



St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

A Voluntary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We're well and truly back in the swing of things at school, and watching the weather closely, with the recent predictions of snow. Please do be mindful that, if the weather allows, children are out on the playground at least twice each day and, therefore, need to be dressed appropriately. Children need warm, waterproof clothing at all times. Looking ahead to next week, we are looking forward to the Young Voices concert next Thursday. Please look out for a letter coming home tonight with final arrangements, along with tickets and T-shirts if you have ordered them through school.

Have a lovely week,
Mrs Mumby

Uniform

There are a number of children in school who do not have appropriate black pumps for indoors, as they have been lost or are old and worn. Please do check with your child that they have a suitable pair of indoor shoes and, if not, please purchase a new pair as soon as possible.

A reminder, also, that trainers must not be worn, other than for outdoor PE.

Nursery

I appreciate that the weather is bad at the moment, but please do bear with us when letting children out. In order to ensure that children are let out of nursery safely, and safely handed over to parents, only a small number of children will be let out at a time, as is the usual arrangement.

SATs Quiz Night

On the 1st February at 5pm, we have our SATs quiz night. The aim of the evening is to inform parents of the expectations of the new tests at the end of Year 2 and Year 6. However, the invitation to join us for this event is open to all parents as every child in school is on their journey towards either Year 2 or Year 6. As the styles of questions featured in the Year 2 and Year 6 tests are used in all classes, joining us for this quiz night will give all parents an understanding of how children's knowledge and understanding is assessed through

school, and the high expectations of the new curriculum and the upcoming tests. Please do make every effort to join us. Letters will be coming out next week requesting parents and carers to let us know if they will be attending. Please note that this event is for parents and carers only. We request that children do not attend.

Fire Safety

The children in Late Foundation had a visit from the fire service this week as part of their work on 'People who help us.' The fire service did inform school that they will visit people's home and fit smoke alarms free of charge. Any parents who would be interested in this service need to contact Normanton Fire Station.

Bird Seed

The children in Year 3 will shortly be taking part in the Big Birdwatch and are appealing for donations of birdseed. Any donations may be left with Mr Ferguson, our Year 3 teacher, or Miss Tudor, in the school office.

Stay & Play at St John's Church Hall - Launch Tuesday 2nd February 2016

Please see the following notice from Catholic Care...

As part of our Gianna project, Catholic Care will be supporting the Parish in delivering a **stay and play group** starting on **Tuesday 2nd February 2016 9.15-11.15am** in the newly refurbished St John the Baptist Church Hall. The sessions will include singing, reading stories, messy play, soft play and interactive skills sessions. Healthy snacks and refreshments will also be available. This will be a great venue for parents and carers to socialise and to seek guidance and support if required. The group will run **every Tuesday 9.15-11.15** it is open to all parents and carers in the Parish and school community **so please do come along and join us!** We will be looking for volunteers which will be an excellent opportunity for parents and carers to perhaps learn new skills and have a valuable addition to their CV. If you are interested please phone **0113 388 5400** or visit Catholic Care's website www.catholic-care.org.uk

Gold Book Assembly

The next Gold book assembly will take place on Friday 15th January at 2.30pm. The following children have made it into the Gold Book this week. We are very proud of them, and their achievements:

Lunchtime Awards – Isobelle Clark & Lilly Spittle

Late Foundation – Louis McGowan & Jakub Olbrot

Year 1 – Esther-Mae Rhodes & Jessica Naylor

Year 2 – Sophia Gamit & Frankie Furness

Year 3 – Aoife Turley & Willow Walding

Year 4 – The Whole Class

Year 5 – Tilly Newton-Stringer & Joshua Brow

Year 6 – Jay Kelly & Thomas Webb

(There will be no Gold Book on Friday 22nd January due to other commitments in school.)

100 Club

Congratulations to last week's winner of the 100 club, Mrs Rhodes.

There are still some numbers available for the 100 club. If you would like to buy a number, please call into the school office.

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 21st January – Year 2 and Year 6 class Mass, 9.15am in school

Thursday 28th January – Year 3 and Year 5 class Mass, 9.15am in school

Thursday 4th February – Year 1 and Year 4 class Mass, 9.15am in school

Thursday 18th February – Year 2 and Year 6 class Mass, 9.15am in school

Thursday 25th February – Year 3 and Year 5 class Mass, 9.15am in school

Thursday 3rd March – Year 1 and Year 4 class Mass, 9.15am in school

Thursday 10th March – Year 2 and Year 6 class Mass, 9.15am in school

18th March – Whole school Easter Mass, 10am
Parents invited

Diary Dates

15th January – Y3 Indoor athletics, St Wilfrid's

21st January – Young Voices at Sheffield Arena

1st February – SATs Quiz Night, 5pm All Parents invited

W.B. 1st February – RE themed week 'The Family'

26th February – Good Shepherd Appeal fundraising day

3rd March – World Book Day

4th March – Year 2 multi-skills, St Wilfrid's

7th March – Netball tournament at St Wilfrid's, 4-6pm

8th March – Year 4 skipping festival, St Wilfrid's

11th March – Y6 Mixed Tag rugby

W.B. 14th March – 'Journey towards Holy Week'

14th March – LF/Y1/Y2 Palm Sunday reflection, 2.45pm Parents invited

15th March – Y3/Y4 Last Supper reflection, 2.45pm Parents invited

16th March – Y5/Y6 Good Friday reflection, 2.45pm Parents invited

16th March – Y5 Lenten Workshop, St Thomas-a-Becket's

18th March – School closes, 3.15/3.20pm

4th April – School re-opens

11th April – Parent's Evening, 3.30-6pm

13th April – Parent's Evening, 3.30-6pm

Lunchtime Menus for Week Beginning 18th January 2016

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