



St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

A Voluntary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to school after the Easter holidays. I do hope that you had a good break and are feeling refreshed and relaxed. The children have returned to school with a super attitude and have had a great first week back. A special mention must go to Year 6 who have got off to a great start this term with a terrific attitude to their work, superb perseverance and an excellent standard of work.

This is a busy term, with the end of key stage one and end of key stage two tests taking place before our next break. Please do keep all our children in your prayers as they revise and prepare for the SATs.

Have a good week,

Mrs Mumby

Parents Consultation Evening

Next Monday, 11th April, and Wednesday, 13th April, we will be having our Parent Consultation Evenings. These will be held in the hall. Each appointment will last for 10 minutes. Please do be prompt for your appointment and, should you not be able to attend your allocated time, please contact your child's teacher for an alternative appointment. Many thanks.

Relief Lunchtime Supervisor

We are currently looking for a Relief Lunchtime Supervisor who would be able to cover when members of our lunchtime staff team are absent. If you are interested in this opportunity to support our school, please contact Mrs Allsop, School Business Manager.

KIRFs

This term's Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) are coming home this evening with every child from year 1 to Year 5. The KIRFs are a great way to support your child with mental recall of number facts. Children in Year 6 are encouraged to revise in preparation for their upcoming tests.

Mass

Tomorrow we will be celebrating the risen Lord with Mass in church at 10am. If any parents are intending to join us for Mass, we would greatly appreciate your support in walking down to church with us. If you are

willing to join us for the walk to St John's Church, please come along to the hall at the start of the school day.

Peace and Reflection Garden

Before the holidays, I did request that you did not allow your children to go into Luke's Garden, beside the Year 6 classroom, which we are developing as our Peace and Reflection Garden. This message was reinforced with the children during our first assembly of the term on Monday. This area has had extensive work undertaken during the Easter break, with a new water feature, ornaments, turf and planting.

Please do watch your children closely as they leave school, and do not allow them to enter this garden which is still under development. We are looking forward to the completion of this area, when we can take children into it for collective worship and meditation and enjoy quiet times in this relaxing corner of the school grounds.

Roofing Works

As you will have noticed, during the Easter holidays scaffolding has been erected around parts of the building. This mainly affects the Late Foundation, Year One and Year Two classrooms. I spoke with the children on Monday about the dangers of climbing on and playing near the scaffolding. Please do not allow your child to play with and around the scaffolding as they come into school in the morning, and leave at the end of the day. Please do not allow them to play with the foam protectors or to climb on the scaffolding.

Due to the restricted access to the pathways around the Year One and Year Two classrooms, we are requesting that parents of children in these classes wait for their children, at the end of the day, on the key stage one playground, and your child will be sent out to you once you have been seen by a member of staff. This is to ensure safe access along the pathway. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

Phones in School

A number of children have begun to bring mobile phones into school. Mobile phones are not allowed in school, except in exceptional circumstances. Please ensure that your child leaves theirs at home.

Film Night

On Wednesday 27th April, we will be having another Film Night. Further details to follow.

Diocesan Notices

Year of Mercy

"Mercy and New Life": four further talks given by Fr Timothy Swinglehurst on the scriptures for this the Year of Mercy on 4 Thursday evenings in April 7.30-8.30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes, Cardigan Road, Leeds LS6 3BJ.

Thursday April 7th - Genesis 1: Building a Home for Life

Thursday April 14th - Genesis 2-3: Life and Loss in Paradise

Thursday April 21st - Life Restored: Resurrection in Luke's Gospel

Thursday April 28th - Mary in the Gospels: Mother of Mercy, Mother of Life

All very welcome.

Fish Supper Evening

Friday, 20th May 2016 - 4-7pm

In the gardens of Catholic Care, 11 North Grange Road, Headingley, Leeds 6

£5 per person, tickets from Catholic Care: 0113 388 5400

Gold Book Assembly

The next Gold book assembly will take place on Friday 8th April 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 – Declan Greenhough & Robert Noble

Late Foundation – Jacob Hopson & Olivia Lipinska

Year 1 – Aidan Barrett & Calum Pinder

Year 2 – Nerea Castejon Haslam & Libby Cook

Year 3 – Thomas Farnsworth & Katie Walker

Year 4 – Samuel Pearce & Ella Shillabeer

Year 5 – Declan Greenhough & Demi-Leigh Newman

Year 6 – Luke McTigue & Ernie Boyle

100 Club

Congratulations to the winners of the draw which took place before Easter, Mrs Bowker and Katie Walker.

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 14th April – Years 2 and 6 class Mass, 9.15am

Thursday 21st April – Years 3 and 5 class Mass, 9.15am

Thursday 28th April – Years 1 and 4 class Mass, 9.15am

Thursday 5th May - Years 2 and 6 class Mass, 9.15am

Thursday 26th May - Years 3 and 5 class Mass, 9.15am

Diary Dates

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

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

12th and 13th April – Arla Foods Workshops in school

19th April - Bags 2 School Collection

20th April – PA meeting in school, 3.30pm

27th April – Film Night

2nd May – School closed 'May Day Bank Holiday'

4th May – Years 4 and 5 Fun Run at St Wilfrid's (Yorkshire Air Ambulance fundraiser), 12.30-2.30pm

5th May – Nursery closed

6th May – Good Shepherd Celebration at St Anne's Cathedral

W.B. 9th May – Key stage 2 Tests

16th May – Class and group photographs

21st May – Catholic Schools Football Tournament at Holy Family and St Michael's

24th and 25th May – More Than Dance at SS Peter and Paul

Lunchtime Menus for Week Beginning 11th April 2016

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