



St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter: Summer Term 12th May 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

I must begin this week's newsletter by applauding Year 6 for the wonderful values and qualities which they have displayed during their end of Year 6 tests. I have been immensely proud of each and every one of them for the stamina, confidence, resilience, perseverance and good humour they have shown this week. They really have taken the week in their stride, and have shown maturity beyond their years. They are a credit to the school and their families.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to all staff for the part they have each played, and to parents for their support at home which has ensured that children have arrived for the SATs breakfast club with a big smile on their face!

Have a lovely week,
Mrs Mumby

First Holy Communion

This weekend, many of our Year 3 children will be celebrating their First Holy Communion. I am sure that you will join me in wishing them a very special and memorable day. The children have spent the past few months preparing for this sacrament and this will be a very special day. Please do keep them in your prayers.

Sports Day

This year, our sports day has been divided into two events, one for Foundation Stage and Key Stage One, which will take place in the morning, and another for the children in Key Stage Two, which will take place in the afternoon. Both events will take place on the school field on Wednesday 22nd June, with the morning event beginning at 9.30am and the afternoon event starting at 1.30pm. The PA are kindly supporting this event by providing cream teas.

The nursery children will, this year, also be involved in the school sports day. The children who attend nursery for the morning session will take part in a teddy bear race before returning to nursery for a teddy bear's picnic. The children who attend the afternoon session will begin their session in the same way, opening the key stage two sports afternoon with their teddy bears race before returning to the nursery for their picnic.

Summer Club

You will have received a letter recently detailing a summer club which we will be holding in the school grounds during the summer holidays. This club will run on two separate weeks, from Monday to Thursday each week (Monday 25th until Thursday 28th July and Monday 15th until Thursday 18th August). The club is being subsidised, as a result of additional funding which we have secured, and each one day session will cost £10.00. The children will have access to a range of activities including football, hockey, badminton and mini-Olympics. **The deadline for all payments to school is Friday 20th May. Please ensure that you have returned your payment by this date to secure your child's place.**

Home time

Please do ensure that your children are closely supervised at the end of the school day to ensure their safety. Please do not allow your children to play in the outdoor classroom or climb on the playground equipment.

Use of Social Media

We will shortly have various summer events taking place, including the sports day. On such an occasion, you may wish to take photographs of your child. Please do adhere to the agreement which you were asked to sign at the start of the year, and do not publish or share such photographs on any social media or messaging sites. This is of the utmost importance to safeguard all of our children.

Sun Lotion

It has been lovely to see some sunshine this week, and we certainly hope the sun stays with us in order that our children can engage in learning through the outdoors. On such sunny days, please do ensure that you put some sunscreen on your child before they leave for school. If children are able to apply the sun lotion themselves, they may bring a labelled bottle of lotion into school for them to reapply throughout the day. As staff are unable to apply sun lotion, we would urge all parents to encourage their child to learn how to apply it themselves. Please also ensure that your child has a sun hat to protect them further from the sun.

Staffing News

This week, we welcome Mr Chester to St John's as our new premises supervisor. Mr Chester is already settling into his new role and I am sure that you will join me in welcoming Mr Chester into our school community.

Mrs Evans has been undertaking the relief caretaker role for the past year, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her support and hard work.

Uniform

With the warmer weather, many children are choosing to take their jumpers and cardigans off during the school day. This has led to many children losing knitwear as a result of jumpers and cardigans not being labelled with names. Please ensure that all your child's uniform items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Gold Book Assembly

There will be no Gold book assembly this week due to other events which are taking place in school. The next Gold book assembly will take place on Friday 20th May at 2.30pm.

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 26th May - There will be no class Mass on this day due to other events in school*

Thursday 23rd June - Years 1 and 4 class Mass, 9.15am* Please note change of date

Thursday 30th June - Years 2 and 6 class Mass, 9.15am* Please note change of date

Thursday 7th July – Key Stage One and Foundation Stage Mass, 9.15am

Thursday 14th July – Key Stage Two Mass, 9.15am

Thursday 21st July – Whole School Mass in church, 10am

Diary Dates

13th May – Year One trip to Abbey House Museum

14th May – First Holy Communion Mass at St John's Church, 12 o'clock

16th May – Class and group photographs

20th May – Year Two Knights and Dragons Day

20th May – Year 5/Year 6 Swimming Gala, St Wilfrid's

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

22nd May – Thanksgiving Mass for the First Holy Communion children at St John's Church, 10am

23rd May – Year Six Kwik Cricket Competition

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

25th May – Year 3 Singing Assembly in the school hall, 9.30am, parents invited

26th May – 'Wear something yellow' and fun run day - Yorkshire Air Ambulance charity fundraiser

27th May – School closes for half-term

13th June – School re-opens

W.B. 13th June - Year One Phonics Screening Check Week

16th June – New Reception Parent's Evening

22nd June – Sports day, 9.30am for Foundation Stage and Key Stage One and 1.30pm for Key Stage Two

23rd June – European Referendum, Nursery closed to be used as a polling station

24th June – Ian's Mobile Farm visiting school, all day

27th June – Year 6 transition day at St Wilfrid's

29th June – Foundation Stage Inspire Maths Workshop

30th June – St Wilfrid's Year 6 evening for parents

4th July – Year 5 Inspire Maths Workshop

4th-6th July – Year 6 residential to Robinwood

5th July – Year 3 'Big Sing' at Wakefield Cathedral

6th July – Year 1 and Year 2 Inspire Maths Workshop

Lunchtime Menus for Week Beginning 16th May 2016

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Chicken wrap	Roast pork and stuffing	Pasta bolognaise and tomato bread	Sausages	Fish
Vegemince lasagne and garlic bread	Savoury vegemince and Yorkshire pudding	Pizza	Vegemince shepherd's pie	Cheese pie
Tuna jacket	Cheese jacket	Tuna jacket	Cheese jacket	Tuna jacket