



St. John the Baptist
Catholic Primary School

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



"In the beginning the word already existed; the Word was with God, and the Word was God" John 1:1

Newsletter

This half term's virtues are:

Friday 18.09.20

Curious

and

Active

Covid Symptoms - Directive for Parents/Carers

Parents/Carers must:

- Tell us immediately if their child is displaying Covid symptoms
- Tell us they have had a test
- Share the results of that test with us immediately

Face Coverings

Following the directive from Solihull MBC we are now requesting that all parents/carers unless medically exempt wear masks on school site.

New School Dinner Menus

New bi-weekly menus are now on our website so you can check meal choices for your child.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 30th September

Year 5 visit to Hams Hall

Monday 19th October

All day - Inset Day (school closed to children)

Friday 23rd October

2.00pm - Break up for October Half Term

Monday 2nd November

8.55am - Children return to school

Friday 18th December

2.00pm - Break up for Christmas Holiday

Monday 4th January

All day - Inset Day (school closed to children)

Tuesday 5th January

8.55am - Children return to school

Online Safety - tip of the week!

Online safety hero says...



Always check that someone is happy for you to post a photo of them online.

Think about what information your photo could tell someone who doesn't know you.

#staysafe



Sports Star of the Week

This week's Sports Star of the Week is Rosebella P-S in Year 3 for showing good team work during football.



STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to Lyla K in

Reception,

and

Brodie D in

Year 6.

We're all really proud of you.

This week's virtues awards were given to

Willow T

NN

Ava-Rose L

Reception

Evelyn H

Year 1

Jack B

Year 2

Leon McG

Year 3

Peyton B

Year 5

Kian H

Year 6

For being curious and active.



Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 2 with 93.1%



Well done!

Ready to learn Award



Congratulations, our most punctual class this week was Nursery & Year 5.

Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to: Talulah H, Jasmine McN and Miley M-D



SOLIHULL PARENTING TEAM OFFER

Following the recent retightening of restrictions due to Covid-19, we are now pleased to be able to offer a virtual 'Being a Parent' group. We will also continue to offer weekly tweets, one to one telephone consultations with supportive advice, resources and links, plus **FREE** online 'Solihull Approach' Parenting Courses.

As the situation is constantly changing, we will continue to provide updates on our activity via the **Solihull Parenting Team** Facebook page - please do follow us and



EMPOWERING
PARENTS
EMPOWERING
COMMUNITIES

THE 'BEING A PARENT' VIRTUAL GROUP

is a supportive group where parents & carers of children aged 0-11 years can meet and talk in a familiar & friendly forum without their children.

The sessions will be 1.5 hours a week for 9 weeks, giving parents the opportunity to support one another and share knowledge & experiences with the help of tried and tested resources from the 'Empowering Parents, Empowering Communities' programme.

The group aims to help you to understand your child better, manage challenging behaviour, improve communication and build a supportive relationship.

The group will take place using Microsoft Teams from 10am – 11.30am on a Thursday, and you will be sent full joining instructions beforehand.

We will be starting with a welcome session, on Thursday 1st October, the group will then run for a further 8 weeks.

To book your place, or for more information, please contact the parenting team
via email to bsmhft.parenting@nhs.net
by phone on 0121 301 2773
or by finding us on Facebook – Solihull Parenting Team

Dear Parent/Carer,

We're pleased to be able to send you the Sep/Oct Families Birmingham Magazine.

It is full of resources and ideas to help you and your family through the autumn term and to keep your children entertained, busy and productive. You can read the magazine [HERE](https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/fambhamseptoct2020digital?fr=sYzYzMjE5MzAzOTg):

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We hope you enjoy it!



Excellent Work

This week's excellent work comes from Tianna C in Year 5.

"How are you so rich?" Jackson asked wondering curiously.

"I've become so preposterously rich by running and creating marvellous things" he explained with a smug smile on his face and his hands in his pockets fiddling with something.

"You what?" Jackson replied ignorantly.

"Never mind," answered the old man placing his wrinkled hand on the boy's scruffy shoulder, "have you ever been to school little boy?"

"No sir, but it always been me deepest dream too though," Jackson responded while looking down at his worn out, damaged shoes.

"You know..."

"What?" interrupted Lillypolly full of curiosity, being a little bit nosy.

"If you little one let me speak, I want you Jackson, my dear boy we've decided that you two should be able to go to my private school!" stated Mr Beecham Chambers.

"Poppyclock, Codswallop, Twaddle. This is absurd!" complained his lawyer.

"What do you mean good sir?" the old man questioned this man's rudeness

"This boy shouldn't be allowed to go to your magnificent school," confessed the man without thinking before he spoke.

"Why do you believe that he should come to my school? I want him to have a great life," demanded Mr Beecham. "GET OUT NOW!"

"Are you okay sir? asked Lillypolly and Jackson.

"I'm sorry you had to see that kids" apologised Mr B feeling sincere and guilty. "anyway let's enjoy this Christmas to the fullest.

This shows that even poor can make friends. Even rich don't always care about the money or the fame.

Everybody cares about family and friends.

Have a Merry Christmas to all. Poor or rich. Big or small. Old or young.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Generous and giving God, you created the world with enough for everyone. Help us to share what we have been given and make sure all your people have enough.

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus tells us a story about some workers who all receive the same wages, even though some worked all day and some just worked for an hour.

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

"The Kingdom of heaven is like this. Once there was a man who went out early in the morning to hire some men to work in his vineyard. He agreed to pay them the regular wage, a silver coin a day, and sent them to work in his vineyard. He went out again to the market place at nine o'clock and saw some men standing there doing nothing, so he told them, 'You also go and work in the vineyard, and I will pay you a fair wage.' So they went. Then at twelve o'clock and again at three o'clock he did the same thing. It was nearly five o'clock when he went to the market place and saw some other men still standing there. 'Why are you wasting the whole day here doing nothing?' he asked them. 'No one hired us,' they answered. 'Well, then, you also go and work in the vineyard,' he told them.

"When evening came, the owner told his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with those who were hired last and ending with those who were hired first.' The men who had begun to work at five o'clock were paid a silver coin each. So when the men who were the first to be hired came to be paid, they thought they would get more; but they too were given a silver coin each. They took their money and started grumbling against the employer. 'These men who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'while we put up with a whole day's work in the hot sun—yet you paid them the same as you paid us!'

'Listen, friend,' the owner answered one of them, 'I have not cheated you. After all, you agreed to do a day's work for one silver coin. Now take your pay and go home. I want to give this man who was hired last as much as I have given you. Don't I have the right to do as I wish with my own money? Or are you jealous because I am generous?'" And Jesus concluded, "So those who are last will be first, and those who are first will be last."

The workers who arrived first at the vineyard, expected to be paid more than the workers who arrived near to the end of the day. After all, they were hot and tired and had worked very hard all day, while some of the others have only worked for one hour. They thought it was unfair. They were angry and complained.

The landowner said that he had paid the first workers exactly what they agreed was fair at the beginning of the day. He said that they had no reason to be cross because he was generous to the other workers and that he could do what he liked with his own money.

Here, Jesus was showing us that God's idea of fairness (sometimes we use the word justice), is different from ours. God's fairness is about making sure that every single person gets what they need, no matter what their situation.

God gives us what we need and not just what others think we deserve. God is generous and created a world with enough for absolutely everyone.



Living Lord, we give thanks for your generosity and love. Help us to take no more than we need, to share all that we have and to work together for change so that the world becomes a fairer place for everyone. Amen.

Have a lovely weekend

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