



# St John the Baptist C.E. Primary School

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## Newsletter

Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2018

Dear Parents,

This week's news.....



### Children in Need and Respect Odd Socks

Friday is Children in Need day and many children like to follow the various events on TV etc. To mark the day, this Friday will be a non-uniform day in school and if parents wish they may send a donation for Children in Need. We understand that recently we have had a number of charity events and so this donation is entirely voluntary.

This week has also seen us focussing on Anti Bullying Week. A suggestion for this week is for children to demonstrate their support for respecting one another by wearing odd socks, and we would encourage children to do this as part of our non-uniform day.



**Obviously Year 5 are out on their trip to the Space Centre on Friday and unfortunately they must wear school uniform for ease of identification while out of school, but of course they are welcome to wear the oddest socks they can find!!**

## Flu Vaccinations

Please remember to register your child for the Fluenz nasal spray flu vaccinations being offered to all children in Reception, Years 1,2,3,4 and 5. **The nurses will be in school NEXT WEEK -on 19<sup>th</sup> November**

**Children will not be given the vaccine unless you have given consent online.**

The link is copied below :

Please click on the following link to complete the online consent form for your child(ren):

<https://www.lincolnshireimmunisations.co.uk/>

You will need to enter the following code to ensure the completed form can be correctly allocated to your child's school: **EE120613.**

## Collection of Children from After School Activity Clubs

The area to the front of school is very busy as children leave the school and are handed over to parents after clubs have finished. This has resulted in some children mistakenly thinking that they can see their parent. To help ensure that children are safely handed over, staff seeing children out will only send a child to their parent once the parent starts to walk towards the front door of school when they see their child at the front of the line. If parents don't do this the child will go to the back of the line. Could we also ask that parents do not approach the member of staff showing children out with queries and questions, as this distracts the member of staff and they need to focus on handing children over. If you have a query please wait until the handover has been completed and the member of staff will then be pleased to discuss any query with you. Many thanks for your co-operation.



## Chess Tournament

There was a Lincolnshire Schools Chess Association tournament at our school on Saturday. 11 of our children took part, together with 6 from other schools. The standard of play was most impressive, and the behaviour and sportsmanship were excellent.

In the U-9 section, Freya took gold, Veronika the silver and Darcie the bronze, whilst in the U-11 section, Jake took gold and Liam the bronze. Both sections were hard fought, and the results were uncertain until the final round was completed. All the children enjoyed their day of chess. We would very much like to thank Mr McCarthy, who runs our chess club, for the skill and encouragement that he imparts in all who attend.

Thanks are due to the adults who brought the children, and to the Friends who provided superb refreshments, in particular, Mrs Willerton and Mrs Sorrell. Our chef Mr Reid deserves a mention for providing delicious cakes for us to sell - so difficult to choose which to buy!



## Free School Meals

There have been recent changes to how parents and schools can check for eligibility for Free School Meals and it is now **the responsibility of parents to apply if they feel they may be eligible**. Making sure that we have recorded every family entitled to free school meals is very important to our school budget – as these numbers increase the overall funding that we receive. In the current difficult financial climate we would really appreciate anyone who thinks they might be entitled to free school meals to apply – even if they are not interested in taking a hot meal.

To qualify for Free School Meals parents must be in receipt of one of the benefits below :

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) and with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

If you feel you may be eligible for FSM, please submit a claim using the parent portal at <https://lcc.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/parentportal>.

Please do not hesitate to ask at the school office for more advice or help with the application process.

## York Trip

The November Payment (£20.00) for the Year 5 York Trip is now due. Please remember to keep up with your payments to ensure your child's place.

## Rotary Christmas Shoebox Appeal



Thank you for your help in supporting the Rotary Shoebox Appeal – our fundraising Tuck Shop has enabled us to fill lots of boxes, which will be sent off shortly to spread some Christmas joy to those who would not otherwise receive any presents. A huge thank you also to all those families who have filled boxes themselves – if you have not yet returned your filled box to school, please do so by Friday morning at the latest. Thank you.



## Music Payments

Music payments for Terms 3 and 4 are now due. Thank you.

## Christmas Concert



We are holding a Christmas music concert on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm where the choir, along with children who play a variety of musical instruments, will get a chance to perform all the songs that they have been learning. If your child is learning an instrument (inside or outside of school) and would like to perform at the concert, please ask at the school office for a form.

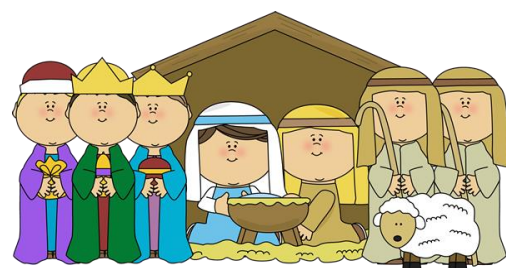
## Reception Nativity Play

Parents of children in Reception may want to note the date of our Christmas Nativity Play performances so you can keep the date free:

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30 am

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm

Each child will receive two tickets for each performance.



**Please remember to book your child's hot meals –  
Please book meals for week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> November by midnight tomorrow.**

**Menus are now available for the whole term  
Including our Special Christmas Dinner menus :**



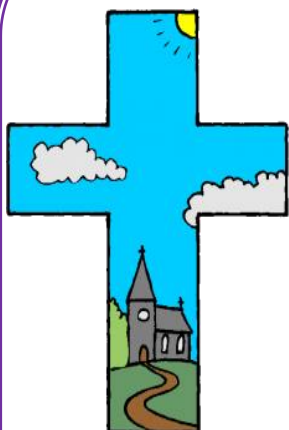
**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Years 5 and 6**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Years 3 and 4**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Reception, Years 1 and 2**

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

## Why not come and join our Collective Worship in Church - on a Tuesday morning



Please come along and join us on a Tuesday morning when we go into Church for our Collective Worship - Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 alternate. Please come along and join us if you can.

You are also invited to stay for a cuppa and a chat at the Coffee morning in the Church Lounge after the Service.

The pattern of worship for this term is as follows

20<sup>th</sup> November – Key Stage 1

27<sup>th</sup> November – Key Stage 2

4<sup>th</sup> December – Key Stage 1

11<sup>th</sup> December – Key Stage 2

Coming soon our fantastic Christmas Fair – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December – keep the day free!

**St John the Baptist Primary School's**

# Christmas Fair

**Free Entry**      Saturday 8th December 2018      **All Welcome**  
12-3pm

- \* Meet **Santa** in his Grotto.
- \* Visit **Santa's** Shop ~ for children to buy gifts for family & friends.
- \* Have fun on lots of Christmas games and win prizes. Look out for the **'Squishy Dip'!**
- \* Make Marshmallow **Snowmen**.
- \* Enjoy hot and cold refreshments.
- \* Plus fantastic raffle with first prize of **£150!**

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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).

**BOTH BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS ARE EXCEPTIONALLY BUSY AT THE MOMENT - PLEASE ENSURE BOOKINGS ARE MADE IN ADVANCE TO ENSURE PLACES.**

Bookings are now being taken for the Christmas Break Holiday Club which is open from the 2<sup>nd</sup> January to the 4<sup>th</sup> January

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

## Important dates this term:

Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Non Uniform and Odd Sock Day! Year 5 Space Centre Visit
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Vaccination for Reception up to Year 5
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 visit to Spalding Baptist Church for "Christmas Unwrapped"
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Phonics Information Session for Reception Parents – 3.20pm
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair 12 noon till 3.00 pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Concert 6pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30 am ) Reception
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	2.15pm ) Nativity Play Performances
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Disco



### The Amazing Adventures of Eric the Christmas Angel

is coming to St Mary & St Nicolas, Spalding at 4pm on Saturday, 1st December 2018.

Tickets are £6.50 or a Family Ticket is £5.50 (four or more people including one or two adults), and they are available, in advance, from the South Holland Centre (online or from the box office).

'Duggie Dug Dug' writes:

This great new show is a really fun and moving take on the Nativity story with a bunch of slapstick and panto humour thrown in.

It features me, my Harry and Larry puppets, a cast of three great actors, a tech person and a very cool set and lighting. All of us play multiple roles, including the shepherds, wise men, Mary and Joseph and, of course, the angels.

The story follows the angels as they deliver the news about Jesus' birth, including a trainee angel called Eric who keeps getting everything wrong in a hilarious way. Of course, by the end of the show Eric 'comes good' as he realises the true meaning of Christmas.

Featuring new musical theatre-style songs, carols and lots of fun and laughter, this is a fantastic Christmas production.

Doors open at 3.15pm for a 4pm start.



## SPALDING WILDLIFE WATCH GROUP

the junior branch of South Holland Wildlife Trust  
which meets monthly

invites you to a coffee morning on

**SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

10a.m. to 12noon at Pinchbeck Village Hall

**Stalls include: SNAIL RACING**

Bone and Butterfly collections

Wildlife quizzes and wildlife game  
and

cakes, produce, plants, books and cards

