



# St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

## A Voluntary Academy

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### Newsletter: Autumn Term 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week we will be enjoying our RE-themed 'Family Week' in school. You should have received a letter earlier in the week detailing some of the activities which children will be undertaking in their classes linked to the theme of 'Family.' We are looking forward to inviting you all, as members of our school family, into school next Friday at 2.15pm for an assembly to celebrate the wonderful work which has taken place in each class.

Have a lovely week,  
Mrs Mumby

#### Young Voices

Last Thursday, we had an amazing time at the Young Voices event at Sheffield Arena. Almost 50 children from Key Stage Two joined members of staff from school, for a concert featuring 5,000 children from schools across Yorkshire, coming together as one choir.

The children were a credit to the school, and their families, and I am grateful to all staff who supported the children during this trip. Many thanks, also, to all parents, those who joined us at Sheffield Arena and participated so enthusiastically (!), and those who came out late at night to collect their children from school.

#### Assistant Administrator Vacancy, Vicariate for Education, Diocese of Leeds - Part Time

The Diocese of Leeds seeks an assistant administrator to join a committed and hardworking team from April 2016 (or earlier if possible). The team supports Education, parenting, parish Catechesis and the Youth Office. It serves 94 schools across the Diocese of Leeds as well as working with parishes and church community organisations and youth groups. The post will be based at Hinsley Hall, Headingley, Leeds. The office has plenty of parking and is on the main bus routes. Occasional travel to schools/offices may be required.

This is one of two part time administrator posts in the team. The other administrator works Monday, Thursday and Friday and so whoever is appointed to

this post will be expected to cover Tuesday and Wednesday. The post is for 15 hours, this may be two 7.5 hours days or three 5.0 hour days to fit in with commitments such as school days. Please comment in your application form what hours you would wish to work. For further details see the diocesan website. For a discussion about the post, please contact Catherine Walker on 0113 261 8040 or

[evangelisation.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:evangelisation.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk).

**Closing Date:** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February, Midday.

**Interviews:** Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February

**Address:** Vicariate for Education, Diocese of Leeds, Hinsley Hall, 62 Headingley Lane, Leeds, LS6 2BX

**Website:** [www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education](http://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education)

#### This Girl Can

This Girl Can Wakefield have organised an open door policy with many activities across the district, including running, badminton, karate, basketball and rugby league. From 25<sup>th</sup> January until 7<sup>th</sup> February females of all ages are encouraged to take part in these sessions for free. To participate in this initiative, you need to get a This Girl can token from the school office, which can be taken along to the session of your choice.

#### Mrs Hammond

As you will be aware, Mrs Hammond, our school caretaker, has been absent from school for some time. Mrs Hammond will be retiring at the end of January. I know that you will join me in passing on our love and thanks to Mrs Hammond for her many years of service to St John's School. Mrs Hammond celebrated her 25 years of service just last year and has been a dedicated and much-loved member of the staff team. We are planning a school Mass for Mrs Hammond to allow all in the school community to thank her for all she has done. Further details will follow.

#### Car Park

There is limited space in the school car park, therefore use of the school car park is reserved for staff and visitors only. We request that parents and carers use on street parking around school. Many thanks.

#### Easter Colouring Competition

The Normanton Town Council Easter colouring competition is now under way. All children in school will be coming home with details of the competition this evening. **All entries need to be submitted to Normanton Town Council, and not returned to school.**

### PA AGM

Friends of St John's PA will be having their next meeting and AGM on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February. This meeting will take place at 7pm in the St John's Social Club. New members are always welcome, we hope to see you there.

### SATs Quiz Night

On the 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Please note that this event is for parents and carers only. We request that children do not attend.

### Volunteer Readers

We are appealing once again for parents, parishioners or friends of the school who may have a morning or afternoon free, and would like to come into school and listen to children read individually. If you are interested in supporting school in this way, please leave your name with Miss Tudor and we will get back to you.

### Stay & Play at St John's Church Hall - Launch Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 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 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](http://www.catholic-care.org.uk)

### Gold Book Assembly

The next Gold book assembly will take place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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** – Chantelle Ward & Grace Stott

**Late Foundation** – Elsa Walding & James Scott

**Year 1** – Evie Tonks & Maja Kakol

**Year 2** – Daniel Lunn & Madison Munday

**Year 3** – Isobelle Clark & Ruth Smart

**Year 4** – George Conway & Grace Stott

**Year 5** – Harry Cook & Erin Turley

**Year 6** – 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 4<sup>th</sup> February** - Year 1 and Year 4 class Mass, 9.15am in school

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February** - Year 2 and Year 6 class Mass, 9.15am in school

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February** - Year 3 and Year 5 class Mass, 9.15am in school

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** - Year 1 and Year 4 class Mass, 9.15am in school

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 2 and Year 6 class Mass, 9.15am in school

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

### Diary Dates

**1<sup>st</sup> February** – SATs Quiz Night, 5pm All Parents invited

**W.B. 1<sup>st</sup> February** – RE themed week 'The Family'

**26th February** – Good Shepherd 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 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Meatballs and Yorkshire pudding	Salmon nuggets and parsley sauce	Roast turkey and stuffing	Meat and potato pie	Fish fingers and parsley sauce
Pasta in tomato and basil sauce with tomato bread	Vegemince enchilada	Vegetable curry, rice and naan	Vegemince bolognese, pasta and garlic bread	Cheese and onion savoury
Tuna jacket	Cheese jacket	Tuna jacket	Cheese jacket	Tuna jacket

