



# St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

*'We will prepare the way'*



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Dear Parents/ Carers,

24th October 2014

Well unbelievably we have reached the end of our first half term! I would like to thank our children, parents and staff for making me so welcome over the last eight weeks. St John's is a fantastic school and I'm so pleased and proud to be the Head teacher here. We have lots of exciting plans for the future, which we look forward to sharing with you.

Dates for your diary - November		
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov</b>	<b>School closed – staff INSET day</b>	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	3.15pm (in school)	Parents' meeting for those making the sacrament of Confirmation this year
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.30am	Remembrance Mass – all welcome
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	11.30am	Confirmation Enrolment Mass
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.15am	Year Six assembly- all welcome
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	All day	Non- uniform day – please donate bottles for the Christmas Fayre
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	All week	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	All day	Non-uniform day – please donate chocolate for the Christmas Fayre
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	3.15pm	PTFA Christmas Fayre

### Year Two Class Assembly

Thank you to everyone in Year Two and to Miss Kelly and Mrs Worth for entertaining us on Tuesday with your lovely assembly. The theme was 'Harvest' and we were given the opportunity to reflect on how lucky we are to have all the food and water that we need. It was also lovely to see so many parents and families joining us, you are always most welcome.

### Hallowe'en Discos

A huge thank-you to our PTFA for organising our Hallowe'en discos on Wednesday; the hall looked very spooky indeed! It was clear that a lot of effort had gone into planning and setting up the event. The children all had a great time and their costumes looked fantastic. I have only just recovered from the fright!

### Special Bonfire Night Menu

On the 5<sup>th</sup> November we will be replacing our traditional roast dinner lunch with a special Bonfire night themed menu. The children will be treated to hotdogs or Quorn burgers; cheesy jackets and rocket lollies. I might be joining them on that day!

## **Home – School Agreement**

Thank you to the vast majority of our families who have already signed and returned your Home/ School Agreements. If you haven't yet done so, please send them back to school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you for your support.

## **Remembrance Mass**

Our Remembrance Mass will be held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am. Parents and other family members are always most welcome to join us for Mass but it would be lovely if you could join us on Friday, particularly as we commemorate the centenary of the start of World War One this year.



## **Birthdays**

Happy birthday this week to: Jack E, Lauren K, Olivia McG, and next week Zenden A, Lennon-James C, Charlie H, Kian A, Ayden-Jay J.



## **Thumbs Up**

Well done to Reception and Year 5 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 97.3%. Well done!



## **Stars of the Week**

Congratulations to Konor Taroni in Year 4 and in Year 1 Crystal Morris, we're all really proud of you!

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the holiday,  
Yours sincerely,

Mr I. Gallagher  
Headteacher

...and as the clocks go back this weekend please ensure that children are wearing bright colours or reflective clothing when out at night in the dark and please remind them to pay particular attention when crossing the road.

*Almighty father in heaven,  
We ask for your strong arms of protection  
To be around our children.  
That they may be held safely  
Within your love.  
Fill their days and nights with hope and joy  
Fill their hearts and minds  
With you truth and light.  
We trust in you.  
Amen*

