



# St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

## A Voluntary Academy

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### Newsletter: Autumn Term

**22<sup>nd</sup> December 2016**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I come to the end of my time as headteacher at St John's, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all families and friends of the school for your support over the past four years. This past week has reaffirmed for me what a special place St John the Baptist School is. Thank you to everyone for your kind and generous words and gifts, which I will treasure.

I would like to thank the Academy Council of St John's for their amazing support and guidance across the past four years. They have been a superb team to work with.

I would also like to thank the PA for their dedication to the school and their tireless work in fundraising to create memorable opportunities and magical experiences for our children. A small group who have made a big impact!

Many thanks to all parents; your support across the years has been wonderful. Working in partnership with yourselves has been a privilege and a pleasure.

The staff at St John's are an amazing team to work with. I cannot speak highly enough of how professional, caring and supportive they are. They have inspired and supported me every single day and I have learned so much from working with them – they make coming to school a real pleasure!

Finally, a huge thank you to the children of St John's for being the best part of my job whilst at St John's. It has been a privilege to see the children grow and be part of their lives. They are all stars and I have been blessed to see them all shine. Have a wonderful Christmas and a peaceful new year,  
Mrs Mumby

### Parent Questionnaire

You will find the results of our most recent questionnaire attached to this final newsletter of the term. This has been shared with our Academy Council, and the various comments and suggestions noted. The leadership team will, in the new year, be looking at how they can take some of your great suggestions forward.

### Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Many thanks to all who joined in with last Friday's Christmas jumper day. We raised a total of £97.20 for Save the Children.

### Coins for Cafod – World Gifts

Many thanks to all families for contributing your spare change towards the Coins for Cafod appeal which raised a grand total of £339!

A huge thank you to you all for your generosity which has allowed us to purchase the following, from Cafod World Gifts, for our global family:

**NURSERY** - Net That Protects (£7)

**LATE FOUNDATION** – The Donkey That Delivers (£49)

**YEAR 1** – Chirpy Chickens (£20)

**YEAR 2** – Net That Protects, Mother and Baby Care (£37)

**YEAR 3** – Water for a Family (£33)

**YEAR 4** – Tippy Tap, Chirpy Chickens, The Donkey That Delivers, Teach Someone to Read, Fabulous Football (£99)

**YEAR 5** – Vegetable Garden, Net that Protects, Queen Bee, Chirpy Chickens

**YEAR 6** – Water For a Family, Teach Someone to Read, Fabulous Football

### 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](mailto: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.

### **Christmas Mass Times**

All families and friends of St John's are welcome to join the parish for Mass over Christmas. Mass times are as follows:

- Saturday 24th December (Christmas Eve), 5-5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) followed by Mass at 6pm Mass. This will be a children's Mass.
- 11:30pm Service of Lessons and Carols, followed by Midnight Mass
- Sunday 25th December (Christmas Day) 10am
  
- Monday 26th December, St Stephens Day, 12 noon

### **Inset Day**

Don't forget that Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December will be an Inset Day for staff. School will, therefore, close on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December and re-open on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 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. Every child should have brought home a letter requesting such information. We would greatly appreciate it if you could please return this to school by tomorrow.

### **Gold Book Assembly**

As tomorrow is an Inset day, there will be no Gold Book Assembly.

### **100 Club**

We still have some numbers remaining for the 100 club. These cost £10 per number. Congratulations to last week's winner: Mrs Ellarby

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

### **Diary Dates**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January** - School re-opens

### **Lunchtime Menus for Week Beginning 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b><u>Friday</u></b>
Spaghetti bolognese and garlic bread	Chicken pie and potatoes	Roast turkey and stuffing	Sausages and mash	Fish fingers and chips
Cheese pie and potatoes	Cheese and tomato pizza	Vegetarian casserole and potatoes	Quorn korma and rice	Quorn lasagne and garlic bread
Cheese jacket	Tuna jacket	Cheese jacket	Tuna jacket	Cheese jacket