



# St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

## A Voluntary Academy

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### **Newsletter: Autumn Term 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

Dear Parents and Carers,

The year seems to be flying by, with Advent beginning on Sunday. Next Monday, we will begin our Advent Praise liturgies. On Monday this will be led by Years 5 and 6, with Years 3 and 4 leading the liturgy on the 5<sup>th</sup> December and Late Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 leading the final Advent Praise on the 12<sup>th</sup> December. All parents, carers and parishioners are welcome to join us for these very special liturgies. I look forward to hopefully seeing you then.

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 25<sup>th</sup> November and Monday 28<sup>th</sup> 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. We have not yet had many tickets returned. Please return your counterfoils and money as soon as possible. If you do not wish to purchase tickets, please return the books to school as soon as possible, in order that they can be re-sold.

#### **Dress Down Day – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

Tomorrow, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November, will be our dress down day. Children may come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a prize which may be used on one of our tombola stalls.

In addition, if you have any unused gifts, toiletries, bottles or chocolate which you could donate to the Christmas Fair, we would be hugely grateful. These can be left with Miss Tudor, in the school office, or a member of staff. Many thanks in advance.

#### **Teddy Tombola**

The Foundation Stage team will be having a teddy tombola at the Christmas Fair. They would gratefully

appreciate any donations of clean teddies and cuddly toys. Any donations can be left with Miss Tudor, in the school office, or a member of the Foundation Stage staff team.

#### **Book Stall**

Year 4 will be having a book stall at the Christmas Fair. If you have any books which you would like to donate, please leave them with either Mrs Grover or Mrs Quinn in Year 4, or with Miss Tudor in the school office.

#### **Cancellation of Clubs – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

Due to the Christmas Fair, on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December, the after school clubs, which usually take place on this day, will be cancelled. This affects the Key Stage One football, netball and drama club.

#### **Christmas Fair, Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 3-5pm**

The Fair will open at 3pm on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Parents may wish to collect children at 3pm on this day and visit the fair. If you do wish to collect your child at 3pm, you will need to go to the classroom doors, as usual, and come into the fair through the main entrance to school.

#### **Poppy Appeal**

Many thanks to all who bought poppies, goods from the Poppy Appeal and made donations which amounted to £262.62. This is a wonderful total for a wonderful cause.

#### **Children in Need**

A huge thank you to all families who donated buns and biscuits for our Children in Need bun sale last Friday. We raised a fantastic total of £159.50.

#### **Book Fair**

From Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December until Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December, we will have a Book Fair in school. All books and stationery items will be half the marked price.

#### **Author Visit – Andy Seed**

We will be having a 'Reading Week,' during the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> December. On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, the author Andy Seed will be visiting school, inspiring us all with his work. Andy will be working with the children throughout school, as well as leading a whole school assembly. During the day, there will be an opportunity

for children to purchase a signed copy of one of Andy's books.

A leaflet will be going home next week, with details of the cost of these books. If your child wishes to buy a book for Andy Seed to sign, please send the money in to school, in a labelled envelope, with your child, on the morning of the author visit, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

### Playtime and PE

We are having an increasing number of parents who are requesting that their child does not take part in PE, or go outside at playtime due to illness. In exceptional circumstances, we would allow children not to participate in the curriculum, but we do encourage all children to take part where possible, and this includes PE.

If your child has a cough or cold, but you consider them to be well enough to attend school, we would suggest that you ensure that your child has warm clothing, including a hat, gloves, scarf and warm coat, in order that they can have some fresh air at play and lunchtime. If they are not well enough to be outdoors at playtime, it may be that they are not well enough to be in school.

### Gold Book Assembly

The next Gold book assembly of this year will take place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 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** – Abel Knowles & Erin Turley

**Late Foundation** – Riley Dobson & Julian Castejon Haslam

**Year 1** – Cole Turner & Hanna Kurmaniak

**Year 2** – Missy Westerman & Szymon Skibinski

**Year 3** – Marcel Latkowski & Madison Munday

**Year 4** – Corben Ashurst & Isobelle Clark

**Year 5** – Joshua Kennedy & Megan Holley

**Year 6** – The Whole Class

### 100 Club

We still have some numbers remaining for the 100 club. These cost £10 per number.

Congratulations to last week's winner:

No.27 – Mrs Verity

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Whole School Mass, 10am in church (Weather permitting)

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January** – Whole school Mass, 10am in church (Weather permitting)

### Diary Dates

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November** – Non-uniform day (Bring a tombola prize for the Christmas Fair)

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November** – Pantomime

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November** – Advent Praise led by Years 5 and 6, 2.45pm, parents welcome

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – Christmas Fair, 3pm

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – Reading Week

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December** – Advent Praise led by Years 3 and 4, 2.45pm, parents welcome

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 1 Normanton Town Council Christmas Party

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – Visit from the author, Andy Seed

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Years 5 and 6 Advent Inspire Workshop, 9-10.20am

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 1 and 2 Advent Inspire Workshop, 9-10.20am

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Years 3 and 4 Advent Inspire Workshop, 9-10.20am

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

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

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

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Key Stage Two Christmas Dinner

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Key Stage One Christmas Party

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – Key Stage One Christmas Dinner

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – Key Stage Two Christmas Party

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – Early Foundation Nativity, 11am

### Lunchtime Menus for Week Beginning 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Savoury minced beef and mashed potato	Sausages	Roast chicken with gravy and potatoes	Margherita pizza	Fish fingers
Spaghetti in tomato sauce	Mexican rice wrap	Neapolitan pasta bake	Quorn cottage pie	Macaroni cheese
Cheese jacket	Tuna jacket	Cheese jacket	Tuna jacket	Cheese jacket

