



St. John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

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

4th September

Newsletter No. 1

Dear Parents/ Carers,

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

Trying Out Keep learning new things		Meaning Be part of something bigger
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Dates for your diary - September		
Thursday 24 th Sept	2.30pm	Parent Council meeting
Friday 25 th Sept	All day	Race for Life day

New School Uniform

Wow, our children look so smart! Thank you so much for supporting the changes made to our school uniform. Seeing everyone sitting together in assembly wearing their new jumpers and ties made us feel very proud and I think the children feel very smart and proud too. Thank you also for ensuring that your child/ children are wearing black school shoes and not trainers. It really does make a difference.

New Developments

We now have a fantastic new outdoor learning area situated in our quad. We also have a brand new library. Both developments have caused a lot of excitement for both children and staff and we're really pleased with the results. We are planning a school open day in the near future to enable parents and carers to come and have a look too. Our new forest area is also well under way; we're just waiting for the right time to plant some new trees. I'd like to take the opportunity to thank Mrs Righton, who has worked incredibly hard throughout the summer holidays to ensure these projects were successfully completed.

School Meals

As from 1st September our school catering service will be charging £2.00 per school meal. As you are aware our school kitchens are currently being refurbished. We will therefore be offering a varied picnic style meal until approximately mid-October. This meal includes a choice of sandwich fillings; additional items such as pizza slices; homemade cakes and biscuits and fruit/ raw vegetable options.

Parent/ Carer Questionnaires

Thank you to those who completed the questionnaire sent to you towards the end of last academic year. We are really pleased with your overwhelmingly positive feedback. There are also some areas that we clearly still need to focus on or review. Please see the results below:

	Strongly agree/ Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
My child is happy at this school.	96%	0%	4%
The school keeps my child safe	94%	2%	4%
The school informs me about my child's progress	96%	0%	4%
My child makes good progress at this school.	94%	2%	4%
My child is well looked after at this school.	94%	2%	4%
My child is taught well at this school.	96%	0%	4%
The school helps me to support my child's learning	95%	2%	4%
My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	88%	11%	4%
The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle	92%	4%	4%
The school makes sure that my child is well prepared for the future (for example, changing year group, changing school, and for children who are finishing school.	96%	0%	4%
The school meets my child's particular needs	93%	3%	4%
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	87%	9%	4%
Should an incident arise I believe this school would deal effectively with bullying.	85%	11%	4%
The school takes account of my suggestions and concerns	97%	0%	4%
This school is well led and managed.	96%	0%	4%
Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school	97%	0%	4%

(x1 response = approximately 1.8%)

In response to your feedback a review of homework has already been added to our School Improvement Plan, along with our on-going pledge to continue to work towards outstanding behaviour. We will also ensure that our anti- bullying message is regularly shared with the children throughout the year. I would also like to welcome the family who responded with 'strongly disagree' in all areas to arrange an appointment so that we can hopefully resolve your concerns.

Have a lovely weekend

Yours sincerely
I. Gallagher

Mr I. Gallagher
Headteacher

Bless us, O Lord, in our teaching and learning.
Give to enquiring minds wisdom and understanding.
Inspire us all with your justice and peace
and bring us always to delight in your truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

