



St. John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

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

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

This week we introduced our new personal, social and health education scheme 'Jigsaw' during a fun and thought-provoking assembly. The scheme also incorporates elements of mindfulness, circle time and meditation. Each half term we will be encouraging the children to develop a new set of values and skills. This half term we are focusing on **Resilience (find ways to bounce back), Trying Out (keep learning new things) and Direction (have goals to look forward to.)** We would really appreciate it if you could share any good examples of your child demonstrating these values and skills when they are at home or when out and about.

Dates for your diary - January		
Wednesday 21 st Jan	All day	The Life Education Bus visits school
Thursday 22 nd Jan	All day	The Life Education Bus visits school
Thursday 29 th Jan	9.15am	Year 5/ 6 Inspire Workshop

Healthy Eating Policy

Please could I remind all families that our Healthy Eating Policy states that children are only allowed to bring fruit to school for a break time snack. We have noticed that some children have started to bring chocolate, breakfast bars and cereal bars, all of which have very high sugar content. Please support us and your child's health by only sending your child with fruit from Monday.

Parent Council

Thank you to those who have volunteered to join our Parent Council; there are still places available. It would be great if we could have a representative from every year group. Our first meeting is planned in a few weeks when we will be discussing plans for our new website.

School Uniform

Last term saw a significant improvement in the general standards of school uniform however we have noticed that for some children this has recently deteriorated. If children feel smart; they feel proud and if they are dressed in a similar way; they feel part of a team. Both aspects can result in raised self-esteem and this in turn can impact positively on standards of behaviour and academic progress. Please do your very best to ensure that your child is wearing correct uniform and black shoes. Our uniform does not include hoodies, tracksuit tops, trainers or fashion boots. In the near future letters will be sent and meetings requested for families who appear to be having difficulty adhering to our uniform policy. Thank you for your support.

Frozen Finale in Early Years!

If you think that it's been cold outside this week, that's nothing to how icy it has been in our Foundation Unit where all learning has been linked to the film 'Frozen.' The children have thoroughly enjoyed this topic and looked fantastic as they arrived in their fancy dress this morning. Today's finale also included a themed activity morning and some tasty treats.



Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to:

Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance were **Year 3** with **98.1%**. Well done!



Ready to Learn Award

Congratulations, our most punctual classes this week were **Reception and Year 2**



Thumbs Up Award

Well done to **Year 2 and Year 4** for their excellent behaviour during lunchtimes this week.



Star of the Week

Congratulations to **Joel F in Year 3** we're all really proud of you!

Have a lovely weekend

Yours sincerely

Mr I. Gallagher
Headteacher

'Behold the Lamb of God!'

"Lord Jesus Christ, fill me with the power of your Holy Spirit and let me grow in the knowledge of your love and truth. Let your Spirit be aflame in my heart that I may know and love you more fervently and strive to do your will in all things."



