



St. John the Baptist
Catholic Primary School

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



"Here is the light you will reveal to the nations"

Luke 2: 32

Newsletter

This half term's virtues are:

Friday 22.01.21

Grateful

and

Generous

I hope that everyone in our school community is well, both physically and mentally. This extended lock down is tough for us all. However, the nights are starting to get lighter and we will get through this in the end.

I want to say a huge thank you to all of you who are engaging so well with remote learning. We recognise the challenges that you face but please rest assured that our fantastic teachers are constantly changing and improving our daily learning offer, to help you to make home learning as successful as possible.

From today, we will start celebrating those children and their families who are making extra special efforts when working from home and those who are working hard and sensibly when in school. Well done children, you make us all feel very proud!

Staff Testing

You will have seen in the news that staff working in schools will be able to undertake Covid Lateral testing from next week. Our school will receive its delivery of staff tests on Monday. From that point, all staff working in school will have the opportunity to test twice a week. This will hopefully be a further step in increasing safety in schools. Unfortunately these tests can only be used by our staff and can only be taken at home. If you require a test, please follow the existing arrangements and apply online.

School Reopening

We have yet to receive any definite confirmation about when schools will reopen. However, yesterday the Education Secretary Matthew Williamson has pledged to give us two weeks notice so that we can all be fully prepared. Let's hope he means it! As soon as we hear anything, we'll inform you immediately.

Free School Meals Vouchers

The voucher system has been reintroduced from next week. My thanks go to Mrs Righton who is toiling away in the background, ensuring that everyone who is eligible has received their food parcels and will receive their vouchers again. I'm sure that you all appreciate her fantastic efforts too!

Learning Awards



Remote Learning Champions

Nursery	Harry E & Luca M
Reception	Grayson G & Jacob N
Year 1	Harley D & Chloe H
Year 2	Oscar W & James H
Year 3	William N & Olly K
Year 4	Amelia E, Lacey Mae S & Harry F
Year 5	Billy D & Ritchie R
Year 6	Ini A & Quinton B-J

School Learning Superstars

Ava-Rose B
Ashton B
Zach P
Scarlett H
Zach H
Brodie D



Birthdays



Happy birthday this week to: Kya C, Jaymee-Lee F, Maxirae G and Annaleigh H.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christ Jesus, you call us all to follow you. Help us to answer that call and live our lives as you have asked us to.

In this Sunday's gospel, we hear about how Jesus called his disciples to follow him. They left what they were doing and went with him straight away.

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

After John had been put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee and preached the Good News from God. "The right time has come," he said, "and the Kingdom of God is near! Turn away from your sins and believe the Good News!"

As Jesus walked along the shore of Lake Galilee, he saw two fishermen, Simon and his brother Andrew, catching fish with a net. Jesus said to them, "Come with me, and I will teach you to catch people." At once they left their nets and went with him.

He went a little farther on and saw two other brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee. They were in their boat getting their nets ready. As soon as Jesus saw them, he called them; they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and went with Jesus.

Simon and his brother Andrew were fishing by a lake when Jesus asked them to follow him. At once, they left their fishing nets behind and went with Jesus. James and John did the same when they were asked. They left their father behind as well as their boat and their fishing nets. They followed Jesus and became his disciples without question.

Jesus asks us all to follow him. But unlike Simon, Andrew, James and John in this reading, we cannot see Jesus and go with him as he travels round the country. However, we can follow Jesus by living our lives as he would want us to. By being kind to others, sharing all that we have, and caring for all people, especially those who are poor or sick, so that the world becomes a fairer place for everyone to live in.



Lord Jesus, lead us to join together with other people across the world in helping others, especially those who are poor, so that all people may know that we are your followers.

Amen.

Have a lovely weekend.

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