



St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

A Voluntary Academy

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Newsletter: Autumn Term 15th December 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach our final week before we break for the Christmas holidays, school is a hive of activity. Today, we had one of the highlights of the Christmas calendar; our Late Foundation and Key Stage One nativity. The children shone like the true stars that they are and performed confidently. Tonight, our choir will be singing at the Normanton Town Council Christmas celebration at St John's Church. Having listened in on some of their rehearsals, I know that we are in for a real treat! If you would like to share in the Christmas cheer, the concert, this evening, begins at 7.15pm, hopefully we'll see you there!

Have a good week,

Mrs Mumby

Staffing News

Next week, we will welcome Miss Whitehouse back to St John's, following her maternity leave. Miss Whitehouse will be working alongside Mrs Warters, in Year 2, in readiness for the Spring term.

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 16th December

We will, once again, be supporting the Save the Children 'Christmas Jumper Day' on Friday 16th December. In exchange for 50p, children may wear a Christmas jumper or, if they do not have a Christmas jumper or T-shirt, they may trim themselves up with some tinsel or other festive decorations to join in the festive fun.

School Milk

If you wish for your child to have school milk, and haven't already done so, please could you register with Fresh Pastures School Milk UK. The email address for registration is info@schoolmilkuk.co.uk. If you prefer to register by post, please collect a leaflet from the school office. Children who are under 5 are eligible for free milk. However, children who turn 5 during a term are eligible to pay for the whole term.

Medical Care letters

If you have received a letter with regards to the medical needs of your child, please do return this by Monday 19th December.

Clubs

Letters have been sent out regarding the before and after school activities which will be running during the Spring term. They are as follows:

	Before School	After School
Monday		-KS2 Football -Change for Life Y3
Tuesday	-KS1 and KS2 Football	-LF and KS1 Dodgeball
Wednesday		-KS2 Zumba
Thursday		-LF and KS1 Gymnastics -Y5 and 6 Netball -Y4 and 5 Drama
Friday		

If your child has not brought a letter home, but would like to join one of the clubs, please see Miss Tudor in the school office.

Breakfast Club Parking

If you are dropping your child off for breakfast club, please refrain from parking on the yellow zig-zag lines or on the lane going up towards Pringle Hill.

Christmas Party Money

If you have not yet brought in to school your 50p towards the Christmas party food, please do so by tomorrow (Friday) in order that we can purchase the food this weekend ahead of the parties.

Christmas Party Days

The Christmas party for children in late foundation, year one and year two will take place on Tuesday afternoon, and on Wednesday afternoon for children in key stage two. Unless they are having a picnic lunch provided by the school meals service, they will need to bring a packed lunch on the day of their party.

On their party day, children may come to school wearing their party clothes. Please be mindful that the children will need to wear sensible footwear and warm coats, as they will be going out to play as usual.

Hair Accessories

We have a number of children who are wearing bows in their hair which seem to be getting bigger and

bigger. This is causing a distraction in some lessons, and in some classes. Please ensure that any hair accessories, which your child wears for school, are for the purpose of keeping their hair tidy and not a fashion item.

Christingle Service

This year's Christingle service will take place on Sunday 18th December at 6pm. Children are invited to stay and prepare their Christingle following the 10am Mass on Sunday.

Christmas Mass Times

All families are welcome to join the parish this Christmas for Mass. Christmas Mass times are as follows:

Family Mass on Christmas Eve at 6pm

Midnight Mass with carols from 11.30pm

Christmas Day at 10am

Inset Day

Don't forget that Friday 23rd December will be an Inset Day for staff. School will, therefore, close on Thursday 22nd December and re-open on Monday 9th January 2017.

Information Request

It is a requirement of the DfE that we provide information on the nationality and country of birth for every pupil. Please be aware that we will shortly be sending home a letter requesting this information.

Normanton Town Council Christmas Concert

This year the choir of St John the Baptist will be singing at the Normanton Town Council Christmas Concert. This will be held on Thursday 15th December, at 7.15pm, in St John the Baptist Church.

Gold Book Assembly

The next Gold book assembly of this year will take place on Friday 16th December 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 – Jocelyn Deary & Kizzy Palin

Late Foundation – The Whole Class

Year 1 – Hanna Kurmaniak & Jak Sandom

Year 2 – The Whole Class

Year 3 – The Whole Class

Year 4 – Jack Mallinder & Theodore Cassidy

Year 5 – William Ripley-Hill & Lilly Strutt

Year 6 – Grace Ashurst-Bagshaw & Lilly Spittle

Kindness Cup – Joseph Place, Year 5

100 Club

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

Congratulations to last week's winner:

No. 18 Mrs Weeks

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

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

Friday 16th December – 'Save the Children' Christmas jumper day

Tuesday 20th December – Key Stage Two Christmas Dinner

Tuesday 20th December – Key Stage One Christmas Party

Wednesday 21st December – Key Stage One Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 21st December – Key Stage Two Christmas Party

Wednesday 21st December – Early Foundation Nativity, 11am

Lunchtime Menus for Week Beginning 19th December 2016

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Sausage and mashed potatoes	<i>Key Stage Two Christmas Dinner</i>	<i>Key Stage One Christmas Dinner</i>	Fish fingers	Inset Day
Mozzarella and tomato puff squares	(Late Foundation, Year One Year Two children to have a packed lunch)	(Year Three, Year Four, Year Five, Year Six children to have a packed lunch)	Macaroni Cheese	
Jacket potato with cheese			Jacket potato with cheese	

