



St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

A Voluntary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Most of our extra-curricular clubs are now up and running, and some of our new clubs such as netball and the Eco-Council are proving just as popular as our more longstanding clubs. Well done to our gardening club members who have grown a wonderful array of vegetables. A display was presented at the Normanton and Altofts Horticultural Show last Saturday, and I am delighted to say that St John's gained first prize. Many thanks to Mrs Hill, Mrs Warters and Mrs Spittle who lead the club, and Mr and Mrs Burton who support the club also.

Have a good week,
Mrs Mumby

Macmillan Coffee Morning

There are many of us in our school community who have been affected by cancer within our families. If you have had the support of the Macmillan nurses, you will appreciate what a valuable source of support they are. Please do come in and support our Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 25th September. This will be held in our Breakfast Club room between 9-10.30am. So, once you have dropped off your children, please make your way to reception and pop in for coffee and cake. If you are unable to attend but wish to make a contribution to Macmillan, please leave this with Miss Tudor in our school office. If you would be able to donate any biscuits, buns or cakes for the coffee morning, they would be gratefully received.

Missing Scooters

We have had two scooters reported as going missing this week, which is of great concern to school. The descriptions are as follows:

1. A red scooter with a black base, 2 wheels, black grips slightly worn around the edges, a black sticker in the middle of the top main bar, upside down triangle-style handlebars. Size appropriate for a Year 6 child.
2. A purple scooter with black grips around the handles, triangle-style handlebars and 2 wheels. Size appropriate for a Year 1 child.

The scooters both went missing last Friday, at the end of the school day. If you think your child may have mistakenly taken one of these scooters, or you know of their whereabouts, please return them to school as soon as possible, in order that we can return them to their owners.

Eco-Council

St John the Baptist's Eco Council started last Friday and the group are already planning for their first campaign; Walk to

School Month. They are planning an assembly and creating posters for the event. The Council consists of three children from each class in Key Stage 2; a Recycling Ranger, Energy Enforcer and an Environment Officer. They all have their own jobs to carry out throughout the week in their classrooms and throughout the school.

Parent Drop-in Sessions

On Friday 6th November and Wednesday 11th November, we will have some parent drop-in sessions in school. These will be led by the Child and Family Inclusion Team (CFIT). Dr Raja Khan from the team will be happy to meet one-to-one with parents to discuss a range of issues which may affect you or your family, such as managing your child's anger, anxiety, worries and challenging behaviour. If you feel that you would benefit from their expert advice on any parenting matter at all, please call into the school office in order that we can allocate you a time. All meetings will be confidential between yourself and the CFIT team. There will be a flyer going home tonight with further details.

Parking

Please be considerate when parking around school. Parents and visitors should not, at any time, park on the yellow zig zags. This includes when dropping children off for breakfast club at the start of the day, and when collecting or dropping off nursery children around lunchtime. Should there be an emergency in school, Beckbridge Lane must always have clear access to allow any emergency vehicles to enter the school premises.

St Wilfrid's Open Day

If your child is in our current Year 6 class, you will be considering your options for secondary school. All parents are warmly invited to attend the St Wilfrid's Open Day on Saturday 3rd October, 10.30am-1.30pm.

School Ethos

If you have any concern or issue which you would like to raise in school, we always urge you to come in and speak with us in order that we can support you to resolve it. At all times, please do address staff and other parents around school with courtesy and respect in order to preserve our positive ethos based on Christian values. Many thanks.

E-Safety and Social Media

There will be information going home this evening with regards to children's use of social media. We have had a number of concerning incidents in school, where children's safety on the internet and, especially, the use of social media sites has caused some concern. We are looking into the possibility of a parent workshop around this matter. The NSPCC website has some good advice around safety and children's use of social media.

Harvest Festival – Change of Date

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Harvest Festival will now take place on Tuesday 13th October.

Sickness Bug

If your child suffers from a sickness bug, they must not return to school until at least 48 hours after the last time they were sick or had diarrhoea.

100 Club

Congratulations to last week's winner of the 100 Club: Mr Ferguson.

Gold Book Assembly

The next Gold book assembly will take place on Friday 25th 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 – Dexter Donelan

Marvellous Manners at Lunchtime –Aaron Horn

Year 1 – Holly Edwards and Lucas Bailey

Year 2 –Aiden Johnston and Phoebe Holley

Year 3 – Kizzy Palin and Bridie Raby

Year 4 – Megan Holley and Sam Pearce

Year 5 – Harry Cook and Farrah Cuniff

Year 6 – Tony Kelly and Livvie-Mae Pick

*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 – Kitty Boyle and Kara Walker

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 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 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, 9am in the breakfast club room

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

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

Tuesday 13th 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 28th September is:

I know what to do if I see anyone being hurt

Lunchtime Menus for Week Beginning 28th September 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meatballs and Yorkshire pudding	Salmon nuggets and parsley sauce	Roast turkey and stuffing	Steak and potato pie	Fish fingers and parsley sauce
Tomato & basil sauce with wholemeal pasta	Vegemince enchilada	Vegetable curry, rice and naan	Vegemince bolognese and garlic bread	Cheese and onion savory
Tuna jacket	Cheese jacket	Tuna jacket	Cheese jacket	Tuna jacket

