



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 29.01.21

Grateful

and

Generous

Home Learning

Well done to everyone in our school community for adapting so well to home learning. We have seen our highest level of engagement yet, this week, with only a very small minority of families who are not joining us daily. I must remind you that it is a requirement for each child to attend their live morning registration session every day. If your child is unwell and not able to complete their home learning, please contact our school office as you would do normally.

Finally, if you are struggling with what we all understand is a very challenging situation, please continue to reach out to us. Class teachers will get back to you quickly if you contact them through Class Dojo. Alternatively, you can call Mrs Dixon or myself and we'll get back to you as soon as possible as well.

Teams Conduct

Can we please remind all parents and carers to be mindful of their conduct during live Teams sessions. We have whole classes of children participating and they are able to hear background noise and see images at all times. We have received a number of complaints of inappropriate language being heard. We do understand that you are in your own homes, however adjustments need to be made during this time. Please make every effort to act responsibly so that we can safeguard all children in our school community.

Devices to Support Home Learning

We have worked extremely hard to ensure that all our families have access to electronic devices, wireless routers and additional data, to ensure you can successfully engage in home learning. We are now in our final phase of distribution, which means you might be contacted with an offer of additional devices, if you have more than one child in your family. Please contact us if you feel that you have been overlooked and are still finding access to home learning to be a challenge.

Prime Minister's Announcement on Schools Re-opening

On Wednesday, the Prime Minister has announced that it will not be possible to resume face-to-face learning immediately after the February half-term and instead hopes it will be safe to commence the re-opening of schools and colleges from Monday 8 March. This is in response to the national public health data and pressure on NHS capacity.

If the Government achieves its target of vaccinating everyone in the four most vulnerable groups with their first dose by 15 February then those groups will have developed immunity from the virus around three weeks later, that is by 8 March. It is for this reason that we hope it will therefore be safe to commence the reopening of schools from Monday 8 March. Education settings, as well as students, parents and carers will be given at least two weeks notice to prepare for a return to face-to-face education. As ever, we will inform you of a definite return date, as soon as we know ourselves.

Learning Awards



Remote Learning Champions

Nursery	Abigail M & Willow T
Reception	Ameera I & Jax R
Year 1	Tiahnah B & Archie W
Year 2	Harvey E & Nikolaj J
Year 3	Arcange P & Samuel O
Year 4	Jamie K & Luke K
Year 5	Lilly S-L & Grace P
Year 6	Laikyn R & Marshall D

School Learning Superstars

Eloise M-S
Kane S
Mia D
Natalia D
Logan M
Ellisiya-Rose H



Birthdays



Happy birthday this week to: Daniel F, Evelyn H, William N, Neriah A, Dewa H and Joshua-Jay P.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christ Jesus, teach us how to be kind and generous, sharing what we have with our friends, family and people all over the world. May we always listen to your word.

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and his disciples came to the town of Capernaum, and on the next Sabbath Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. The people who heard him were amazed at the way he taught, for he wasn't like the teachers of the Law; instead, he taught with authority.

Just then a man with an evil spirit came into the synagogue and screamed, "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Are you here to destroy us? I know who you are — you are God's holy messenger!"

Jesus ordered the spirit, "Be quiet, and come out of the man!"

The evil spirit shook the man hard, gave a loud scream, and came out of him. The people were all so amazed that they started saying to one another, "What is this? Is it some kind of new teaching? This man has authority to give orders to the evil spirits, and they obey him!"

And so the news about Jesus spread quickly everywhere in the province of Galilee.

Jesus start to teach in the temple, where the Jewish people went to pray. The people were surprised and impressed with the way he taught. They believed what Jesus said and they trusted him, more than the teachers they usually listened to.

We know that Jesus also teaches us through the things he did. He lived out what he was teaching and has provided us with the perfect example of to live our lives.



This week, although things are different at the moment, try your best to listen to all who teach you, your parents and your teachers. And let us try to listen to Jesus and to what he is teaching us too, so that together we may love one another as he asks us to.

God of hope, through your Son Jesus you teach us to love and care for all our brothers and sisters wherever they are in the world. Help us to work together with others to make sure that all children have a chance to go to school and dream of a brighter future. Amen.

Have a lovely weekend.

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