



# St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

## A Voluntary Academy

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### **Newsletter: Spring Term 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new half term. The children have settled back in well and are working hard. Next Wednesday sees the start of our journey through Lent. We will begin our journey with a mass for Ash Wednesday here in school on Wednesday morning. You are welcome to join us at 9.15am but space will be limited.

Have a good week.

Mrs L Warters

Acting Headteacher

#### **British Values**

During this week the children have been looking at aspects of British values in their class groups; democracy, the rule of Law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance. Many of these are covered as part of our weekly ethos statements throughout the year, and as part of our school Mission Statement and Catholic life of the school. This week the children have been able to focus on a particular aspect in depth and share their findings with other classes in school.

#### **Uniform**

Can I just remind you again about the school uniform policy as adopted by our Academy Council. There are a number of children who have been coming to school over the past few weeks with extreme haircuts which are not permitted in school. These include tramlines and shaved haircuts.

All children must wear a jumper or cardigan with the school logo, and wear black shoes for school. Trainers are only allowed for PE.

#### **World Book Day**

Next Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March is World Book Day. Your child can come to school dressed as their favourite book character if they wish. A prize will be awarded to a child from each year group who has shown great effort and originality with their outfit.

#### **Pupil Absence**

There have been an increasing number of requests for term time holidays in recent weeks. The Academy Council of St John's does not approve any holidays

that are taken within term time. Please see the attendance figures for your child's class below. This will be a new feature on the weekly newsletter.

#### **Parents Association Film Night**

The Parents Association have arranged a film night to be held in school on 14<sup>th</sup> March. Details will be sent home shortly.

#### **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.

#### **Pupil Sign-in and Sign-out Sheet**

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.

#### **Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers**

Please keep collecting these and send them into school.

#### **100 Club**

Congratulations to last week's winners:  
No. 17 – Helen Brown

#### **School and Class Masses**

##### **\*Please note the change of dates for 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 1<sup>st</sup> March** – Whole school mass in school for the feast of Ash Wednesday

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March** Class Mass – Years 3/5

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** – Class Mass Years 4/1

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

### **Gold Book Assembly**

The next Gold book assembly will take place this Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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:

**Kindness Cup** – Katie Walker

**Lunchtime Awards** – Lucas Bailey & Ava Preston

**Late Foundation** – Minnie Davenport & Poppy Stroud

**Year 1** – Oliver Fosselmann & Cole Turner

**Year 2** – Esther-Mae Rhodes & Harrison Taylor

**Year 3** – Darcey Mackay & Jos Taylor

**Year 4** – Cheyenne Ward & Ruby Hennigan

**Year 5** – Joseph Place & Joshua Kearsley-Cox

**Year 6** – Lewis Howard & Zara Purewal

### **Positive Behaviour System**

Congratulations to our winning 'House' before the holiday. The winners were '**Earth**'.

### **Diary Dates**

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

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

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

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> 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. 3<sup>rd</sup> April** – 'Journey towards Holy Week'

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

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

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April** – Early Foundation Stay and Play, 9-10.30am (Morning Nursery only)

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April** – Early Foundation Stay and Play, 12.30-2pm (Afternoon Nursery only)

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

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

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### **Attendance**



Our school attendance target for each class is **97%**. Please find below the attendance figures for WC 6<sup>th</sup> February. Congratulations to **Year 4** who had the winning attendance for the week.

<b>Late Foundation</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Year 6</b>
94%	94%	95%	96%	97%	91%	91%

### **Lunchtime Menus for Week Beginning 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Spaghetti Bolognese	Chicken pie and potatoes	Roast turkey	Sausages	Fish fingers
Cheese pie	Pizza	Vegetarian casserole	Quorn korma and rice	Quorn lasagne
Cheese jacket	Tuna jacket	Cheese jacket	Tuna jacket	Cheese jacket

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

I try to keep going when things get difficult and not give up