



St. John the Baptist
Catholic Primary School

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



"I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be done to me as you have said" Luke 1:38

Newsletter

This half term's virtues are:

Friday 13.03.20

Faith-filled

and

Hopeful

Science Week

Science Week: Our Diverse Planet

All year groups participated in National Science Week this week. The theme of Science Week this year was 'Our Diverse Planet'. Many classes worked scientifically to study different aspects of our diverse planet which involved investigations, observations and research.

Sublime Science:

The children enjoyed practical hands on learning in science workshops this week which were delivered by Dragons Den winners 'Sublime Science'. The children took part in practical science activities that involved smoke, sound and lots of children even got to make their own slime to take home!



STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to

Ryan B in

Nursery

and

Zachary H in Year 3,

We're all really proud of you.

This week's virtues awards were given to

Abbasyn H	NN
Zach P	Reception
Chloe-Anne O'M	Year 1
Laceymae S	Year 3
Ritchie R	Year 4
Brodie D	Year 5
Geneviene P-L	Year 6

For being faith-filled and hopeful.

Attendance



Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 4 with 96.7%

Well done!

Ready to learn Award



Congratulations, our most punctual class this week was Nursery.

Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to: Harley D.



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 17th March

All day - Crazy Hair Day (Lenten Fundraising)

Friday 27th March

All day - Cake Sale (Lenten Fundraising)

Monday 30th March

All day - Inset Day (school closed to children)

Tuesday 31st March

9.00am - Easter Bonnet Parade (Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2)

Decorate an Egg Competition (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Friday 3rd April

Easter Egg Raffle (Lenten Fundraising)

2.00pm - Break up for Easter Holiday

Monday 20th April

8.55am - Children return to school

Thursday 7th May

3.30-6.00pm - Parents' Evening

Friday 8th May

All day - May Bank Holiday (school closed)

Friday 22nd May

2.00pm - Break up for Half Term

Monday 1st June

All day - Inset Day (school closed to children)

Tuesday 2nd June

8.55am - Children return to school

Online Safety - tip of the week!

Online safety hero says...



Your children are growing up in a digital world which is an exciting and fun place that offers so many opportunities.

It can also be scary and unsafe if you are not shown how to use it safely.

Try to look for the positives and the negatives of being online and support your child to make good choices so they can use the internet in a positive, safe and enjoyable way.

*#digitalworld #excitingandfun
#staysafe #usetheinternetpositively*



Sports Star of the Week



This week's Sports Star of the Week is Ava-Rose B in Nursery for always trying hard in PE.

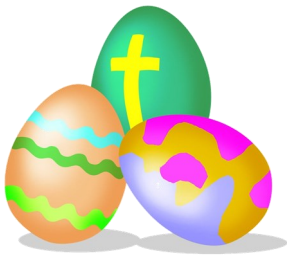
Nursery - Year 2 Easter Bonnet Parade



Please join us on Tuesday 31st March at 9.00am, when we will be holding our Easter Bonnet Parade for children in Nursery, Reception and Years 1 & 2.

We look forward to seeing a spectacular display of bright and beautiful bonnets!

KS2 - Decorate an Egg Competition



Children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 can participate in the 'Decorate an Egg' competition taking place on Tuesday 31st March. Children will need to decorate a hard boiled egg and bring their decorated egg into school to be judged.

Reminder - Uniform

We are noticing a number of children who are arriving to school wearing a hoodie in place of a school coat, then continue to wear the hoodie throughout the school day. To clarify, hoodies are not part of our school uniform and cannot be worn during the school day. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



NSPCC - Fundraising

Thank you to all those who contributed to our NSPCC fundraising event.

Reminder - Hand Washing

Please can you ensure that your child/children wash their hands before coming to school and as soon as they arrive home.

You can find further advice from the Department of Education on the following page about the importance of hygiene. Thank you for your support.



GOV.UK



Department for Education

The importance of hygiene

Personal hygiene is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19, especially washing hands more; and the catch it, bin it, kill it strategy for those with coughs and sneezes.

How to wash your hands properly

Wash your hands more often for 20 seconds with soap and hot water.

Watch this short NHS film for guidance:

- <https://youtu.be/bQCP7waTRWU>

Teach young children how to wash their hands with the NHS handwashing song:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjeIWLnEg>

Public Health England recommends that in addition to handwashing before eating, and after coughing and sneezing, everyone should also wash hands after using toilets and travelling on public transport.



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 · 20h

This week in Year 1, the children have been learning all about forgiveness and looked at right and wrong decisions. They role played different scenarios and then decide and discuss what would be the right choice.



National Online Safety @natonlinesafety · 19h

Stranger Danger! This #WakeUpWednesday we look at #Omegle; a live chat website that pairs strangers, encouraging them to 'meet new friends'. What is it and how can you protect children against the potential risks?

Download your #onlinesafety guide >> bit.ly/3aL6ED1



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 18h

We had fun with lots of science this afternoon. Using a leaf blower to keep a ball in the air, lighting a bulb from our hands, bouncing a smoke bubble 7 times and firing smoke across the room.



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 2h

Year 4 have been investigating which materials make good thermal insulators #ScienceWeek2020



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 16h

As part of Science Week in Y5 we have placed an egg in some vinegar to observe the effect after 24 hours. Immediately we noticed that a gas was produced as we could see bubbles.



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Mar 10

'Our Diverse Planet' Year 4 have been exploring Antarctica #ScienceWeek2020



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Mar 9

Who has been in Early Years and left a mess?



Third Sunday of Lent

God of peace, you care for all people in our world. Move us to do the same and to do all that we can to help others, no matter where in the world they are.

In this Sunday's gospel, we hear a story about Jesus talking to a Samaritan woman at a well. This story reminds us that God loves all people no matter where they are from. God asks us to be like Jesus and to respect and care for all people no matter who they are.

John 4:5-42

In Samaria he came to a town named Sychar, which was not far from the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw some water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink of water." The woman answered, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan — so how can you ask me for a drink?" Jesus answered, "If only you knew what God gives and who it is that is asking you for a drink, you would ask him, and he would give you life-giving water."

"Sir," the woman said, "you haven't got a bucket, and the well is deep. Where would you get that life-giving water? It was our ancestor Jacob who gave us this well; he and his sons and his flocks all drank from it. You don't claim to be greater than Jacob, do you?" Jesus answered, "All those who drink this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring which will provide him with life-giving water and give him eternal life."

"Sir," the woman said, "give me that water! Then I will never be thirsty again, nor will I have to come here to draw water."

"I see you are a prophet, sir," the woman said. "My Samaritan ancestors worshipped God on this mountain, but you Jews say that Jerusalem is the place where we should worship God." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the time will come when people will not worship the Father either on this mountain or in Jerusalem. You Samaritans do not really know whom you worship; but we Jews know whom we worship, because it is from the Jews that salvation comes. But the time is coming and is already here, when by the power of God's Spirit people will worship the Father as he really is, offering him the true worship that he wants. God is Spirit, and only by the power of his Spirit can people worship him as he really is."

The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah will come, and when he comes, he will tell us everything."

Jesus answered, "I am he, I who am talking with you."



Jesus was thirsty and so he asked a Samaritan woman for a drink from the well. The woman was surprised because normally Jews and Samaritans did not get along. It was also unusual at the time for a man to talk to a woman he did not know. But even though it was unusual, Jesus talked to the woman anyway.

In doing this, Jesus is showing us that God loves everyone. No matter who they are, where they come from or the colour of their skin – man or woman, boy or girl, rich or poor.

Jesus also showed the woman that he is Christ, the Son of God, by knowing all about her life even though he had never met her before.

God of love, fill our hearts with love for all your people. Move us to treat all people with kindness and respect and to work to make the world a better place for everyone to live in. Amen.

Have a lovely weekend.

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