



St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

A Voluntary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please keep in your prayers the children, parents, staff and governors at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Castleford and St Wilfrid's Catholic High School, Featherstone, following the sad and tragic deaths of Shannon Newman, a Year 7 pupil at St Wilfrid's, and Shane Newman, a Year 1 pupil at St Joseph's, and their mother Geraldine Newman.

Many thanks for your great support this term. May you all have a restful half-term break,
Mrs Mumby

RE themed Week

This week, in school, we have had an RE themed week with a focus on 'Family.' We have been reflecting on our families at home, our school family and being part of God's family. Each day has started with a reflection on the family which has been led by the members of staff. On Friday, at 2.15pm, we will be having an assembly to celebrate the work which has been undertaken throughout the week in each class. Parents and friends of the school are warmly invited to join us for this celebration in the school hall. We look forward to seeing you then

Staffing News

Miss Whitehouse, as you are aware, is expecting her second child. Miss Whitehouse's last day at St John's, before she begins her maternity leave, will be Tuesday 16th February. Miss Whitehouse will be missed but we wish her well, and look forward to meeting the new arrival! Mr Jordan will begin teaching Year 4 on Wednesday 17th February, having met the class earlier this term.

SATs Meetings

As you will be aware, we were hoping to have a SATs quiz night, for parents, on Monday of this week. Unfortunately, we had a poor response and this event had to be cancelled.

Due to the changes in the tests which children in Year 2 and Year 6 will be undertaking in May, we still wish to go ahead with a briefing for parents. Year 2 parents are invited to a meeting with Mrs Warters, in the Year 2

classroom, on 17th February at 9am. Year 6 parents are invited to a meeting with Mr France, in the Year 6 classroom, also on 17th February at 9am.

For both meetings, parents may come into the classroom with their children as they drop them off in the morning. Parents will hear about how the SATs are administered and organised, and the standard of questions which will be asked. This year, with the introduction of a new curriculum, expectations are much higher than previously. Therefore, it is imperative that the children are as prepared as possible for this new style test.

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.

Closing Date: Tuesday 9th February, Midday.

Interviews: Friday 26th February

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

Website: www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education

Mrs Hammond

A date has been set for a Mass to give thanks to Mrs Hammond as she retires as caretaker at St John's School after 25 years of service. Parents are invited to join us for a school Mass, in St John's Church, at 10.15am on Tuesday 23rd February. Parents are welcome to join Mrs Hammond in the church hall, after the Mass, for refreshments.

The Year 3 and Year 5 class Mass, which was due to take place on Thursday 25th February will now take place on Thursday 3rd March.

Staff Car Park

Please do not allow your child to ride bikes or scooters in the staff car park. This is highly dangerous, and we need to ensure that all children, staff, parents and visitors to the school are safe at all times.

Late Foundation 'People Who Help Us' Topic

A special thank you to the following people who visited Late Foundation to speak about their roles at work and how they help people:

Mrs Fosselmann who arranged for the fire service and a post man to visit, Mrs Scott who discussed her role as a nurse, Mrs Hinchcliffe who discussed her role as a police officer and Mrs Lowe who discussed her role as a Child minder. Thank you for sharing your knowledge of these different roles with Late Foundation.

Miss Noone

PA AGM

Friends of St John's PA will be having their next meeting and AGM on Tuesday 16th 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.

Gold Book Assembly

There will be no Gold Book assembly this week due to the celebration assembly which is taking place to celebrate our 'Family' themed week.

100 Club

Congratulations to last week's winners of the 100 club, Missy Westerman (40) and Ruby and Evie Tonks (16)

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

Tuesday 23rd February – Whole School Mass in Church, 10.15am, Retirement Mass for Mrs Hammond, Parents invited

Thursday 3rd March - Year 3 and Year 5 class Mass, 9.15am in school *please note change of date

Thursday 10th March - Year 1 and Year 4 class Mass, 9.15am in school *please note change of date

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

Diary Dates

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 15th February 2016

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Beef grill in a bun	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	Cheese jacket

