



**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 11.10.19

*Grateful*

*and*

*Generous*

## ♥ Mission Week - Loving Week ♥

For our first Mission Week of the year this week we have been celebrating 'Loving Week' with the theme being 'Heart speaks to Heart'.



Year 1 children showed love to a previous member of staff who has suffered a bereavement by putting together a beautiful basket of flowers.



Year 4 praying the Rosary, learning about John Henry Newman and creating pieces of artwork based on a quote by John Henry Newman.



Year 5 showed kindness by litter picking, they also painted the Angel of Peace to reflect the words of John Henry Newman.



Early Years baked heart shaped biscuits for Loving Week and handed them out to make people smile.



## STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to Evelyn H in

Reception,

Liam G in Year 3

and Tiarnah H-P in

Year 6.

we're all really proud of you.

This week's virtues awards were given to

Anna K-D	NN
Lillie-Belle G	Reception
Mikel B	Year 1
Whole class	Year 2
Hydie P	Year 4
Kayleigh G	Year 5
Kye S	Year 6

For being grateful and generous.

### Attendance



Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 6 with 100%

*Well done!*

### Ready to learn Award



Congratulations, our most punctual class this week was Nursery.

## Dates for your Diary

**Monday 14th - Friday 18th October**

9.00am - 12pm - Year 5 Bikeability

**Thursday 17th October**

8.45am - School Photographer

**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)

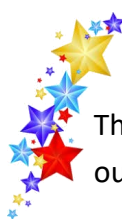
**Tuesday 7th January**

8.55am - Children return to school

## Safeguarding Support

Do not give out any personal information related to your family, friends or yourself like full names, addresses, telephone or mobile numbers or those of your parents. Other information like the name and location of your school or details of school activities can also identify you to others, whether you are in a chat room, message board or newsgroup. Sometimes there are people who watch out for such information, and they can put together a picture of your activities over a period of time that could be several weeks. So be careful with what you say, and never give out your personal details.

## Sports Star of the Week



This week's Sports Star of the Week is Destiny S who has been an excellent role model and showed outstanding effort in every lesson. Well done Destiny.

## Online Safety - tip of the week!

Online safety hero says...



*Always keep your passwords and personal information safe!*

*Use different passwords that have a mixture of capital and lowercase letters with numbers and symbols.*

*#beinternetsecure*





# Live streaming of the Archbishop



We gathered together in the hall on Wednesday to witness a live streaming from Archbishop Bernard. This was to acknowledge the fact that Pope Francis has designated this October as an Extraordinary Month of Mission. It was also to celebrate the very exciting, forthcoming canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman, who becomes a saint this Sunday. This event is particularly of interest because John Henry Newman will be a relatively modern saint, who lived, for part of his life at the Oratory, in Edgbaston, Birmingham.

As a school and as a diocese, we prayed The Rosary together, a very moving event for all involved.

If you would like to witness John Henry Newman's canonisation, it will be available to watch at [www.newmancanonisation.com](http://www.newmancanonisation.com) from 9am (UK time) on Sunday.

## Parents'/ Carers' Evening

As ever there was a lovely atmosphere at last night's parents'/ carers' meeting. Thank you for your positive comments. We hope that you're as pleased with how your child has settled in to school this year as much as we are.

## Harvest Mass

Thank you so much for the huge amount of donations sent in for this year's Harvest Mass. This is a time to recognise how lucky we are to have readily available food and water, whilst also supporting people, through our local food bank, who are not so fortunate.



## School Photographer

The school photographer will be coming into school Thursday 17th October, if you would like your child to have their photo taken with younger siblings please report to the school office between 8.30am - 8.45am. Thank you.

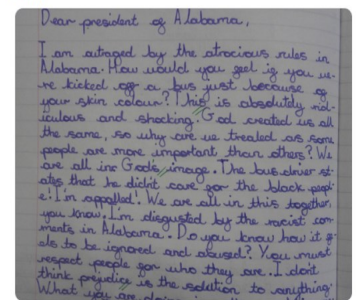
## Applying for a Nursery school place for September 2020

If your child was born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 you can apply for 15 hours free Nursery education in a Solihull school starting in September 2020 or 30 hours free providing you meet the eligible criteria. These applications are now made directly to schools and not via Admissions. Application forms are available from the school office if you would like one.

Please note that when you apply for a **Nursery** or **Reception** place we follow the Admissions policy and we can only consider your child as Catholic if you have provided a baptismal certificate before the closing date for applications. We cannot accept that you intend to get your child baptised, even if the child's siblings are already baptised. Therefore, it is really important that if you are looking to organise a baptism this takes place before the closing dates for admissions.



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





## Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*God of grace and mercy, we give you thanks for all the wonderful things you have done for us.  
May we turn to you with thanks and praise.*

In this Sunday's gospel we hear about how ten people were healed by Jesus but only one of them said 'thank you'. Let's think about the importance of saying thank you to each other and to God.

We are often reminded how important it is to have good manners. By saying thank you we show we're happy with what we've been given and we recognise how generous the other person has been by giving it to us. This gospel reading fits perfectly with one of our current school virtues – being 'Grateful.'

Jesus gave the amazing gift of good health to ten men who all had an illness called leprosy. But the majority of them forgot to say thank you for the gift they had been given. While all ten men were happy to receive the gift, only one of them gave thanks to Jesus and praised God.



Take time to think about the gifts that God has bestowed upon us and show your thanks by making the very most of them each day.

Like the man who returned to Jesus, we should try to praise and thank God at all times for the amazing things that we have been given.

*Loving Lord, help us to remember all the good things we have which come from you. Fill our hearts with thanks and praise.*

*Amen.*

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*Have a lovely weekend.*

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