



St. John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

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

23rd January
Newsletter No. 18

Dear Parents/ Carers,

This half term's keys to happiness and well-being are:

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| Resilience Find ways to bounce back | Trying Out Keep learning new things | Direction Have goals to look forward to |
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| Dates for your diary - January | | |
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| Thursday 29 th Jan | 9.15am | Year 5/ 6 Inspire Workshop |
| Dates for your diary - February | | |
| Monday 2 nd Feb | 9.30am | Mass led by Year 2 |
| Tuesday 10 th Feb | 7.00pm | Sacrament of Confirmation |
| Thursday 12 th Feb | 9.15am | Year 1 class assembly |
| Friday 13 th Feb | All day | Staff Inset day – school closed for children |
| Monday 23 rd Feb | All week | Year 6 Lenten Fundraising |
| Friday 27 th Feb | 9.30am | Mass led by Year 5 |

Changes to Break times

From Monday 26th January 2015 there will no longer be an afternoon break for Key Stage 2 classes and we will be extending our lunchtime break for Key Stage 2 by 15 minutes. There are several reasons for these changes:

- To help us to continue our drive for outstanding behaviour
- To enable us to organise our afternoon learning time more effectively
- To ensure a more efficient use of our Learning Support Assistants' time.

Our Key Stage 2 teachers will still take their classes out for fresh air in the afternoons if they judge that this is needed. We will also endeavour to plan more outdoor learning opportunities in the future. There are no changes to Key Stage 1 break time arrangements.

Parent Council

Thank you to those who have joined our Parent Council. Our first meeting will take place at 9.10am on Thursday 5th February. If you would still like to join, you are most welcome. I can promise high quality biscuits!

Class Photographs

Class photographs are now available to purchase. If you are interested please ask your child's class teacher and they can give you a sample, along with price details.



Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to: Daniel F, Austin B, Teegan C-P.

Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance were Year 4 with 98.5%. Well done!



Ready to Learn Award

Congratulations, our most punctual classes this week were Year 5



Thumbs Up Award

Well done to Year2 and Y4 for their excellent behaviour during lunchtimes this week.



Star of the Week

Congratulations to George McF in Year 3 we're all really proud of you!

Have a lovely weekend

Yours sincerely

Mr I. Gallagher
Headteacher

"Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men."

"Lord Jesus, you have called me personally by name, just as you called your first disciples, Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Help me to believe your word and follow you faithfully. Fill me with the joy of the gospel that your light may shine through me to many others."



