



**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 18.10.19

*Grateful*

*and*

*Generous*



This week Year 5 have been taking part in the Bikeability training programme.

After completing Level One on the first day of training where the

children's cycling ability was assessed in an off road situation, the children then progressed to Level Two for the remaining days of the course.

They all did really well and enjoyed learning how to ride safely on the roads as well as learning the importance of wearing a safety helmet.



The 'Race for Life' event has been re-scheduled and will now take place next Wednesday 23rd October on the field 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.

## Cycling for Fun

The bikeability team will be coming into school on Tuesday 5th November to deliver a 'Cycling for Fun' session from 9.30am - 12.00pm to Year 3 & 4 children. If you want your child to participate in the session please ensure they bring in a cycle and a safety helmet. You should have by now received a consent form which **MUST** be completed and returned to your child's class teacher in order for your child to take part.

## STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to Jaymee-Lee F in

Year 2,

and Tianna C

in

Year 4.

we're all really proud of you.

This week's virtues awards were given to

Rui Jie Jerry W	NN
Kane S	Reception
Noah G	Year 1
Angel L	Year 2
Billy M	Year 3
Devon M	Year 4
Dewa H	Year 5
Pierce P	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.

### Birthdays



Happy birthday this week to: Marley P, Harry F, Mazie H, Amari H-P, Kelsey H, Anna K-D, Ashton & Ava B.

## Dates for your Diary

### Wednesday 23rd October

2.15pm - Race for Life

### Thursday 24th October

9.10am - Year 1 Class Assembly

All day - Year 5 visit to Hams Hall

### Friday 25th October

9.30am - Whole School Mass (Year 3 to lead)

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

9.30-12.00 - Cycling for Fun (Y3 & Y4)

### 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

NSPCC - Tell your **child** to avoid talking to people they don't know when you're not around. make sure your **child** knows never to walk away with strangers. make sure your **child** understands that they should always tell you if a stranger approaches, and never to keep this secret.

## Online Safety - tip of the week!

*Online safety hero says...*



*If you come across something  
you are not sure about online  
or if it makes you feel  
uncomfortable tell a trusted  
adult.*

*#beinternetbrave*





# Excellent Work

I predict that Charlie will have the most tremendous time of his life. I know this because on the golden ticket it told Charlie he would have a lifetime of chocolate. Whilst he is in the factory I think he will see a chocolate statue of Mr Willy Wonka. Also I believe Charlie will see a gleaming, flowing mouthwatering chocolate river. There in the distance he will see edible lime, branchless trees which were actually multicoloured, enormous, huge lollipops. Furthermore I think he ~~tries~~<sup>will</sup> the lollipop. His tongue will go rainbow, sour and fizzy. Also he will feel dizzy because the lollipop was swirling. Then looking around he will see a marvellous, glistening, wonderful light bulb which explodes when you go near it. Delicious, tasty, creamy mountains stand all around the dull, delightful, flabbergasting, amazing factory. This delightful experience will make Charlie go on more tremendous journeys. Coming to the end of his experience he will see a vicious, monstrous and grubby monster that chased him around the factory and into a great glass elevator. A fantastic prediction about what Charlie's experience will be like.

This week's excellent work comes from Amelia E in Year 3, who has written about Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

## SJB Sports

It was great to see so many children represent the school in some football fixtures over the past few weeks. For many of them, it was their first time with many more opportunities after half term. The boys' outdoor team have played a match away to Coleshill Heath. Although putting up a good team performance, Coleshill Heath was able to break through our defence and they took the win. During the indoor matches, both the boys and girls teams played well and it was nice to get a few wins, Well done to everyone who has taken part and represented the school.

## Sports Star of the Week



This week's Sports Star of the Week is Arcange P in Year 2 for showing excellent movement.

### Children's Voices - Loving Week

Why did we learn about John Henry Newman?, Because on Sunday he was canonised. (Bella Y2)

Why was John Henry Newman chosen to be a saint?, Because he followed in the Lord's way. (Tianna Y4)

We learnt about St. Francis and he has inspired me to be more caring to nature. (Laikyn Y5)



SEND 0-25 Children and Young People's Service  
Specialist Inclusion Support Service SISS

## **SEN Information Sharing Coffee Morning**

Families of children and young people from 0-25 years  
with additional needs are welcome to join us at  
Lyndon School Daylesford Rd, Solihull, B92 8EJ

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019 9.30am -11.30am

Opportunity to chat to groups who can offer support  
pre or post diagnosis. The following groups will be  
there:

**Safe Space Support Group**  
**SASSI**

**North Solihull Additional Needs Group**  
**SENDIAS**

**Autism West Midlands**  
**Parent Carer Forum**  
**Signpost Inclusion**

**Teachers and ISPs from the Autism Team**

Please email to express an interest in attending  
Siobhan Farrelly- [siobhan.farrelly@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:siobhan.farrelly@solihull.gov.uk)



twitter

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 · 34m  
Mrs. Richmond visited St John's today and we all got to meet beautiful baby George!



St John the Baptist @SJBSolihull · 14h  
Year Two are sewing poppies ready to wear for Remembrance Day in DT. It's important we remember all the soldiers who have died fighting for us.



St John the Baptist @SJBSolihull · 21h  
Year 1 have enjoyed Jigsaw lessons this week, learning all about their rights and responsibilities of working in a 'good', effective learning environment.



St John the Baptist @SJBSolihull · 58m  
The Early Years children are excited about taking home our 'Prayer bag', praying with the prayer teddy and their families.



St John the Baptist @SJBSolihull · Oct 14  
Nursery went on an Autumn walk, it was a bit wet but found lots of different coloured leaves, some mushrooms and a few feathers 🍁🍄🦄



St John the Baptist @SJBSolihull · Oct 14  
Y5 Bikeability started today in the rain. All having fun though and learning new skills.



St John the Baptist @SJBSolihull · Oct 11  
As part of loving week we asked the special people in our lives to write on a pink heart why they love us. We have hung them around the Early Years classroom to make us smile every day 💖💖



St John the Baptist @SJBSolihull · Oct 11  
Early years baked heart shaped biscuits as their good deed for loving week. They handed them out to make people smile.



St John the Baptist @SJBSolihull · Oct 10  
Loving Week in Year 4 💖



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Year One have been busy showing love towards a previous member of staff who has suffered a bereavement. Year One decided that we could show our love by creating a beautiful basket of flowers for our school friend. We hope they brightened up her day!



## **Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*God of justice and wisdom, help us to keep on praying and never to doubt that you will be with us always.*

In this Sunday's gospel we hear about a bad judge and a widow who would not give up. And how Jesus teaches us the importance of justice, of praying and of never giving up hope.

Judges were supposed to be fair and honest, but this wasn't always the case. The prophets in the Bible were always getting angry with bad judges who thought more about themselves than about the people who had been hurt by someone else's actions. And if the judges didn't sort out the problems fairly then people would suffer again and again.

The widow was ignored by the law but she didn't give up. She just kept asking the judge to make things right. Eventually, just to get rid of her, he gave her what she wanted, justice. Her prayers were finally answered.

By telling this story, Jesus wanted us to understand that the widow is like us - we call to God in our prayers to give us what we need and want.

Jesus said that God hears the cries of all who call out to him day and night. And God will certainly answer our prayers, even if it's not in the way that we expect.



There are many things that are unfair in our world. And there are many people, like the widow in the story, who struggle to make their voices heard.

We can pray for these people but we also have to do what we can to make sure all people are treated fairly.

This week think about how you can treat other people and our world fairly and justly. What will you do to help others know that you care?

*God who always hears us, help us to make a change when we see something that is not right in our world.*

*May we find strength to keep going, even if at first we are not heard.*

*Amen.*

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*Have a lovely weekend.*

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