



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 - 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 Two Carol Concert

On Tuesday evening Key Stage 2 wowed us with their beautiful singing. It was a very special performance which everyone really enjoyed. It was wonderful to see such talent and to see how much the children enjoyed performing as well. Children, I was so proud to be your Head teacher. Thank you also to all staff involved for their hard work.

Carol Singing at Jubilee House

As part of our focus on working with our local community, a group of children and teachers went to Jubilee House care home to sing carols for the residents on Wednesday. This was a very special visit. Our children were an absolute credit to the school and to their families. They sang beautifully and then took time to speak to the residents. Seeing the generation gap disappear as the children chatted confidently, held hands and hugged their new friends was truly heart-warming.

Also, the performance was so good that one lady asked Mr Smith for his autograph!

Y2 Trip to Drayton Manor Winter Wonderland

I had a very special phone call on Tuesday, direct from the North Pole! It was from Father Christmas and he wanted to tell me how impressed he was with Year Two's outstanding behaviour during their trip to meet him at Drayton Manor on Monday. Well done children, he wasn't the only person who told me how well you had behaved.

Miss O'Loughlin

We had a very special assembly today to celebrate Miss O'Loughlin's forthcoming wedding. When she returns to school her new name will be Mrs Turner. So in the words of another famous Mrs Turner, we hope that your day will be simply the Best!

New School Logo and Mission Statement

We're excited to tell you that we now have a new and updated school logo and mission statement. This will be shared with you in the new year so watch out for our new look newsletter in January!

Temporary Walk in Centre

There will be a temporary walk in centre open at Chelmsley Wood Primary Care Centre, B37 5BU. It will be open from 9am to 8pm on Friday 26th, Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th December.

Christmas Mass Times

Date	Mass	Church	Time
16th December	Penance Service	St. Anne's	7.00p.m.
18th December	Carol Service	Mother of God	7.00p.m.
24th December	Christmas Eve	St. Anthony's	5.00p.m.
24th December	Christmas Eve	Mother of God	6.30p.m.
24th December	Christmas Eve	St. John's	9.00p.m. Carols begin at 8.30p.m
24th December	Christmas Eve	Mother of God	Midnight
25th December	Christmas Day	Mother of God	10.00a.m.
25th December	Christmas Day	St. John's	11.30a.m.

100% Attendance

High attendance and good punctuality is something that we will always continue to strive for at St John's. There is a wealth of evidence that shows that children with good attendance make better progress. I'm pleased to say that 29 children have had 100% attendance this term. Thank you and well done!

Thank You

On behalf of the staff I would like to say thank you for your kind and thoughtful Christmas gifts, they were really appreciated.



Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to: Liam T, Kyle Q. Birthdays during the holidays :- Sophie H, Connor W, Megan J/McC.



Thumbs Up Award

Well done to Reception and Year 3 for their excellent behaviour during lunchtimes this week.

Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance. Our overall attendance for the Autumn term was 94.6% This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 5 with 95.7%. Well done!



Ready to Learn Award

Congratulations our most punctual class this week was Year 6



Star of the Week

Congratulations to Cassidy Gardner in Nursery and Shannon Davies in Year Two we're all really proud of you!

Have a fantastic Christmas and a very happy New Year

Yours sincerely

Mr I. Gallagher
Headteacher

'Do not be afraid Mary, for you have found favour with God. And behold you will conceive in your womb and bear a son and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High'

