



St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

A Voluntary Academy

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Newsletter: Autumn Term 3rd November 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back for the second half of the Autumn term. This is always a busy but magical term, with the preparations for Advent and Christmas. There will be many events taking place this term so please do keep a check on the diary dates which are listed each week on the newsletter.

Have a good week,
Mrs Mumby

Playground Toys

Could parents please ensure that children do not play with the playground toys before or after school. Many thanks.

Friends of St John's PA

The friends of St John's Parents Association had their AGM and first meeting of the year yesterday. I would like to extend my thanks to them for their dedication and hard work which make a real difference to the children in our school. They will shortly be funding the Christmas pantomime and are busy planning the Christmas Fair. At the Christmas Fair, on Thursday 1st December, they will be having a PA recruitment stall; members of our PA will be on hand to share information about upcoming PA events and to answer any queries about being a member of this vital group within our school family.

The PA are appealing for some support with preparations for the Christmas Fair. On Friday 25th November and Monday 28th November, at 9am, they would be grateful of any extra help that can be provided with wrapping gifts and tagging items for the various stalls. If you feel that you could spare an hour or two, come along to the school reception once you have dropped off your child/ren and if you can provide the manpower, we'll provide the tea and biscuits!

The PA will be holding a Christmas raffle. A book of tickets will shortly be going home with each child in school. Tickets are priced at £1 each or £5 per book. Families should send the money and counterfoil back to school in an envelope labelled 'Christmas Raffle.'

Any unwanted tickets should also be returned to school.

Poppies – Royal British Legion

Poppies are now on sale in school, with a suggested donation of 50p. We also have a number of other items, with suggested donations as follows:

Wooden crosses - £2

Friendship Bracelet - £1

Wristbands – 50p

Reflectors – 50p

LED Torch - £1

Please send your donation to school with your child, and we will have children visiting each class, at some point in the day, with the poppies. Alternatively, poppies can be obtained from Miss Tudor in the school office.

Holiday Club – Upcoming dates

We are planning to hold the Holiday Club in school during the following dates:

10th - 13th April 2017 (Easter)

5th - 8th June 2017 (Spring Bank)

14th - 17th August 2017 (Summer)

21st - 24th August 2017 (Summer)

The club will take place from Monday until Thursday, from 9am until 3pm. Please do consider this as an option when planning childcare and activities for future holidays. Further details will be sent out before each holiday.

Pupil Premium Funding

If your child is in Late Foundation, Year One or Year Two, they will receive a funded school meal. If you are in receipt of benefits, your child may be eligible to receive additional funding which could benefit their learning and support in school. If your child is in Late Foundation or Key Stage One, and you receive benefits, but haven't already let us know, please see either your child's classteacher or Mrs Ferguson, our learning mentor.

Digital Parenting Magazine

This evening your child will be coming home with a Digital Parenting magazine which has some excellent advice and interesting articles about internet safety.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child has returned to school with the correct uniform following the half-term. There are a number of children who do not have any pumps, and a number of children who have returned wearing trainers rather than black shoes. In addition, many children do not have their uniform labelled, making it very difficult to rehome lost uniform items.

Warm Clothing

The temperature has dropped slightly, and children do now need to bring a coat to school with them. Please ensure that your child comes to school with a suitable warm outdoor coat. If they do not, they may be asked to remain indoors during play and lunchtime.

Skipping Day

Tomorrow we will be having Skipping Schools in to St John's to work with Year 2 and Year 4 ahead of their skipping festivals after Christmas. On Monday, they will be working with the whole school from Late Foundation to Year 6, culminating in a skipping extravaganza during assembly at the end of the day.

As all children will be involved in Monday's skipping day, we would like **all** children to come to school, on Monday morning, in their outdoor PE kit. They do not need to bring in their usual school uniform, but will remain in their outdoor PE kit for the day. Weather permitting, they will be skipping outside. However, should it be too cold, the children will be indoors.

Gold Book Assembly

Tomorrow we have Skipping Schools in to do workshops with the children in Years 2 and 4. Therefore, the hall will be in use all day, and we will be unable to have our Gold Book Assembly. The next Gold Book assembly will be on Friday 11th November.

Year 2 and Year 5 Class Mass – November 17th

Please note that Fr Duane is unable to join us for the Year 2 and Year 5 class Mass which was planned for

November 17th. Therefore, this Mass has had to be cancelled.

School and Class Masses

All parents, parishioners and friends of the school are welcome to join us for school and class Masses. Class Masses are held in our school hall and, unless otherwise indicated, begin at 9.15am

Thursday 10th November – Year 3 and Year 4

Monday 19th December – Whole School Mass, 10am in church

Diary Dates

Monday 14th November – Wakefield Library Service to visit Early Foundation

Friday 18th November – Children in Need Day

Friday 25th November – Non-uniform day (Bring a tombola prize for the Christmas Fair)

Monday 28th November – Pantomime

Monday 28th November – Advent Praise led by Years 5 and 6, 2.45pm, parents welcome

Thursday 1st December – Christmas Fair, 3pm

Monday 5th December – Advent Praise led by Years 3 and 4, 2.45pm, parents welcome

Tuesday 6th December – Year 1 Normanton Town Council Christmas Party

Thursday 8th December – Years 5 and 6 Advent Inspire Workshop, 9-10.20am

Friday 9th December – Year 1 and 2 Advent Inspire Workshop, 9-10.20am

Monday 12th December – Years 3 and 4 Advent Inspire Workshop, 9-10.20am

Monday 12th December – Advent Praise led by Late Foundation, Years 1 and 2, 2.45pm, parents welcome

Thursday 15th December – Late Foundation/Key Stage One Christmas Production, 9.30am and 2pm

Thursday 15th December – Normanton Town Council Christmas concert at St John's Church, featuring the St John the Baptist School Choir

Wednesday 21st December – Early Foundation Nativity, 11am

Our Statement of Belief for week beginning 7th November is:

I can tell you how I look after myself

Lunchtime Menus for Week Beginning 7th November 2016

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Savoury mince beef & mashed potato	Sausages	Roast chicken with gravy and potatoes	Pizza	Fish fingers and chips
Spaghetti in tomato sauce	Mexican rice wrap	Pasta bake	Quorn cottage pie	Macaroni cheese
Cheese jacket	Tuna jacket	Cheese jacket	Tuna jacket	Cheese jacket

