



St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

'We will prepare the way'



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Dear Parents/ Carers,

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Dates for your diary - December		
Monday 15 th Dec	All day	Year 2 trip to Thomas Land
Tuesday 16 th Dec	7.00pm	KS2 Christmas Production
Friday 19 th Dec	9.30am	Mass (End of term) led by Y1
Friday 19 th Dec	2.00pm	School closes for Christmas holidays
Dates for your diary - January		
Monday 5 th Jan	8.50am	School opens for Spring term
Thursday 8 th Jan	1.00pm (in school)	Bike It Maths (Y5 and Y6)
Friday 9 th Jan	9.30am	Mass led by Y3 – all welcome
Wednesday 21 st Jan	All day	The Life Education Bus visits school
Thursday 22 nd Jan	All day	The Life Education Bus visits school

Key Stage One Nativity

Thank you so much to all the children and staff who were involved in our lovely Key Stage One Christmas production 'Born in a Barn.' Even though we are all busy and focused on our Christmas shopping (or lack of it in my case) this lovely story reminded us of the true Christmas message. The children sang beautifully, spoke clearly and their costumes were brilliant. Well done!

Foundation Stage Nativity

This morning's production was absolutely fantastic! Our Nursery and Reception children treated us to their version of 'The Bossy King' and for such little people their voices were so loud and clear. I was also very impressed with the way they had learned their words and all their songs. Thank you to all involved.

Christmas Tree Competition

Children from St John's were asked to make special Christmas tree decorations in aid of the NSPCC. They were then taken by the Chair of our PTFA, Mrs Bisconti and used to decorate a special tree situated in the International Convention Centre (ICC) in Birmingham. If anyone wants to see the tree (and their child's decoration) it will be on show until 5th January 2015. The tree is located near the restaurant and is quite easy to locate.



Food Bank Donations

Thank you to everyone who sent in donations for our local food bank. Over 900,000 people used a food bank last year proving that poverty is a very real issue in our society. At least we have hopefully helped some families to have a happier Christmas this year.

Cold Weather

The weather this week has been particularly cold however some children have arrived at school without coats, jumpers and sometimes without socks. Our playground can be very cold and the children can be outside for up to 45 minutes during lunchtime. Please ensure that your child is dressed in warm clothing. If staff believe that a child is not dressed suitably, parents/ carers will be telephoned and ask to bring extra clothing into school immediately.

Great Christmas Bake Off

Children in our Foundation Unit will be holding a 'Great Christmas Bake Off' next week. Nursery children and their families will be able to purchase cakes and biscuits on Wednesday at 11.30am and Reception children and their families on Wednesday from 2.45pm. Cakes and biscuits will also be on sale for the whole school on Thursday at morning break (30p each or 50p for two items.)



Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to: Leah H, Brogan W, Freya D, Reece H, Sophie T, Cerys T, Shayla M, Kiera B, Paige S.

Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 4 with 97.3%. Well done!



Ready to Learn Award

Congratulations our most punctual class this week was Year 6



Star of the Week

Congratulations to Logan R in Reception we're all really proud of you!

Have a lovely weekend
Yours sincerely

Mr I. Gallagher
Headteacher

Gaudete Sunday

'Make straight the way of the Lord'

We are shown by John the Baptist one of the best gifts of the Advent season is to share. *"I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness."* Let us, like John the Baptist testify to the light of Jesus' love with a life of peacefulness, hope, mercy and justice for all.

