



# St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

## A Voluntary Academy

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### Newsletter: Autumn Term 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy week in school. Last week the parish community said a fond farewell to Canon Maguire at a Funeral Mass last Wednesday evening in church, and at the Cathedral Mass last Thursday. Both of these events were well attended. I was able to attend the cathedral Mass along with some members of staff with a number of our children to represent the school. The children are to be commended on their behaviour and the respect they had on such an important occasion. Many of the congregation and parishioners who attended commented upon their politeness and exemplary behaviour. They were excellent ambassadors for our school and we are very proud of them.

Have a good week.

Mrs L Warters

#### Class Newsletters

Hopefully you will have received the class newsletter informing you of what topics the class will be working on this term. Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher.

#### Car Park

There is limited space in the school car park, therefore use of the school car park is reserved for staff and visitors only. We request that parents and carers use on street parking around school. Many thanks.

#### Positive Behaviour System

The School Council have been working hard to design, introduce and help run a new positive behaviour system in school that will run alongside the existing consequence ladder in class. We hope that it will 'catch the children being good' and reward them for working in a united way, throughout the school. Children, from nursery to year six, have been placed in a team (either Water/Fire/Wind or Earth) and are awarded a point for each positive act that a member of staff or the School Councillors see them do. Points are then counted up for each team at the end of the week and the winning team will be shared in Gold Book assembly. At the end of each half term, the team

with the most weeks won, will be given a reward (yet to be decided by the children.) There is also a team for the staff called 'Void' as it is important that the children are able to show which adults can be 'caught being good' too! Let the competition commence!

#### Volunteer Readers

We are appealing once again for parents, parishioners or friends of the school who may have a morning or afternoon free, and would like to come into school and listen to children read individually. If you are interested in supporting school in this way, please leave your name with Miss Tudor and we will get back to you.

#### 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.

#### St. Wilfrid's – The Addams Family

The talented students at St. Wilfrid's Catholic High School are putting together a fantastic production of the musical comedy, The Addams Family. The production will take place on the 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm. Please contact St. Wilfrid's for tickets.

#### Guidance

I have received the following information to make you aware of from the Local Authority Health and Safety Officer in relation to treating Head Lice:

***We would like to remind parents and carers to always read and follow the instructions carefully when using chemical insecticide products, typically sold in chemists, to treat head lice. This is because these treatments contain flammable elements. You should not therefore use hair dryers, or any other ignition source such as matches, lighters and candles near***

*anyone during the treatment process whilst the product is being used. This advisory note follows a recent incident in West Yorkshire in which a child's hair was accidentally set alight during treatment resulting in the child sustaining serious injuries.*

### **100 Club**

There are still some numbers available for the 100 club. If you would like to buy a number, please call into the school office.

### **School and Class Masses**

All parents, parishioners and friends of the school are welcome to join us for school and class Masses.

Class Masses take place on a Thursday at 9.15am, in the school hall, unless otherwise indicated. Classes leading the class Masses are indicated:

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** – Class Mass Years 2/6

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – Class Mass Years 3/5

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March** Class Mass – Years 1/4

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** – Class Mass Years 2/6

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April** – Whole school Mass in church 10.00am

### **Gold Book Assembly**

The next Gold book assembly will take place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 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** – Charlie Owen & Lewis Howard

**Late Foundation** – Ruby Brow & Bryony Williams

**Year 1** – Dixie Portman-Wright & Rico Moyles

**Year 2** – Lucas-Jay McIntyre & Evie Tonks

**Year 3** – Marcel Latkowski & Felix Savage

**Year 4** – Kizzy Palin & Ronan Sharp

**Year 5** – Joshua Kennedy & Zack Webb

**Year 6** – Jack Tucker & Lola Daley

### **Diary Dates**

**8th February** – Year 2 Skipping Festival St Wilfrid's

**10<sup>th</sup> February** – Half term Holiday

**20th February** – School re-opens

**Wednesday 1st March** - Year 2 Multi Skills St Wilfrid's

**2<sup>nd</sup> March** – World Book day

**4th March** – Year 2 multi-skills, St Wilfrid's

**Tuesday 7th March** - Netball Years 5/6

**Friday 24th March** - Tag Rugby Years 5/6

**27th March** – Parent's Evening, 3.30-6pm

**28th March** – Parent's Evening, 3.30-6pm

**29th March** – Year 4 skipping festival, St Wilfrid's

**W.B. 3<sup>rd</sup> April** – 'Journey towards Holy Week'

**3<sup>rd</sup> April** – LF/Y1/Y2 Palm Sunday reflection, 2.45pm

Parents invited

**4<sup>th</sup> April** – Y3/Y4 Last Supper reflection, 2.45pm

Parents invited

**5<sup>th</sup> April** – Y5/Y6 Good Friday reflection, 2.45pm

Parents invited

**7<sup>th</sup> April** – Easter Holiday

### **Lunchtime Menus for Week Beginning 23<sup>rd</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>
Savoury mince beef and Yorkshire pudding	Sausages	Chicken breast and stuffing	Pizza	Fish fingers
Cheese puff squares	Quorn chilli and rice	Neapolitan pasta bake	Quorn cottage pie	Macaroni cheese
Cheese jacket	Cheese Jacket	Tuna jacket	Cheese jacket	Tuna Jacket

**Our Ethos statement for the coming week is:**

I co-operate with others in work and play