



St. John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

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



22nd July

Newsletter No. 39

Dear Parents/ Carers,

This half term's virtues are:

<i>Learned</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>Wise</i>
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Dates for your diary - September		
Monday 5 th Sept	All day	Staff INSET (school closed to children)
Tuesday 6 th Sept	All day	Staff INSET (school closed to children)
Wednesday 7 th Sept	8.50am	School opens for Autumn term
Friday 16 th Sept	9.30am	Mass (New school year) all welcome
Thursday 22 nd Sept	2.45pm	Parent Council Meeting

Goodbye and Good Luck to Year Six

Congratulations must firstly go to Year Six for their fantastic leavers' production: 'Peter Pan.' So many people in the audience commented on how it was the best school production they had ever seen! The singing and acting was outstanding and it was so clear that the children were thoroughly enjoying themselves too. A special thank you must also be given to Mr. Smith and his daughter Grace who worked so hard to bring the best out of every child.

Watching the production also reminded us all that our Year Six have been excellent this year: hardworking, sensible and very helpful. They are now ready to embark on the next chapter of their life journey. We wish them good luck and every success as they move on to their new schools.

School Uniform

We understand that as parents and carers you would be unwilling to replace items of uniform and school shoes if they become lost or damaged during the last few weeks of the school year. However standards of school uniform have dropped significantly recently.

In September, the start of the new school year, we expect every child to be wearing full and correct school uniform. This includes a **school tie**; V neck jumper **with the school logo** and appropriate **black** school shoes. Any children wearing trainers in school, who has not brought in a note to explain the temporary situation, will be asked to wear black PE pumps whilst in school. Please remember that Mapac, our on-line uniform providers are extremely busy during August so it is advisable to order as soon as possible. Thank you for your support

Healthy Eating

May I also remind you that children should only bring water and fruit snacks to school. Squash and flavoured water, even sugar free versions, are very harmful to teeth as they contain high levels of natural acids. So please support us in helping your child to maintain a healthy diet.



Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to: Tyler T, George W, Dante F-Y, Alanciaa B.

Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Reception with 98%. Well done!



Ready to Learn Award

Congratulations, our most punctual classes this week were Nursery, Year 5 and Year 6

This week's Virtues awards were given to Alex B in Year 2 and Michael B in Year 5 for clearly demonstrating their faith.

Have a very happy and safe holiday

Yours sincerely,

I. Gallagher

Mr I. Gallagher
Headteacher

'Pray the Lord's Prayer Together'

In our gospel story this week the disciples ask Jesus to teach them how to pray. So what does Jesus do? He gives the disciples a prayer that they can use: The Lord's Prayer

In this prayer we ask God to forgive us for the things that we do wrong, but we also promise to forgive others. And we ask God to help us to do what is right in the future. During the holidays, each time you say the Lord's Prayer, try to think about what the words really mean to you. How will you do what God asks of you each week? How will you help make sure that all people have their fair share of the daily bread that God gives to us? How will you do what is right?

Our Father,

Who art in Heaven,
hallowed be Thy name;
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil

Amen.

Term Dates Academic Year 2016/ 2017

Term/ Holiday	First Day	Last Day
Autumn Term	Monday, September 5, 2016	Friday, October 21, 2016
Autumn Half Term	Saturday October 22 2016	Sunday October 30 2016
Autumn Term	Monday, October 31, 2016	Friday, December 16, 2016
Christmas Holidays	Saturday December 17 2016	Monday, January 2, 2017
Spring Term	Tuesday, January 3, 2017	Friday, February 17, 2017
Spring Half Term	Saturday February 18 2017	Sunday, February 26, 2017
Spring Term	Monday, February 27, 2017	Friday, April 7, 2017
Easter Holidays	Saturday April 8 2017	Sunday, April 23, 2017
Summer Term	Monday, April 24, 2017	Friday, May 26, 2017
Summer Half Term	Saturday May 27 2017	Sunday, June 4, 2017
Summer Term	Monday, June 5th, 2017	Tuesday, July 25, 2017
Summer Holidays	Wednesday July 26 2017	Sunday, September 3, 2017

I would take this opportunity as we prepare for the start of a new academic year to remind parents of the current situation regarding requests for term time leave.

The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 amended Regulation 7 of the 2006 Regulations to prohibit the Head Teacher of a school to grant leave of absence to a pupil except where an application has been made in advance and the Head Teacher considers that there are **exceptional circumstances** relating to the application. This means that if the Head Teacher deems that the leave applied for can reasonably be taken outside of term time, the request for leave of absence will not be authorised.

If the Head Teacher does not grant the leave of absence request but parent/guardian still decide to go ahead, absence will be marked as unauthorised. Unauthorised absences may be referred to Solihull MBC and result in a Penalty Notice payable up to £120 fine for failure to comply with the law.

Section 444 of the Education Act 1996 states that: If a child of compulsory school age, who is a registered pupil at a school, fails to attend regularly at the school his/her parent(s) are guilty of an offence.

Parents should make any requests for a leave of absence using the leave of absence request form and provide any supporting evidence regarding the exceptional circumstances. Requests must be made in adequate time for them to be considered (at least two weeks prior to the desired period of absence). Parents are strongly advised not to finalise any booking arrangements before receiving the school's decision. St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School will consider all applications for leave of absence requests but must comply with the current stipulations of granting in exceptional circumstances only.

For further information, I refer you back to our school attendance policy available on the school website or on request from the school office and to the Solihull Local Authority Code of conduct available on the Solihull MBC website.

