



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 08.11.19

Attentive

and

Discerning

Welcome Back

Welcome back to our second half term of the school year. This is always a very busy time of the year as we prepare to celebrate the Nativity of Christ (Christmas is only 47 days away incidentally!)

It is also a time of year when there seems to be more coughs and colds about but please ensure that you only keep your child off from school if they are really unwell. Good attendance is so important and a mild cold should not be a reason to disrupt your child's learning.

Thank you also for sending your children back to school looking smart and in their correct school uniform. Please ensure that they are always wearing a school tie and are always wearing school shoes - trainers are not permitted.

As ever, if you have any worries or concerns, senior staff are always at the gates in the mornings and your child's class teacher is available at the end of each school day.

Cycling Fun



On Tuesday Year 3 & 4 took part in a 'Cycling Fun' session.

The children displayed lots of confidence with some even learning to ride without the aid of stabilisers for the first time! What a fantastic achievement.

Well done everyone.



STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to Bella B-R in

Year 2,

and Chloe M

in

Year 6.

we're all really proud of you.

This week's virtues awards were given to

Ava-Rose B

NN

Chloe H

Reception

Malala H

Year 1

Samuel O

Year 2

Harry F

Year 3

Laikyn R

Year 5

Camila P-B

Year 6

For being attentive and discerning.

Attendance



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

Well done!

Ready to learn Award



Congratulations, our most punctual class this week was Year 3 & 4.

Birthdays



Happy birthday this week to: Logan B, Kayden C, Reegan D, Erik K-D, Christiana A, Mikel B, Antoni K, Tiani S, Summer B, Kloe G and Joshua S.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 19th November

9.00am - Parent/Carer Coffee Morning

11.00am - Nursery Workshop

Monday 2nd December

All day - Early Years' visit to Hatton Adventure Park

Monday 16th December

All day - Year 1 visit to Drayton Manor

Thursday 19th December

All day - Year 2 visit to Birmingham Old Rep Theatre

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

Friday 14th February

2.00pm - Break up for half term

Monday 24th February

8.55am - children return to school

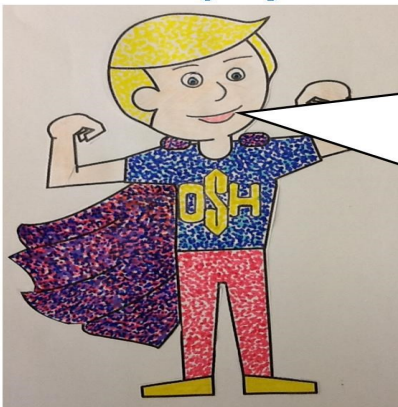
Safeguarding Support

Protecting young children while out and about - Statistics show that crime against young children by strangers is rare. Even so, these seven tips can help protect your child:

- 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
- if your child is travelling alone, tell them to sit near other families on the train or bus
- if your child has to use a lift – tell them only to use lifts with friends, and not to feel worried about getting out if they are uncomfortable about someone else being in there
- if your child gets lost, they should ask for help from a police officer, another grown-up with children or someone working at a nearby shop
- have your children learn their address and telephone number by heart

Online Safety - tip of the week!

Online safety hero says...



Always use trusted websites when online especially when internet shopping, look out for the padlock symbol so you know the webpage is secure.

#beinternetsafe





Black Friday 2019 will start on Friday 15th November and last for 2 weeks only and we will be offering a fantastic 15% OFF all uniform and bags (online only) Register at www.mapac.com to ensure you don't miss out!

Foundation & Key Stage One Gate

Reminder: Only Nursery, Reception and Year One children should come through the Key Stage One gate of a morning. All other children **must** go through the Key Stage Two gate.

Starting next week we will be asking ALL parents, including nursery parents to say goodbye to the children at the gate and allow them to walk across the playground independently.

Thank you for your support.

Parent/Carer Coffee Morning

We'll be holding our next coffee morning at 9.00am on Tuesday 19th November. Everyone is welcome to attend. This is an opportunity for us to share proposed school developments with you and for you to give your ideas and feedback too. We look forward to seeing you.



Excellent Work



This week's piece of excellent work comes from Casey G in Year 6, who has written a myth.

as the sun enveloped the earth,
One bright day in the town near the Craggy mountain (Somilikas
Oros), there was a young trouble-making outcast boy called Kesus. This
poor boy never got accepted, but secretly he had a super power
which nobody knew about and was not at all usual. His power
was being supernaturally strong. All that Kesus wanted ^{was} to
be accepted ^{for who he was}, and for everyone else who poor to be rich or
at least to have a home.

Sports Star of the Week

This week's Sports Star of the Week is Conal S in Year 4 for having a fantastic lesson.





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



Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

God of heaven and earth, your kingdom has room for us all. May we see each other through your eyes.

In this Sunday's gospel, we hear how a group of religious leaders try to catch Jesus out but he shows them and us a different way of thinking.

There was a group of religious leaders who were from rich families and who did not believe in resurrection – (that people would be raised from the dead to be with God in heaven after they had died.) The leaders loved to obey rules. So they asked Jesus a question to try to trap him, to catch him out. They asked him about who a woman would be married to in heaven, if she had been married seven times in her life. But Jesus replied saying that in heaven everything is different from on earth.

In this response, Jesus was showing us that our rules only go so far and that his kingdom is bigger than this world. If we believe in Jesus we see things differently, we see people differently and we act differently. Because we believe that all people are special and loved by God.



This week aim to make sure you treat everyone fairly and with respect, whether they are a boy or a girl, no matter what colour they are or where they come from? If we all treat each other fairly and as we would like to be treated, perhaps we can start to reflect a little bit of God's kingdom here on earth.

God of heaven and earth, in this life and the next you are with us. Thank you for protecting us and guiding us as we journey towards you.

Amen.

Have a lovely weekend.

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