



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 25.09.20

Curious

and

Active



Black History Month kicks off next week and at St John's we will be looking at some of the amazing contributions made in Britain by people of African and Caribbean descent.

This will also provide the opportunity to address issues and injustices faced by people with black and other minority ethnic backgrounds.

Should you have any questions or require any guidance about how to address recent events linking to the Black Lives Matter Movement then please have a look at the Parent Guide to Black Lives Matter that we have uploaded to our website.

You will find this in the school information section under Rights Respecting Schools.



Next Thursday, 1st October is 'Slip Into Slippers' Day.

Children can wear their slippers all day in school for a donation of £1 per family.

All money raised will be donated to Age UK.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 30th September

Year 5 visit to Hams Hall

Thursday 1st October

All day - Slip into Slippers Day

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...



*Remember to treat others as
you would like to be treated
online. Think before you share
and before you comment.*

Be nice online.

#beinternetkind

Sports Star of the Week



This week's Sports Star of the Week is Brogan W in Year 5 for showing excellent basketball skills.

STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to Scarlett M-P in

Year 2,

and

Ellisiya-Rose H in

Year 6.

We're all really proud of you.

This week's virtues awards were given to

Lizzy-Shay B-H	NN
Rui Jie W	Reception
Archie W	Year 1
Dillon O'N	Year 2
Daisy H	Year 3
Harry F	Year 4
Mason-Jay N	Year 5
Logan R	Year 6

For being curious and active.

Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Reception and Year 3 with 99.3%



Well done!



Ready to learn Award

Congratulations, our most punctual class this week was Nursery, Reception, Year 3 & 4.

Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to: Brodie D, Harley H and Dannielle McG



Reminder - Face Coverings

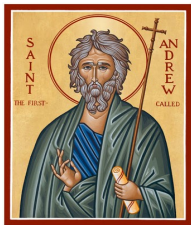
As mentioned in last week's newsletter, following the directive from Solihull MBC we are now requesting that anyone dropping or collecting children to school, unless medically exempt wear a face covering/mask when on site.

Parent/ Carer Consultations

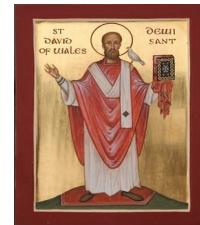
Due to current restrictions, as a result of Coronavirus, we will be offering short telephone appointments as replacement for our usual parents' evening. This will still provide you with the opportunity to find out how well your child has settled in; how positive their attitude to learning is and how well they are behaving. A separate letter will be sent to you early next week, detailing how to arrange an appointment.

Congratulations to our new House Captains

Congratulations to our new House Captains. We wish them all the best in their new roles.



St Andrew - Logan R and Brodie D



St David - Amiola A and Quinton G



St Patrick - Marshall D and Kayleigh G



St George - Brooke H and Ellisiya-Rose H

Congratulations



Sports Captains

Congratulations to Kian H and Mazie H.



Marathon Ambassadors

Congratulations to Caitlin O'K and Charlie G.



Librarians

Congratulations to Ini A, Laikyn R and Dewa H.

We wish them all the very best in their new and exciting roles.

Public Health England

NHS

flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



- 1. Protect your child.** The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
- 2. Protect you, your family and friends.** Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable family and friends
- 3. No injection needed.** The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- 4. It's better than having flu.** The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- 5. Avoid costs.** If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

What should I do?

Contact your child's GP if your child was aged two or three years old (on the 31 August of the current flu season) and you haven't heard from them by early November.

If your child is at primary school or in year 7 of secondary school, the school will send you a leaflet and consent form. Please sign the form and return it.

If your child has a health condition that puts them at greater risk from flu, or lives with someone on the NHS Shielded Patient List, they can get the flu vaccine from their GP.

For more information visit www.nhs.uk/child-flu

HELP US HELP YOU
PROTECT AGAINST FLU

Flu Immunisation
Helping to protect children, every winter

This week we sent home letters to Parents/Carers of children in Reception-Year 6 in relation to the flu vaccine. If you have not already completed and returned the consent forms please can you do so as soon as possible. **PLEASE NOTE:** if you do not want your child to receive the flu vaccine you will still need to complete and return the consent forms.

If you did not receive a letter please contact the office.

Lyndon School - Virtual Opening Evening

Virtual Open Evening
'presentation now available'

Informal enquiries welcome, contact us: 0121 743 3402
www.lyndon.org.uk

CLICK TO LEARN MORE

'Considering Secondary Schools for 2021...?'



Please follow the link below to access the virtual opening evening.

<https://www.lyndon.org.uk/virtual-open-evening/>

Excellent Work

A Parable

Jesus gathered in the mountains and sat down. "Let me tell you a story," he said "of a poor man." There was a man called Jack. Every day Jack would walk down a hill and back up. He would do this to get filthy water to drink. One day he walked down the hill only to find the water was gone. "Oh Lord," he proclaimed "don't let me die of thirst!" When Jack walked back up the hill he got into bed. A few days later Jack walked down the hill to find water, clean water! Dear people I tell you believe in your father, Our Lord, and good things will happen. ✓✓

This week's excellent work comes from Caitlin O'K Year 6, who wrote her own parable! Well done Caitlin.



Month of the Rosary



*On sale in your classroom for £1 throughout the month
of October.*

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

God of love, open our ears to listen to your word. Lead us to help one another and to live our lives as you ask us to.

In this Sunday's gospel, we hear about two sons who are both asked to help their father.

Gospel: *Matthew 21:28-32*

Jesus said, "Now, what do you think? There was once a man who had two sons. He went to the elder one and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' 'I don't want to,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. 'Yes, sir,' he answered, but he did not go. Which one of the two did what his father wanted?"

"The older one," they answered.

So Jesus said to them, "I tell you: the tax collectors and criminals are going into the Kingdom of God ahead of you. For John the Baptist came to you showing you the right path to take, and you would not believe him; but the tax collectors and the criminals believed him. Even when you saw this, you did not later change your minds and believe him.

Jesus asks a question about this story. Which one of the two sons did what his father asked him to do?

The first son or the second son? We see that the first son went and did what his father asked, even though at first he did not want to.

The man in the story is God. And we are all God's children. So Jesus is trying to tell us that we should listen to what God asks of us and then go and do what is asked.

It is not enough just to say that we will follow God in our lives. We actually have to go and do what is asked. We have to live our lives as God wants us to.



There are lots of different ways that we can answer God's call and help other people and care for our world.

Generous God, we thank you for all you have given us. Help us to live as you ask us to and to help others whenever we can. Amen.

Have a lovely weekend

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