



St John the Baptist C.E. Primary School

Newsletter

Wednesday, 13th September, 2017

Dear Parents,

This week's news :

New Reception Parents

Our weekly school newsletter is emailed out to parents to the email address you provided on your contact information sheet every Wednesday. All parents should have received last week's letter; we are sending home a hard copy to all in case the emails are not coming through! If you did not receive it, or would prefer to receive a hard copy, please let the school office now.

Friends of School

Our Friends of School will be holding their first meeting of the new school year on Wednesday 20th September at 7.00pm. This will be an informal meeting to welcome back old Friends and welcome new parents who wish to come along.

As we have mentioned before our Friends of School are very important to our School and the school has benefited greatly from their work as many extra resources have been purchased and areas of school improved with their support: The Friends have made considerable contributions to the Reception outdoor area, our stage and lighting, computers and iPads, our library, the allotment and they are now involved in supporting our new curriculum kitchen that is currently being built. The Friends of School are a friendly group and would welcome all who wish to join. Please come along and have a chat, meet other parents and see how you can help. Help is welcomed in all forms, whether you can offer an odd hour here and there or more – we firmly believe “many hands make light work”!!!!

Year 6

All Year 6 children were given their letter regarding their transfer to secondary schools on Monday and these should have made it home as they are essential for the transfer process and gaining a place at Secondary School. Please ask your child if it has not made it home!

We receive some information from local secondary schools regarding open evenings etc. and this will be sent home as we receive it. Please check websites of schools you are interested in for open evenings etc. and let school know if you wish to make any visits with your child during the school day.



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Arriving at school

Please remember that parents should not allow their children to arrive at school before 8.45 am as they will not be supervised. Also that once inside the school grounds children should walk with their bikes and scooters.

Please also be aware that to ensure their safety, children should not play in the car park and climb on fencing and railings when dropping off and collecting siblings.

Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor. Please see the school website for details.

Year 4 Greek Day

Year 4 have started their Ancient Greeks topic with a whole day of activities related to their new topic. They explored the architecture of the era and investigated the strength of columns, which was used in many of their buildings, enjoyed tasting some Greek food, and made their own Greek shields for their own mock battle.



**Please remember to book your child's hot meals –
Please book meals for week commencing 25th September by midnight tomorrow.**

<http://hotmeals.st-john.lincs.sch.uk>



Macmillan Coffee Morning - Friday 29th September

We will once again be supporting the Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee morning on Friday 29th September at 9am. Please come along and join us!

We will also be grateful for donations of cakes for this fundraising event – either home baked or bought. Please send these into school by Thursday after school so that we can make sure we have enough for the next day – Thank you!

- **After School Activity Clubs**

Unfortunately some Clubs are oversubscribed this term and names will be pulled out of a hat – letters will be coming home on Friday informing if your child has been successful in gaining a place and Clubs will all begin next week.

As usual there are no limits on the numbers for our School Choir, so all who have returned a slip requesting a place will be welcome to join – no confirmation slips will be coming home.

As before please remember to inform school if your child will not be attending a session of a Club that we are expecting them to be at.

- **Singing Lessons**

We have a few spaces available for the Key Stage 2 singing lessons offered by one of our music providers.



Lessons will be in small groups or on a 1 – 1 basis.

Group lessons - £12 per month (£48 per term)

15 minute individual lesson, or 30 minute paired lesson - £19 per month (£75 per term)

20 minute individual lesson - £24 per month (£95 per term)

30 minute individual lesson - £34 per month (£135 per term)

If your child would like to start singing, application forms are available from the school office. Spaces are limited and will be taken on a first come first served basis.

- **Harvest Service**



Our Harvest Service celebration will be held in Church on Friday 29th September at 2pm and all parents are welcome to attend. No tickets will be issued but to give us an idea of numbers we would be grateful if you could return the attached reply slip by 22nd September.

- **Collective Worship in Church**

Every Wednesday morning at 9 am we hold Collective Worship in Church – all parents are welcome to come along and sit at the back and join in our Worship. The pattern of worship for this term is as follows

20th September – Years 4, 5 and 6

27th September – Years 1, 2 and 3

4th October – Years 4, 5 and 6

11th October – Years 1, 2 and 3

18th October – Years 4, 5 and 6

Reception children will join Collective Worship later in the year, once they are settled into school. Until then they will have reflective and worship time in class. Once Reception join Year 1 and 2, Year 3 children will join Years 4, 5 and 6 for worship time.



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Telephone: 07784499965 during Kid's Club opening hours only.

Our Breakfast Club opens at **7.30 am** (£3.00 per session) and the After School Club runs until **6.00pm** (£6.00 per session).

Bookings should be made using the booking forms, which are available from Mrs. Gilbert, the school office and the school office.

HOLIDAY CLUB OPENING DATES FOR 2017 - 18

October Half term	Monday 23 rd October to Friday 27 th October Plus the Training Day on Monday 30 th October
Christmas	Wednesday 20 th December to Friday 22 nd December
February Half Term	Monday 12 th February to Friday 16 th February
Easter Break	Monday 9 th April to Friday 13 th April
May Half Term	Tuesday 29 th May to Friday 1 st June

Term dates for 2017/18

Term 1	5 th September – 20 th October
Term 2	31 st October - 19 th December
Term 3	3 rd January - 9 th February
Term 4	19 th February - 28 th March
Term 5	16th April 2018* - 25 th May
Term 6	4 th June 2018 - 20 th July

*** Please note correct date for return to school following Easter break**

As mentioned in this week's newsletter, parents are welcome to join our Harvest Festival Service in Church on Friday 29th September at 2pm.

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**Harvest Festival Service in Church -
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Name of Child/Children

Class

Number of adults attending



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