



St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

A Voluntary Academy

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Newsletter: Spring Term

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the first half term I would like to thank you for all of the support and good wishes that I have received in my new role. This half term has certainly flown, with lots of good work being undertaken in classes.

I hope you have a good half term break.

Mrs L Warters
Acting Headteacher

Skipping Festival

Our Year 2 class represented the school at the Skipping Festival on Wednesday. They had a super morning and thoroughly enjoyed the event. We also had some winners in some of the different skills events too! Well done!

E Safety Week.

During this week we have been sharing with the children ways of keeping safe online. Many of our children have access to the internet through laptops, tablets and phones. Some of our children also get involved with messaging and chat room apps. It is really important that you check what your child is viewing online and the kind of messages that are being posted. Our local Safeguarding Officer has sent some links for you to use to check the suitability of some online apps. The first link is Australian but the information applies to the UK:

www.familyzone.com/blog/five-risky-apps-children-chat-share-videos

For UK based support and advice for online issues please see resources page on web link below:

www.wakefieldscb.org.uk/education/

Social media can also be a platform for our parents too. If you have a problem in school with your child please come in and speak with the class teacher rather than posting on social media and messenger sites.

Pupil Absence

Should your child need to be taken out of school during the school day for an appointment you will now be required to sign your child out. If your child is late or returns to school following the appointment you will then be required to sign your child into school. A sheet will be provided at the Reception desk to enable you to do this

Breakfast Club

Just a reminder that the doors for Breakfast Club do not open until 7.45am. There have been some children arriving at school at 7.30am and being left unsupervised.

Parents Association

Our very hardworking Parents Association held their meeting this week and have arranged a film night to be held in school on 15th March 2017. More details about this event will be sent after the half term break. I would just like to express my thanks on behalf of the school community for all their efforts in supporting our school.

Book Bags

Some parents have asked where they can purchase the school book bags as they are a good way of transporting their school book and letters safely. School book bags can be obtained from 'So This' in Normanton.

A number of children are coming to school with lots of key rings attached to their book bags. These are unfortunately getting stuck inside drawers or getting tangled up with another child's key rings on their book bags. Please could I ask that you only have one key ring if necessary on your child's bag. Thank you.

Pupil Premium Funding

If your child is in Late Foundation, Year One or Year Two, they will receive a funded school meal. If you are in receipt of benefits, your child may be eligible to receive additional funding which could benefit their learning and support in school. If your child is in Late Foundation or Key Stage One, and you receive benefits, but haven't already let us know, please see either your child's class teacher or Mrs Ferguson, our learning mentor.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Please keep collecting these and send them into school. Ask friends and relatives to collect them also. These go towards extra playground equipment for our children.

100 Club

We still have some numbers remaining for the 100 club. These cost £10 per number. If you would like to buy a number, please call into the school office
Congratulations to last week's winners:
No. 60 – Finlay O'Connor

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:

Wednesday 1st March – Whole school Mass for Ash Wednesday - 9.15am in school
Thursday 2nd March – Class Mass Years 3/5
Thursday 16th March Class Mass – Years 1/4
Thursday 23rd March – Class Mass Years 2/6
Friday 7th April – Whole school Mass in church 10.00am

Gold Book Assembly

The next Gold book assembly will take place this Friday 10th February 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 – Jack Davison & Ellen Bowker

Late Foundation – Blessie Holland & Alexandra Gallivan

Year 1 – Ava Preston & Layla Ford

Year 2 – The Whole Class

Year 3 – Jacques Daley & Zuzanna Kurmaniak

Year 4 – Erin Brown & Bridie Raby

Year 5 – Brandon Bastow & Marshall Hinchcliffe

Year 6 – Joshua Brow & Demi-Leigh Newman

Positive Behaviour System

Congratulations to our winning 'House' last week. The winners were 'Fire'.

Diary Dates

Friday 10th February– Half term Holiday

Monday 20th February – School re-opens

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

Thursday 2nd March – World Book day

Tuesday 7th March - Netball Years 5/6 at St Wilfrid's 4-6pm

Tuesday 15th March – Parents Association Film Night

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

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

Wednesday 29th March – Year 4 Skipping Festival, St Wilfrid's

W.B. 3rd April – 'Journey towards Holy Week'

Monday 3rd April – LF/Y1/Y2 Palm Sunday reflection, 2.45pm Parents invited

Tuesday 4th April – Y3/Y4 Last Supper reflection, 2.45pm Parents invited

Wednesday 5th April – Y5/Y6 Good Friday reflection, 2.45pm Parents invited

Friday 7th April – Easter Holiday

Lunchtime Menus for Week Beginning 20th February 2017

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Savoury minced beef, potatoes and Yorkshire pudding	Pork sausages, mashed potato and gravy	Roast chicken, potatoes and stuffing	Pizza	Fish fingers and chips
Mozzarella puffs and potatoes	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 can learn from my mistakes and failures