



St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

'We will prepare the way'



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Dear Parents/ Carers,

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Thank you to all who attended parents' evening last night, there was a lovely positive atmosphere and many happy faces: parents, children and teachers!

Dates for your diary - October		
Tue 21 st October	9.10am	Year 2 Class Assembly
Wed 22 nd Oct	2.00/ 3.15 pm	Halloween discos
Friday 24 th Oct	9.30am	Mass – all welcome
Friday 24th Oct	Break up for half term	
Dates for your diary - November		
Monday 3rd Nov	School closed – staff INSET day	
Friday 7 th Nov	9.30am	Remembrance Mass – all welcome
Friday 14 th Nov	All day	Non- uniform day – please donate bottles for the Christmas Fayre
Monday 17 th Nov	All week	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 28 th Nov	All day	Non-uniform day – please donate chocolate for the Christmas Fayre
Friday 28 th Nov	3.15pm	PTFA Christmas Fayre
School Holidays 2014/15		
Autumn Term 2014		
Half Term: Monday 27 October 2014 to Friday 31 October 2014		
Ends: Friday 19 December 2014		
Spring Term 2015		
Starts: Monday 5 January 2015		
Half Term: Monday 16 February 2015 to Friday 20 February 2015		
Ends: Friday 27 March 2015		
Summer Term 2015		
Starts: Monday 13 April 2015		
Half Term: Monday 25 May 2015 to Friday 29 May 2015		
Ends: Friday 17 July 2015		
Staff INSET day Monday 20 July 2015 (school closed)		

Halloween Discos

Firstly, please note that the discos will take place on **Wednesday 22nd October**, apologies for any confusion caused by my mistake last week.

We have also had requests from parents for children to come to school wearing Halloween make-up and hairstyles. As this could have a negative effect on behaviour this will not be able to happen. There will also not be an opportunity for parents to turn up within the school day to assist with hair and make-up as this will interrupt the children's learning time and will be unfair on those children whose parents cannot come in. Please send your child with their costume (should they choose to wear one), in a clearly labelled carrier bag. Our school staff will happily help them to get changed. Thank you

Car Parking

Please be considerate when parking your car on our school site or on the road. There have been several occasions recently where staff cars have been blocked in and where parking on the road has been unsafe. We are very fortunate to have two free car parks opposite school. We ask that you use them whenever possible.

School Shoes

Thank you to so many families who have sent their children to school wearing shoes this week, your support is really appreciated.

Home – School Agreement

If you took your Home-School Agreement away with you from parents' evening last night, please ensure that you send the signed version back into school. It is very important that we receive one back for every child. We will send a copy back to you so that you can also refer to it if you need to.

If you could not attend parents' evening, an agreement will be sent home.



Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to: Joseph Q. Ben C. Millie S-L. Mazie H. Katie W.



Thumbs Up

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

Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 4 with 98.5%. Well done!



Star of the Week

Congratulations to Lucy B-W in Year 2, we're all really proud of you!

Have a lovely weekend

Yours sincerely

Mr I. Gallagher
Headteacher

A prayer for Black History Month

*We thank you, Lord, because you have made us all equal in your sight.
You are calling us to rise and look forward, to serve you in unity, justice and peace.*

We pray for communities that suffer inequality,

Where things are hidden from sight

and hearts are in darkness, from the modern slavery that still exists.

We pray that you will bring justice, freedom and equality for all.

Amen