



St. John the Baptist
Catholic Primary School

We will prepare the way by loving, living and learning with the Lord

Newsletter

This half term's virtues are:

Friday 04.10.19

Grateful

and

Generous

Harvest Mass & Coffee Morning

Please come and join us next Friday as we celebrate Harvest Mass. The Mass will start at 9.30am and the celebrations will continue afterwards in our school hall as we serve refreshments, soup and cake. We look forward to seeing you there!



Mission Week - 'Loving Week'

Next week is our first Mission Week of the year. This time it's 'Loving Week' and we celebrate two very important events: the first being the upcoming canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman and also the beginning of October which has been designated an 'Extraordinary Month of Mission' by Pope Francis.

The theme of our mission week is 'Heart Speaks to Heart.' We look forward to a week packed full of prayer, artwork, acts of mission and above all - celebration!

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will take place next Thursday, 3.30pm-6.00pm. There is an appointment form displayed in each classroom for you to choose a time to meet with your child's teacher. Thank you.

Slip into Slippers

Children and staff really enjoyed wearing their slippers to school, everyone had great fun whilst raising money for an extremely important cause. Together we raised over £80.00, thank you to all those who contributed.



STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to Maxirae G in Reception,
and Alex B
in Year 6.

we're all really proud of you.

This week's virtues awards were given to

Tommy K	NN
Jacob K	Reception
Ryan M	Year 1
Halina B	Year 2
Cassidy G	Year 4
Emily K	Year 5
Annalyse G	Year 6

For being grateful and generous.

Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance
was Year 2 with 94.7%



Well done!

Ready to learn Award

Congratulations, our most punctual class this week was Year 3 and Year 5.



Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to: Rebecca W, Archie W and
Zachary H.



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 8th October

9.30am - Nasal Flu Spray

2.15pm - Race for Life

Thursday 10th October

3.30pm-6.00pm - Parents' Evening

Friday 11th October

9.30am - 10.15am - Harvest Mass

Friday 25th October

2.00pm - Break up for October half term

Monday 4th November

All day - Inset Day (school closed to children)

Tuesday 5th November

8.55am - Children return to school

Friday 20th December

2.00pm - Break up for Christmas holiday

Monday 6th January

All day - Inset day (school closed to children)

Tuesday 7th January

8.55am - Children return to school

Safeguarding Support

Don't believe everything

Not everything or everyone online can be trusted.

Question what people online want from you and why.

Remember: not everyone online is who they say they are.

Never meet up with strangers you've been talking to online – they might have been lying about who they are, and could be dangerous.

Online Safety - tip of the week!

Online safety hero says...



*Think before you share
something online.*

- * Is it something you would share face to face?*
- * Are you sharing personal information?*
- * Will it hurt or upset someone else?*

*If you answer Yes to these questions don't
share online!*

#beinternetsharp

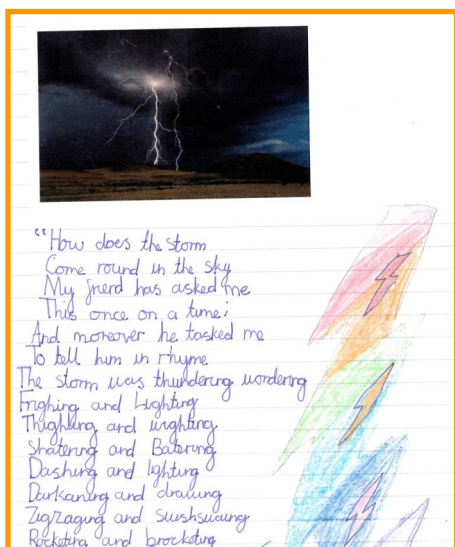


CAKE SALE

As part of 'Extraordinary Mission Month' Year 2 will be selling scrumptious cakes on Tuesday, 30p per cake with all the proceeds going to overseas missions.



We received so many donations for our Harvest Festival. These donations are vital to local homeless charities and the people who access them and we are extremely grateful for the generosity shown by our families.



Yesterday was the 25th Anniversary of 'National Poetry Day' and to celebrate the children have been composing their own poems.

This example comes from Laikyn in Year 5.

A reminder that Tuesday is 'Race for Life' the race will take place at school on the field and will start at 2.15pm.

Parents and carers are welcome to come along and watch. So let's try and raise as much as possible. "Together, we will beat cancer" Thank you for your support.



Nasal Flu Spray

The NHS Team will be coming into school on Tuesday morning to administer nasal flu sprays. If you have not already completed consent forms please can you do so and return to school as soon as possible. If your child is feeling anxious about having the nasal flu spray the NHS have created a fun video which will help your child to prepare for the spray as well as providing further information for parents/carers. You can view the video by visiting the below link.

<https://www.nhs.uk/Video/Pages/flu-heroes-nasal-flu-spray-for-kids.aspx?searchtype=Audio&>



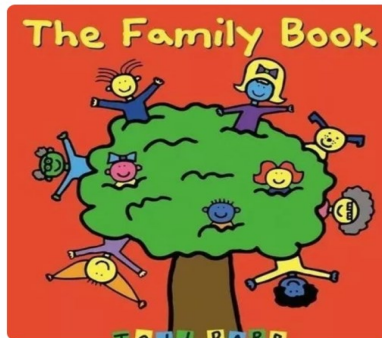
Our fabulous tweets continue!!! Have a look at some of our most recent tweets! Please don't forget to join our tweeting community by tweeting us [@SJBsolihull](#)



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 14h
Thank you to @GrdangelsCP for inviting some of our Liturgy Leaders to help with their Soup Kitchen today. We love spending time with people of our Parish.



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 16h
This week to celebrate Black History Month Early Years have been reading 'The Family book'. We have been finding out how families can be different but also that no matter how different our families are we make each other strong!



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 13h
Year 2 played Totality today, trying to reach our target number of 20. We are working hard towards our half term KIRFs. @nrichmaths



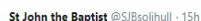
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Liturgy Leaders selling Rosary Beads throughout the month of October. Come and see us at break time.



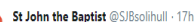
St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 14h
The ECO Warriors are very pleased to announce that the Early Years have now reduced their use of small individual plastic milk bottles to 2 litre cartons. Thank you Mrs Righton for arranging this for us.



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 14h ✓
Thank you Mrs Turner, the Reception children really enjoyed singing 'Love Shone Down' with you during a RE session.



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 15h
Getting ready for Extraordinary Mission Month. What will you do to help others this month?



St John the Baptist @SJBSolihull · 17h
After listening to "Earth" by Hans Zimmer on BBC's Ten pieces, Y5 worked together to draw images suggested by the music.



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 19h
Nursery enjoyed taking part in 'Dough Disco'. This is helping us strengthen the muscles in our fingers and hands to get us ready for writing.



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Sep 27
We have been learning about the story of Noah's Ark in Year 2. Look at some of our great sentences!



Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

*God of light, help us to see that even with the smallest amount of faith, we can do anything you ask of us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord*

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus tells us how powerful faith is. How, if we have faith we can do anything we want to, even if at first it seems impossible.

The disciples asked Jesus if he could give them more faith. Jesus said that even if they had faith like a mustard seed they could tell a mulberry tree to move from where it was in the ground and plant itself in the sea.

A mustard seed is really tiny. So, Jesus was saying that even if we only have a small amount of faith we can do amazing things. Even if we can't move trees we might be able to make big changes to the world around us.



We all have times when things are really difficult. It can be hard to keep our faith in God at these times. Even the disciples had moments when they did not think that they had enough faith.

When we look at the world we can see that it is not very fair. Some people have lots of food. Some people don't have enough. Some people have clean water in their homes. Some people have to walk a long way to collect water for their families.

Yet this reading gives us hope – that even if we just have a tiny little bit of faith, with God's help, we can make real changes to the world around us.

God of life, give us the courage to try to make a change to our world, no matter how small, and the faith to know that with you all things are possible.

Amen.

Have a lovely weekend.

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