



# St. John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

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

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back and happy New Year! We're looking forward to a busy and exciting spring term. Hopefully we'll also soon see a return to sunshine and warmer days too!

Dates for your diary - January		
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30am	Mass led by Y3 – all welcome
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	All day	The Life Education Bus visits school
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	All day	The Life Education Bus visits school
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.15am	Year 5/ 6 Inspire Workshop

## **New Updated Logo**

As you can see, we now have our new updated school logo and we hope that you like it. It will be introduced on school stationery initially and then on school signage. It will also be used on our school uniform but this will be phased in over time, taking family budgets into account.

## **Our New Mission Statement**

Our updated mission statement '*We will prepare the way by loving, living and learning with the Lord*' retains the traditional focus of St John the Baptist preparing the way for Jesus but has been extended to strengthen our mission as a Catholic school: to ask Jesus to guide us in the way that we live every aspect of our lives.

## **Parent Council**

We have many exciting projects planned to enhance our school. The regeneration of our building, a new school website and a redeveloped quad area are just a few examples. We really value your views as parents and carers and so would like to establish a Parent Council. A Parent Council is a group whose purpose is to focus on future school development. We would meet once each term to discuss new ideas and developments. This is an opportunity to share your views and influence change. Our new school website is a good example. As a parent or carer, what would you find useful? How can we improve communication? What would your children like to see?

If you are interested in becoming a member of our Parent Council please contact Mr Gallagher or Mrs Dixon and we can give you more information. It would be great if we could have a representative from every year group.

## **Reception Places September 2015**

This is a final reminder for parents or carers who currently have children attending our school nursery. The deadline for applying for places in Reception (September 2015) is Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

## Curriculum Overviews

You will receive a curriculum overview for your child's year group on Monday, along with your child's new targets. These will enable you to work in partnership with your child's class teacher and to support learning at home.



### Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to: Kian H, Darcie D, Mia McG,

### Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the classes with the highest attendance were Year 3 and Year 4 both with 98.1%. Well done!



### Ready to Learn Award

Congratulations our most punctual classes this week were Reception and Year 2



### **Star of the Week**

Congratulations to Joel F in Year Three we're all really proud of you!

Yours sincerely,

I Gallagher

Headteacher

### A New Year Reflection

*The great thing about walking with God in life is that there is always the opportunity to start anew – God always offers us a new day and a new dawn, no matter what has gone before. At the start of the New Year, why not take the chance to thank Him for last year, ask His forgiveness for where you have failed and commit this year to Him – to serve Him and love Him afresh.*



