on the following dates:

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September** – Whole school Mass, 10am in church

### Diary Dates

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September** – Macmillan coffee morning

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September** – Years 5 and 6 Cafod Harvest Assembly

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October** – Key Stage One Harvest Festival

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October** – Parent's Evenings, 3.30-6pm

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** – School closes for half-term

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** – Staff INSET day

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** – School re-opens

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** – Film Night (Years 1 to 6)

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** – Bedtime Stories (Foundation Stage)

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November** – Remembrance Day Mass, St John's Church

**W.B. 9<sup>th</sup> November** – 'Celebrating Britain' themed week

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need Day

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November** – Non-uniform day (Bring a tombola prize for the Christmas Fair)

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November** – Blessing of the Advent wreaths

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November** – PA funded performance of 'Peter Pan'

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November** – Years 3 and 4 Advent Praise, 2.40pm

**W.B. 30<sup>th</sup> November** – Half-price Book Fair

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – Christmas Fair

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – Years 5 and 6 Advent Praise

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – Late Foundation/Key Stage One Christmas Production, 9.30am and 2pm

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Years 1 and 2 Advent Praise

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Key Stage Two Party

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Key Stage One Party

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Nursery Christmas Singalong

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Nursery Party

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Save the Children 'Wear your Christmas Jumper' Day

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – School closes for Christmas

## **Our Statement of Belief for week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> September is:**

*I can say one good thing about myself*

### Lunchtime Menus for Week Beginning 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Meatballs and Yorkshire pudding	Salmon nuggets and parsley sauce	Roast turkey and stuffing	Steak and potato pie	Fish fingers and parsley sauce
Pasta and tomato and basil sauce, with tomato bread	Vegemince enchiladas	Vegetarian curry, rice and naan bread	Vegemince Bolognese, pasta and garlic bread	Cheese and onion savoury
Tuna jacket	Cheese jacket	Tuna jacket	Cheese jacket	Tuna jacket

