



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 this week of Late Foundation. Our youngest full-time children have entered school with such confidence and enthusiasm and have impressed everyone with their excellent behaviour and attitude. Have a good week,
Mrs Mumby

Maths Evening for Parents

There will be a big focus, in our school development plan this year, on using and applying maths, which is a key feature of the new primary curriculum. We will be having a maths evening for parents of all children from Nursery through to Year 6 on Monday 16th November at 5pm. This is a meeting for parents, not children, and will feature a mix of information sharing and practical hands-on activities. We will share information with regards to year group expectations and provide opportunities to engage in activities which your children will undertake to gain an insight into how we allow children to apply their maths learning.

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion classes will shortly commence for those making their First Holy Communion in the parish of St John the Baptist. If your child is in Year 3, or above, and they would like to make their First Holy Communion within our parish, please see Father Duane.

Tesco – Let's Get Cooking

We are delighted that our cookery club, led by Mrs Ferguson and Miss Harrison, is being sponsored by the tesco 'Let's Get Cooking' initiative. We are very grateful to Tesco who are kindly funding our cookery ingredients.

Walsingham

The parish of St John's will be joining the diocese on their pilgrimage to Walsingham. All in our community

are warmly invited. If you wish to join the parish, please do see Father Duane.

Jewellery and Nail Polish

If your child has their ears pierced, stud earrings are allowed. However, hoop earrings are not allowed for health and safety reasons. No other jewellery should be worn. Children are not permitted to wear nail polish.

School Grounds

Please do not allow your child/ren to use the playground equipment at the end of the school day. Children should not be on the trim trail, and should not be going into the outdoor classroom. We have had some incidents of children riding bikes and scooters around the playground. Children must dismount their bike or scooter when entering the playground and walk to the bike shelter. Similarly, bikes and scooters should be walked across the playground at the end of the day.

Please do ensure that your children are closely supervised when entering and leaving school.

School Newspaper

Mrs Grainger is leading in the publication of a school newspaper. She has appointed two chief editors, Maddy Grinsill and Nathan Everett in Year 6, and will shortly be appointing further editors. Mrs Grainger informed the children of how they could be considered for the role of editor, during Monday's assembly. We look forward to announcing the publication date of our first edition later on in the term.

School Book Bags

Children are asked to bring a book bag to school in order to store books, planners, letters and homework. We do request a book bag, rather than any other style of bag, as our children store their bags in a book bag box within the classroom. Unfortunately, we do not have the capacity to store other bulkier bags. Book bags can be purchased from 'So This' in Normanton.

Toys from Home

Toys from home should not be brought into school. There are plenty of toys and games for our younger children to play with in class, and it would be a real shame if toys from home were damaged whilst in school. If children are ever asked to bring something in from home, a letter will be sent home to parents and carers.

School Uniform

Please do ensure that your child's uniform items are labelled clearly with their name. We have already had mix-ups when children are getting changed for PE.

Please note that trainers are not allowed as part of our school uniform. Children must wear black shoes. Trainers may be brought to school for outdoor PE only.

Gold Book Assembly

The next Gold book assembly will take place on Friday 11th 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:

Brilliant Behaviour at Lunchtime – Maria McHale
Marvellous Manners at Lunchtime – Tilly Newton-Stringer

Year 1 – Hattie Hollis and Lucas-Jay McIntyre

Year 2 – Lucas Everett and Maria McHale

Year 3 – Jake Thompson and Harry Cawthra

Year 4 – Alfie Martyn and Mia Preston

Year 5 – Jack Tucker and Declan Greenhough

Year 6 – Harriet Vickers-Pearson and Mikey Farnsworth

*Late Foundation will be joining us later in the year for Gold Book assembly, but certificates will be awarded in class for those Late Foundation children who have impressed in a particular area at some point during the week.

Late Foundation Award – The whole class

School and Class Masses

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

Class Masses take place on a Thursday at 9.15am, in the school hall, unless otherwise indicated. Classes leading the class Masses are indicated:

Thursday 17th September – Year 2 and Year 6

Thursday 1st October – Year 5 and Year 3

Thursday 8th October – Year 1 and Year 4

Sunday 11th October – Children's Harvest Mass, St John's Church, 10am

Thursday 22nd October – Year 2 and Year 6

Thursday 5th November – Year 5 and Year 3

Sunday 8th November – Remembrance Day Mass, St John's Church, 9am

Thursday 19th November – Year 1 and Year 4

Thursday 26th November – Year 2 and Year 6

Thursday 3rd December – Year 5 and Year 3

Thursday 10th December – Year 1 and Year 4

Thursday 17th December – Whole School Mass, 10am, in church

Wednesday 6th January – Whole School Mass, 10am, in church

Diary Dates

Friday 25th September – Macmillan coffee morning

Wednesday 30th September – Years 5 and 6 Cafod Harvest Assembly

Monday 5th – Wednesday 7th October – Year 5 residential to Myddelton Grange

Thursday 15th October – Key Stage One Harvest Festival

Monday 19th October and Tuesday 20th October – Parent's Evenings, 3.30-6pm

Thursday 22nd October – School closes for half-term

Friday 23rd October – Staff INSET day

Monday 2nd November – School re-opens

Tuesday 3rd November – Film Night (Years 1 to 6)

Tuesday 3rd November – Bedtime Stories (Foundation Stage)

W.B. 9th November – 'Celebrating Britain' themed week

Friday 13th November – Children in Need Day

Monday 16th November – Maths Workshop for parents, 5pm

Friday 20th November – Non-uniform day (Bring a tombola prize for the Christmas Fair)

Friday 27th November – Blessing of the Advent wreaths

Monday 30th November – PA funded performance of 'Peter Pan'

Monday 30th November – Years 3 and 4 Advent Praise, 2.40pm

W.B. 30th November – Half-price Book Fair

Wednesday 2nd December – Year 3 singing assembly, 9.30am

Thursday 3rd December – Christmas Fair

Monday 7th December – Years 5 and 6 Advent Praise

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

Monday 14th December – Years 1 and 2 Advent Praise

Tuesday 15th December – Key Stage Two Party

Tuesday 15th December – Key Stage One Christmas dinner

Wednesday 16th December – Key Stage One Party

Wednesday 16th December – Key Stage Two Christmas dinner

Thursday 17th December – Nursery Christmas Singalong

Friday 18th December – Nursery Party

Friday 18th December – Save the Children 'Wear your Christmas Jumper' Day

Friday 18th December – School closes for Christmas

Our Statement of Belief for week beginning 14th September is:

I can say how I feel

Lunchtime Menus for Week Beginning 14th September 2015

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Turkey burger in a bun	Savoury minced beef and Yorkshire pudding	Chicken korma, rice and naan bread	Roast gammon and pineapple	Fish
Vegemince lasagne and garlic bread	Wholemeal pasta margarita and tomato bread	Cheese and tomato pizza	Macaroni cheese and garlic bread	Vegemince chilli and rice
Tuna jacket	Cheese jacket	Tuna jacket	Cheese jacket	Tuna jacket