



St. John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

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

24th April

Newsletter No. 28

Dear Parents/ Carers,

This half term's keys to happiness and well-being are:

Giving Do things for others	Relating Connect with people	Appreciating Notice the world around
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Dates for your diary - April		
Monday 27 th April	All week	Multi-cultural Week
Dates for your diary - May		
Friday 1 st May	9.10am	Parent Council meeting
Monday 4 th May	All day	School closed (Bank Holiday)
Thursday 7 th May	9.15am	Nursery/ Reception Inspire Workshop
Monday 11 th May	All week	Year 6 SATs week (please ensure full attendance)
Thursday 21 st May	9.10am	Year 3 class assembly
Friday 22 nd May	9.30am	Mass led by Year 1 (all welcome)

Our New School Website

I'm thrilled to announce that our new school website is now live! You will find it by using the same web address as our previous site: www.st-john-the-baptist.solihull.sch.uk

The site is eye catching, child friendly and full of useful information about our school. We really hope that you like it and welcome your thoughts and feedback.

Our school newsletters, latest school news and school calendar are also now available through a mobile phone app. To find out more, log onto our website, click on **Parents Information** and then click on **School News App**.

New School Uniform

We have had several queries about our new school uniform so I thought I'd offer some clarification. In consultation with our Parent Council and school staff we received feedback suggesting that parents were generally unhappy with our previous uniform provider, mainly because of poor quality products. In response to this we have selected a new online supplier called Mapac. Our new uniform will consist of a jumper/ cardigan with a school logo, a white shirt or blouse and a new blue and red striped tie. The jumper/ cardigan is more expensive than our previous supplier however, as confirmed by some of our parent council the quality is far superior. To offset this extra cost we have chosen the cheaper and smarter option of white shirts, which are widely available from supermarkets. Also as a gesture and to ensure all our children are in correct uniform in September, the school will purchase a tie for every child.

So in September our school uniform will no longer be a blue polo shirt or blue crew neck sweatshirt. We ask for your cooperation in ensuring all children are wearing full new school

uniform. I personally cannot wait to see the children collectively being the smartest school in our local area!

To access the Mapac site, log on to our website, click on the **School Information** link and then click on the **Uniform** page.

If your family requires financial support to purchase school uniform, please speak in confidence to Sarah Clarke, our Child and Family Support Worker.

Year Five Class Assembly

Well done to Year Five for presenting such an entertaining and informative assembly yesterday. We learned lots of interesting facts about Outer Space and were transported back to the '60s to experience the first moon landing. There was also a great Solar System rap!

Summer Lunch Menu

Now that we're (hopefully) experiencing warmer weather, our kitchen will be offering a daily baguette option. This is so your child has a cold food choice, which can be enjoyed with a fresh side salad, if they don't want to order a hot meal.

Year One Phonics Screening Parents' Workshop

Thank you to those who attended this informative workshop on Wednesday and thank to Mrs Dolphin for preparing and leading the event. If you missed this opportunity the Powerpoint and accompanying materials are now on our website. Click on **Parents' Information** and the **Learning Support** page.

Five Pound Enterprise Challenge

Next week St David's House will be selling hot chocolate during morning break time for 30p per cup.



Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to: Ruby M, Millie B, Stefan D.

Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year Two with 100%. How fantastic, well done!



Thumbs Up Award

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



Ready to Learn Award

Congratulations, our most punctual class this week was Year Six



Stars of the Week

Congratulations to Isabella A in Year 2 and Alanciaa B in Year 5, we're all really proud of you!

Have a lovely weekend

Yours sincerely

I. Gallagher

Mr I. Gallagher
Headteacher

The Good Shepherd

"Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who keeps watch over our lives. May I be ever attentive to your voice and submit fully to your wise rule for my life. Draw me near to you that I may always find peace and joy in your presence."

