



# St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

## A Voluntary Academy

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### Newsletter: Autumn Term 19<sup>th</sup> November 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had our 'Celebration of British Culture' themes-week last week, and the children really enjoyed finding out geographical and historical facts about Britain, and learning about the fundamental British values which we share. The sharing assembly on Friday was a wonderful celebration of this work and culminated in a recreation of the last night of the proms.

Have a lovely week.

Mrs Mumby

#### Maths Workshop

Many thanks to the parents who attended our Maths Workshop on Monday evening. Some of the feedback from the Summer term parent's questionnaire detailed how parents would appreciate meetings and workshops outlining the curriculum, and how children can be supported at home. The Maths workshop provided information regarding year group and end of key stage expectations. Unfortunately, attendance was low on Monday evening, though feedback was positive.

This evening we are sending home 'KIRFS' (Key Instant Recall Facts) for the autumn term. These are quick mental recall facts which the children need to learn in their year group. These KIRFs will be sent home at the start of each half-term, and parents and carers are asked to focus on these mental recall facts across the term. The KIRFs also have some 'top tips' for making learning the facts easy and fun.

Parents are also being sent home a Maths support booklet, with one for each year group. This has the range of calculations which we suggest you use to support your child with maths homework.

Our next workshop, at the start of the spring term, will address the changes to testing in school, and the 'Quiz Night' format will allow parents and carers to have a go at the types of questions our Year 2 and Year 6 children will be facing during the end of key stage tests in May 2016.

#### Raffle Tickets

Many thanks to those families who have already bought Christmas raffle tickets. Please do return any

unwanted tickets to the school office. Many thanks in anticipation.

#### Harvey

Many of you will have heard your children talk about Harvey, our school rabbit. As Harvey enters his twilight years, he has, this week, retired from St John's School. Miss Harrison has kindly offered Harvey a retirement home.

Many thanks to Mrs Fraser and all the children, staff and parents who have offered holiday homes and support to Harvey during his time with us. Many thanks also to Miss Harrison who will, no doubt, keep us up-to-date on Harvey.

#### Friends of St John's PA Meeting

We had our PA meeting last night, and the focus was planning for the Christmas Fair. Including myself and Mrs Warters we had just 7 people at the meeting. We appreciate that not everybody can get to the meetings, but if you can help with any of the following requests we would be hugely grateful:

- Donations of wicker baskets for prize hampers.
- Donations of tins and boxes for cakes.
- Offers of help any time from 1.30pm on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November, or 9am on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December to help wrap, label and ticket up items for the Christmas Fair.
- Offers of help in the café or on stalls at the Christmas Fair.

If you are able to help please do send in the relevant items or pop in and help us to wrap and sort items for the Christmas Fair or leave your name with Miss Tudor, if you are able to help on a stall. Many thanks in advance.

#### CAFOD World Gifts

We have the Christmas gift booklets in school for the CAFOD World Gifts. Please do call into Reception and pick up a copy.

#### Appropriate Clothing

Now that the weather is becoming more wintry, please do send your child to school with a coat and appropriate footwear in order that they are appropriately clothed at playtime and lunchtime. Many thanks.

### **Pocket Panto**

One of our parents, Mrs Dobson, has organised for Pocket Panto to come to St John's School on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January for 2 performances of 'Aladdin,' at 5.30pm and 7.30pm. This is a fundraiser for the 'Children with Cancer' charity. Further details and tickets can be bought from Mrs Dobson who will be in school from 8.45-9.15am on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

### **100 Club**

Congratulations to the most recent winner of the 100 Club: Abraham Palin

### **Gold Book Assembly**

The next Gold book assembly will take place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 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 – Bridie Raby**  
**Marvellous Manners at Lunchtime – Jamie Annington**  
**Late Foundation – The Whole Class**  
**Year 1 – The Whole Class**  
**Year 2 – Jack Davison & Lacey Gelder**  
**Year 3 – Arvy-Lee Hill & Ruby Tonks**  
**Year 4 – Evie Noble & Zack Webb**  
**Year 5 – Luka Ivanetic & Lacey Sandom**  
**Year 6 – Harriet Vickers-Pearson & Scarlett Marshall**

### **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 26<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 2 and Year 6

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – Year 5 and Year 3

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Whole School Mass, 10am, in church

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January** – Whole School Mass, 10am, in church

### **Diary Dates**

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

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November** – Years 5 and 6 trip to Magna

**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

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – Year 3 singing assembly, 9.30am

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

**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

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Key Stage One Christmas dinner

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

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Key Stage Two Christmas dinner

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> November is:**

*I can tell you how I look after myself.*

### **Lunchtime Menu for Week Beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015**

<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b><u>Friday</u></b>
Turkey burger	Savoury mince and yorkshire pudding	Chicken korma, rice and naan bread	Roast gammon and pineapple	Fish and parsley sauce
Vegemince lasagne and garlic bread	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