



# St John the Baptist C.E. Primary School

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## Newsletter

### Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2018

Dear Parents,

This week's news.....



### Children in Need

A huge thank you for your support on Friday helping us to raise funds for Children in Need.



Also on Friday, our shoeboxes full of Christmas cheer started their journey to spread some happiness to children across the world. Spalding Rotary Club came along and the children presented them with all our boxes, and they will now be distributed to children across the world who would not otherwise receive any gifts. Once again a huge thank you for your support, as you can see we filled a fantastic number of boxes!



## Flu Vaccinations

The School nurses came into school on Monday to administer the flu vaccination to the children whose parents had registered for them to have it.

The nurses will return to school in due course to catch the children that were absent on Monday so if you missed the deadline but wish your child to have the vaccination, you may now go online and register so they have the vaccination then.

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**.

## School Trips :

Both Year 5 and Year 6 have recently enjoyed school trips as part of their topic work.



- Year 6 visited Duxford to gather lots of information for their World War II topic
- Year 5 visited the Space Centre at Leicester as part of their work on Space.



## Sporting Fixtures:

### Year 6 Football

The Year 6 football team had another league match last week against Crowland. They played really well and ended with a convincing win! Well done to you all!

### Year 4 football

The Year 4 boys football team yesterday took part in a football tournament at Holbeach. Despite the very cold weather, they played well and had an enjoyable day playing against other schools.



## Parking around School

May we once again ask that parents park considerately and sensibly around school when dropping off and collecting children. We have reports of cars being parked on junctions and over drop kerbs, making it very difficult and dangerous for those walking to and from school. Please consider these things when parking!

## 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.



### 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.





## “You are Awesome!”

Yesterday was our first special “You are Awesome Worship” where children get the opportunity to celebrate and share all that they are good at! Over the year, each child will have the chance to take part in this special worship.

Many congratulations to the children we are celebrating with this week:

Key Stage 2 :	Class MB	Phoebe
	Class HS	Isabella Holly Spencer
	Class NC	Thomas Isabelle R. Amelia
Key Stage 1:	Reception	Joseph Laura Benjamin
	Class HP	James
	Class AC/SB	Rowan Eleanor
	Class KL/JB	Lula Tommy
	Class HJ/JoB	Harrison Oliver


### Thinking about Advent

Tomorrow Key Stage 2 children are taking part in workshops that will give them the opportunity to think about advent and preparations for Christmas. These workshops are being organised in conjunction with St John’s Church who also have a special afternoon this Sunday, during which will be an opportunity to look at the children’s work from the workshops and to see KS2 class nativity scenes that they have been making. Please go along if you can.

St John the Baptist Church, Hawthorn Bank  
presents  
**Scenes from the Nativity**  
On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November

**Come and join us to see Seasonal Decorations and Nativity displays made by church members, families and friends and pupils at St John's school**

**The Church will be open from 1200 to 1700**  
**Refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon**



## Our New Merit Badges

As mentioned in previous newsletters we have a new merit system and some children have already collected the number of merits needed to get their first badge. That means we have had to reveal the winner of our competition to design the system we will use for the next 4 years. The winner incorporated the idea of building up the colours of a rainbow. Well done to Ben in Class 5JW for his terrific idea and to the other runners up. This week we will start to see children proudly receiving their first badges.



**Please remember to book your child's hot meals –  
Please book meals for week commencing 3rd December by midnight tomorrow.**

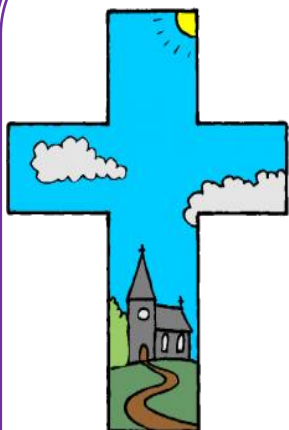
**Menus are now available for the whole term  
Including our Special Christmas Dinner menus :**



**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

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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As you can imagine it takes a lot of organisation and help to run our Fair - it is a lovely afternoon of lots of exciting Christmas fun which is enjoyed by children and adults alike and is an essential part of our run-up to Christmas. If you are able to spare an hour or two on the day to help to run a stall it would be most gratefully appreciated – please let the school office know if you are able to help. Thank you.

Advertise Here

**Do you have a business you would like to advertise in our Christmas Fair Brochure or do you know anyone else who would?**

As usual we will be producing a small brochure that will be distributed to everyone who attends our Christmas Fair (don't forget – we have over 400 children in school; that's a lot of people!!).

We would like to offer **adverts** within the brochure for local businesses to advertise themselves. Would you be interested to advertise your business or do you know someone who would? The brochure will be an A5 booklet and a full page advert costs £15. If you wish to advertise, please email your advert in PDF format to Nikita at - [nikitahol2004@hotmail.com](mailto:nikitahol2004@hotmail.com) and you will be invoiced for the payment – please note that no adverts will be included unless payment has been received.

**Non Uniform Day – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

We will be having our usual non-uniform day in exchange for raffle and tombola prizes on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

# St. John's Church Christmas Events and Services

St. John's Church Christmas Fayre - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December  
2 till 4 pm



Christingle Service Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm  
Crib Service 24<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm



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:

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
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Non-uniform day in exchange for raffle/tombola prizes for the Christmas Fair
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