



St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

A Voluntary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I had the great pleasure, at the end of last week, of joining Year 6 for the Elsium Inspiring Learning Film Awards at Wakefield Cathedral. The children had worked with this organisation on a WWI Film Project which resulted in the production of a number of films which were put forward for awards, alongside a number of other schools across Wakefield. I am delighted to say that we won two awards, including Best Overall Film. I am immensely proud of the achievements of all children. Photos from the event can be seen on Twitter and the school website, and we are hoping, shortly, to put the film clips on there too.

Have a good week,
Mrs Mumby

Friends of St John's PA

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 are holding a Christmas raffle. A book of tickets has been sent 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. Please send your

donation to school with your child, or see 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.

Uniform

We still have a number of children through school who do not have black pumps for indoor wear. Please ensure that your child has a pair of black pumps in school at all times.

Warm Clothing

The temperature has dropped, and children 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.

School Closure

This week has seen the first snowfall of the year. Should we have to close school due to adverse weather conditions, we will notify Ridings FM and Radio Leeds as early as possible, and will also ensure that there is a message on the school website and Twitter informing parents of a school closure.

Skipping Day

On Monday, we had a fun day of skipping when Skipping Schools visited us to run a day of workshops for all children from Nursery to Year 6. An impressive display of skills was seen in an

assembly which took place at the end of the day. Year 2 and Year 4 are now looking forward to their skipping festivals after Christmas.

Skipping ropes are now on sale in the school office at a cost of £5.00.

Use of Messaging Groups

We are aware that children throughout school make use of messaging services, via the internet, to communicate with friends outside of school. We would urge all parents and carers to keep a very close eye over the content of conversations which take place using this form of social media.

Gold Book Assembly

The next Gold book assembly of this year will take place on Friday 11th November 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 – Kalen Brown and Chantelle Ward

Late Foundation – Aleksandra Niznikowska & Shelby Jordan

Year 1 – The Whole Class

Year 2 – Cole Bailey & Lillie Davies

Year 3 – The Whole Class

Year 4 – Archie Wright & Katie Walker

Year 5 – The Whole Class

Year 6 – Rhianna Moyles & Lacey Sandom

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

Monday 19th December – Whole School Mass, 10am in church (Weather permitting)

Friday 13th January – Whole school Mass, 10am in church (Weather permitting)

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 14th November is:

I think before I make choices that affect my health

Lunchtime Menus for Week Beginning 14th November 2016

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Spaghetti Bolognese and garlic bread	Chicken pie with gravy and potatoes	Roast turkey with gravy and potatoes	Sausages	Fish fingers
Vegetable jambalaya	Cheesy pasta bake	Savoury vegetable loaf	Mozzarella and tomato puff squares with chips	Vegetable curry and rice
Cheese jacket	Tuna jacket	Cheese jacket	Tuna jacket	Cheese jacket

