



St. John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

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



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Newsletter No. 18

Dear Parents/ Carers,

This half term's virtues are:

<i>Compassionate</i>		<i>Loving</i>
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Dates for your diary - February		
Wednesday 3 rd Feb	7.00pm	Sacrament of Confirmation

Important Changes to our School Behaviour Policy

We are so pleased with the good behaviour of the vast majority of children at St John's and we are seeing more and more children being rewarded through the Good to Be Gold and Good to be Green trips. However it is our intention to reduce the need to give any red cards. With this aim in mind, we have updated our Behaviour Policy and have made the following changes:

If a red card is given the child will miss all break times in a 24 hour period, parents/ carers will be informed by letter and the child will not be able to participate in any extra – curricular activities for two weeks.

If a second red card is given within the same half term, a meeting will be held between the Headteacher, parents/ carers, the child and anyone else who may have been affected by the child's actions.

If a third red card is given within the same half term, it will be assumed that the child has already been made aware of their wrong choices and they will therefore be asked to phone their parent/ carer themselves to inform them of the situation and a number of lunchtime exclusions will be agreed as a further consequence.

We hope that you will support these changes and hope that ultimately we don't have to use any of these measures in the future.

Birmingham Mail Schools Guide

We are really pleased that St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School has been ranked as the eighth best school in Solihull this year. We also received a five star rating in the Birmingham Mail Primary School Guide. This great achievement is due to the hard work of our staff and children and also from your support as parents and carers.

Year One/ Year Two Inspire Workshop

Thank you to all who attended yesterday's workshop, it was great to see so many of you enjoying prayer and collective worship with your children.

Reading at Home

Please can we remind you that every child should be reading at home for at least ten minutes every night; this is clearly stated in our Homework Policy. We also expect all children to bring their reading book into school every day. This helps teachers to monitor your child's reading; allows for extra individual reading sessions to take place in school and ensures that books are changed regularly. Thank you for your co-operation.



Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to: Austin B, Teegan C-P

Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 3 with 99.7%. Well done!

Ready to Learn Award

Congratulations, our most punctual class this week was Year 3

Stars of the Week



Congratulations to Mckenzie G in Year 1 and Ruby McC in Year 4, we're all really proud of you!

This week's Virtues awards were given to Cassidy G in Rec. and Misha K in Year 6 for showing compassion and love to others

Have a lovely weekend

Yours sincerely

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A Prayer for the Virtue of Love
Lord, make me an instrument of your love.
May I see each circumstance in my life as an opportunity to grow in your love.
When I am tempted to become impatient,
help me to be patient.
When I am tempted to become unkind,
help me to be kind.
When I am tempted to become jealous,
help me to be tolerant..
When I am tempted to be rude or selfish,
give me the gift of gentleness.
Help me be loyal to those you give me to love. Amen



