



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 02.10.20

Curious

and

Active

ROSARY of the MONTH

The month of October is dedicated to the holy Rosary and includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th. The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary which we will be doing in our classrooms.

The Rosary draws its mysteries from the New Testament and is centred on the great events of the Incarnation and Redemption with each decade referring to an event in the life of Jesus and Mary. The Mysteries of the Rosary give us the chance to reflect on the life of Christ and his Mother.

The Joyful Mysteries are taken mostly from Saint Luke's Gospel in the New Testament. They involve the joyful events of Jesus' childhood.

The Luminous Mysteries bring a deeper understanding to the public life of Jesus. They fill in the blanks between the childhood of Jesus and His suffering and death on the cross.

The Sorrowful Mysteries remind us of how much Jesus loves us. They recall how He suffered and died just for us.

The Glorious Mysteries tell us what happened after Jesus died - His Resurrection, the descent of the Holy Spirit and the love Jesus had for his Mother.



Month of the Rosary



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

Sadly, as we can't come together during this special month, we will be praying the Rosary through a variety of special ways. We can't wait to share these with you over our upcoming newsletters and on our school Twitter page!

Dates for your Diary

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

Friday 12th February

2.00pm - Break up for half term

Monday 22nd February

All day - Inset Day (school closed to children)

Tuesday 23rd February

8.55am - Children return to school

Online Safety - tip of the week!

Online safety hero says...



*Think before you share
something online.*

- * Is it something you would share face to face?*
- * Are you sharing personal information?*
- * Will it hurt or upset someone else?*

*If you answer Yes to these questions don't
share online!*

#beinternetsharp

Sports Star of the Week



This week's Sports Star of the Week is Dannielle McG in Year 5 for good teamwork in basket ball.

STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to Chloe H in

Year 1,

and

Hydie P in

Year 5.

We're all really proud of you.

This week's virtues awards were given to

Tennessee D

NN

Ruby B

Reception

Lillie-Belle G

Year 1

Aisha McN

Year 2

William N

Year 3

Savni D

Year 4

Billy D

Year 5

Charlie G

Year 6

For being curious and active.

Attendance

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



Well done!

Ready to learn Award



Congratulations, our most punctual class this week was Year 3.

Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to: Oscar B, Nikolaj J and Archie W.



WHAT IS SOLIHULL'S LATEST GUIDANCE ON CORONAVIRUS?

Check out the [Solihull.gov.uk](https://www.solihull.gov.uk) website

<https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Resident/socialservicesandhealth/Coronavirus>

I'M PREGNANT AND UNSURE HOW CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) COULD AFFECT ME, MY BABY AND MY PREGNANCY CARE?

It's important to tell your midwife or maternity team if you get any symptoms of coronavirus (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste), then you must stay at home and seek advice immediately. Don't wait!

If you are of a Black, Asian or minority ethnic background then you need to be aware that you may be at higher risk of complications of COVID-19.

You should also ask your midwife for help with any other concerns as you usually would.

See the following websites for more general information and support:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/people-at-higher-risk/pregnancy-and-coronavirus/>
<https://yourbump.nhs.uk/>

I'VE JUST HAD A BABY AND I'M FINDING IT HARD, WHAT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE IN SOLIHULL FOR NEW MUMS LIKE ME, WHERE I WON'T BE JUDGED?

- If you are feeling low or worried please speak to your GP or Health Visitor
- ChatHealth - Text Solihull Health Visitors Mon-Fri 9:00-16:00 on 07507 332 563.

This service provides advice and support to parents of children aged 0-5 on a range of issues such as feeding, sleep, emotional health, development or general parenting

- Contact the Parenting Team via email – We are here to listen and support parents of children aged 0-18 or recommend where you can find the help that you need



SHOULD MY CHILD GO TO SCHOOL TODAY?

Covid-19 related pupil absence - A quick reference guide for parents and staff (September 2020)

This guide explains what to do if a child or any household member develops Covid-19 symptoms or if NHS track and trace makes contact.

<https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/c1TqCvQoxUENJEPFn5NBF?domain=lnks.gd>

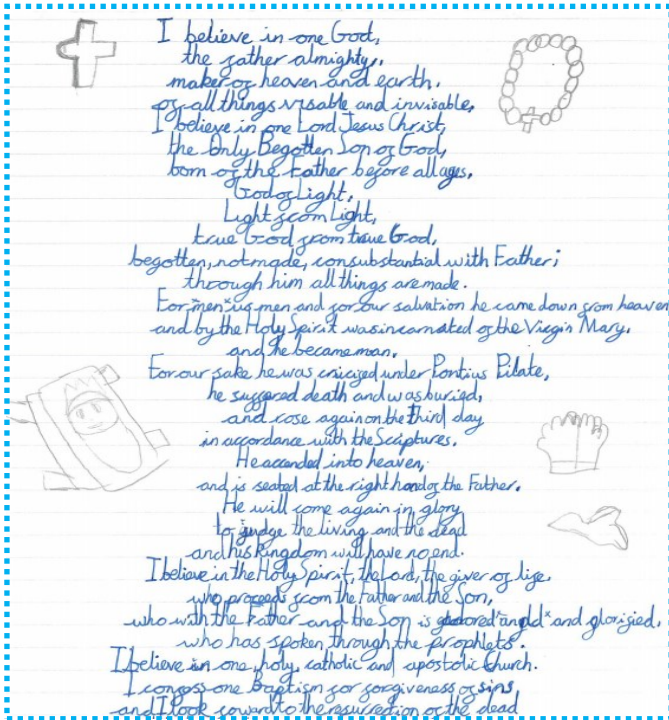
For more information about any of the above parenting support available, please contact the Parenting Team via our Facebook page, or by email to bsmhft.parenting@nhs.net
Weekly parenting themed tweets can be viewed on our Facebook page, Solihull Parenting Team, or via the school nurse twitter feed: @SolSchNurses



To celebrate Harvest Festival we are kindly asking for donations please.

We will be accepting donations of tinned goods and non-perishables throughout October until the last day of term, Friday 23rd October. All goods will be donated to local food banks.

Excellent Work



This week's excellent work comes from Tianna C in Year 5 who demonstrated excellent handwriting with this beautiful prayer.

Well done Tianna.

Reminder - Face Coverings

Please may we remind you that anyone dropping or collecting children to school are required to wear an appropriate face covering when on site unless medically exempt.

Thank you to all those who are adhering to this request, these precautions will help keep the St John's community as safe as possible.



Yesterday was Slip into Slippers day, everyone enjoyed being able to come to school in their comfy slippers.

Thank you to everyone for their generous donations. We will include the amount raised in next week's newsletter.



All adults should do what is best for you. When adults make decisions, they should think about how their decisions will affect children.

You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.

5th Oct - World Teacher's Day

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Nelson Mandela.

Take some time to celebrate World Teachers' Day; to acknowledge, thank and appreciate all the teachers that spread knowledge in the world around us.

Science Superstars



Year 5 have been busy with Science work this week. Firstly, we have carried out a litter survey around school and then on Wednesday the whole class went on a visit to Hams Hall Centre. Using large nets, we collected lots of living things from the fantastic pond there. We found fish, newts, waterboatmen, beetles, snails, pond skaters and many more.

All were returned safely to the pond. And no one fell in this year.





The Coleshill School



VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING Thursday 15th October 2020



We would like to welcome families to join our Virtual Open Evening which will launch on Thursday 15th October. On our website www.thecoleshillschool.org you will be able to view videos to give you a flavour of the school ethos and there will also be an introduction from Mr Smith-Childs, Headteacher. In order to give you as much support in making this important choice for your child, from 15th October, you will be able to email any queries to openevening@thecoleshillschool.org

Our motto of 'Learning and Achieving Together' reflects everything we do. We are a welcoming school with high expectations of all members of our school community. We believe that every child can achieve beyond their potential and look to nurture their talents and abilities within a culture of success.

Ofsted March 2020: 'Staff have high expectations of pupils at this school. They expect pupils to behave appropriately, work hard and achieve well. The school places as much emphasis on pupils' personal development as on their academic success'.

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or visit www.thecoleshillschool.org



A school where your child can have an excellent education from 11-19

The Sixth Form at The Coleshill School offers a bespoke suite of qualifications for the students it serves.

We have predominantly small class sizes and expert teaching, providing an exceptional level of education.

Students go on to a wide range of further education and high quality apprenticeships.

We also have a highly successful Football Academy.



Ofsted graded our school GOOD in ALL AREAS (March 2020)

Pupils' learning is effective and organised well in almost all subjects. Teachers use their strong subject knowledge to explain new ideas and concepts.

Staff support pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities well. Leaders provide teachers with helpful information about pupils' needs.

Pupils demonstrate positive attitudes to learning. In lessons, they work hard and behave well.

Pupils trust staff to help them when they experience problems. Pupil 'hope mentors' raise awareness of, and support other pupils with, bullying. Staff deal with issues such as bullying effectively.

THE SIXTH FORM CENTRE



A school that is a member of the Arthur Terry Learning Partnership

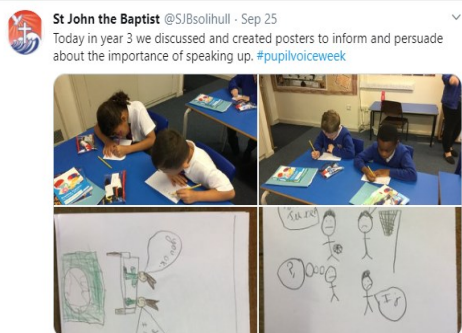
We are proud to be a member of the Arthur Terry Learning Partnership www.atlp.org.uk. The ATLP is a growing multi-academy trust of nine primary schools, five secondary schools and one teaching school, based in Birmingham, North Warwickshire and Staffordshire, with more than 9,000 students and over 1,000 members of staff. All academies are quite distinctive and separate schools, serving different communities and phases: but all either are, or have the capacity to become good and outstanding.

Our partnership with the highly regarded Arthur Terry National Teaching School enables us to recruit the very best teachers and leaders for your child.





Our fabulous tweets continue!!! Have a look at some of our most recent tweets! Please don't forget to join our tweeting community by tweeting us @SJBsolihull



Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Loving God, you sent your son Jesus to show us how to live. Help us to listen to your word and care for the world that you have given us.

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus talks to us about a man who has real trouble with the tenants who are looking after his vineyard.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

"Listen to another parable," Jesus said. "There was once a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a hole for the winepress, and built a watchtower. Then he let out the vineyard to tenants and went on a journey. When the time came to gather the grapes, he sent his slaves to the tenants to receive his share of the harvest. The tenants seized his slaves, beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again the man sent other slaves, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. Last of all he sent his son to them. 'Surely they will respect my son,' he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the owner's son. Come on, let's kill him, and we will get his property!' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

"Now, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" Jesus asked. "He will certainly kill those evil men," they answered, "and let the vineyard out to other tenants, who will give him his share of the harvest at the right time."

Jesus said to them, "Haven't you ever read what the Scriptures say?

*'The stone which the builders rejected as worthless
turned out to be the most important of all.*

*This was done by the Lord;
what a wonderful sight it is!'*

"And so I tell you," added Jesus, "the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce the proper fruits."

The tenants were greedy and wanted to keep all the wine for themselves. They didn't want to share it with anyone, not even the man who owned the vineyard. Jesus told this story so that people could understand more about God and what Jesus had come to do on earth. The different characters in the story represent God, the prophets – who were God's messengers to the people – and Jesus. Like the man who gave the vineyard to his tenants to look after, God has given us the earth and all that is in it. He also sent his son Jesus to show us how to live. Jesus asks us to think about other people too, to use the resources of the earth wisely so that everyone can have their fair share and enjoy the wonders of God's creation now and in the future.



Creator God, may we listen to your word. Teach us to care for each other and for all creation so that all people may have what they need.

Amen.

Have a lovely weekend

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