



St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

A Voluntary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's always a joy to see the generosity of spirit which so many of our children share in school. This week we have had our first Mini Vinnies meeting following the Commissioning Ceremony last week. Our Mini Vinnies have some wonderful ideas and a real desire to make a difference and turn their concern into action. This week we have also had a bun sale organised by Tilly Newton-Stringer and Lola Daley in Year 5. As you will read in this week's newsletter, they have been raising funds for Breast Cancer Care, and have also shown great initiative and compassion for others.

All your children have made us proud across the term, and really deserve a good break and some special family time over the next week.

Have a good half-term,
Mrs Mumby

Poppy Appeal

The poppies and other poppy appeal items are now available in school. Suggested donations are as follows:

- Friendship bracelet £1
- Slap rulers £1
- Wristbands 50p
- Reflectors 50p
- Pencils 50p
- Wooden cross £1.50
- Metal pin badges £2
- Poppies (Stick on and pin) 50p

Children may bring their donation into school, and leave it with their class teacher. Children will be brought to the school office at playtime to donate to the poppy appeal. Alternatively, you may wish to come into the school office with your child before the start, or at the end, of the school day.

Fundraising

Tilly Newton-Stringer and Lola Daley have this week held a bun sale in school for Breast Cancer Care. Many thanks to everyone who contributed with donations of buns, biscuits and cakes. Many thanks to all children who brought in money for the buns and contributed to raising a grand total of £212.00. A huge special mention must go to Tilly Newton-Stringer and Lola Daley who organised this event. Well done girls!!!

As you will also be aware, Tilly's mum, Lisa Newton-Stringer, held a fundraising event, also for Breast Cancer Care, in the Canon O'Grady Hall on Saturday. This has so far raised £2400, with some donations still coming in to the Just Giving page (www.justgiving.com/Tracy-Carrington). Mrs Newton-Stringer would like to pass on her thanks to all who attended

this hugely successful event and contributed to baking and prizes.

St Anne's Cathedral, Leeds

An updated history of and guide to the Cathedral is now available, priced at £5.00. At present, copies are on sale after Mass at the Cathedral or by post from Cathedral House, Great George Street, Leeds LS2 8BE (orders to include a cheque for £6.50 to cover P+P, payable to St Anne's Cathedral). If you have any queries, please contact Robert Finnigan at the Diocesan Archives email: robert.finnigan@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Friends of St John's PA Meeting

We have our next PA meeting planned for Wednesday 18th November at 3.30pm in the breakfast club room in school. The PA group has become increasingly small over the years and relies on a very committed group of people to lead this big body of fundraising work. We desperately need new members and would like to invite parents and friends of the school to our next meeting. Come for a cuppa and a chat about supporting the children of St John's through creative fundraising. It is a great opportunity to meet others. Children are welcome and we offer refreshments for both adults and children. I hope to see you there.

Advent Retreat Day

Advent Retreat Day at The Briery in Ilkley, Saturday November 28th 2015, 10:00am - 4:00pm.

This retreat is for anyone who would like the opportunity for a quiet and reflective day at the beginning of Advent.

Further details and booking:

evangelisation.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or
01132618040.

Parking

Please be aware that not only should parents not be parking on the yellow zig zag lines, but nobody should be dropping children off on the zig zag lines either as has been seen this week.

Parent Drop-in Sessions

On Friday 6th November and Wednesday 11th November, there will be 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.

100 Club

There will be two winning numbers drawn this week as we did not have a 100 club draw last week.

INSET Day

A reminder that school closes today for the half-term break, as staff will be attending an inset day tomorrow along with staff from the other BKCAT schools. School will re-open on Monday 2nd November.

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 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

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

Thursday 12th November – Bags2school collection

Thursday 12th November – British Culture Dance Day

Friday 13th November – Red, White and Blue Day (Children may come to school dressed in red, white and blue items of clothing)

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 2nd November is:
I can tell you how I look after myself

Lunchtime Menu for Week Beginning 2nd November 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	Hot dogs	Fish fingers
Vegemince lasagne and garlic bread	Wholemeal pasta margarita and tomato bread	Pizza	Macaroni cheese and garlic bread	Vegemince chilli and rice
Cheese jacket	Tuna jacket	Tuna jacket	Cheese jacket	Tuna jacket