



# St John the Baptist C.E. Primary School

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## Newsletter

Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2018

Dear Parents,

This week's news .....

### Macmillan Coffee Morning – THIS FRIDAY - 28<sup>th</sup> September

**Coffee Morning in the Main Hall:** We very much hope that you will be able to come along from 9am – the Choir will be coming along to entertain us all.

**Cakes on the Gate** - We will also be selling “Cakes on the Gate” so that you can buy cakes as you drop your children off if you are unable to join us.

**Children's Break time Cakes** – children will have the opportunity to buy cakes at break time – all cakes 50p

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

Hopefully we will have a great day and raise funds for this very worthy cause.

- **We are Britain in Bloom Winners again!**

We were delighted to learn that our school grounds and allotment have been awarded Silver Gilt by Britain in Bloom. This is a step up from last year's Silver award and of course only a step below Gold. Children and staff put a great deal of effort into our field to fork learning and all should be very proud of this excellent achievement. Well done.

- **Competition to Design new Merit Badges**

Don't forget to hand in your entries with your designs for our new Merit Badges. We explained the new system in last week's newsletter and that there will be 9 levels and we need to give names to these 9 levels that will run through each key stage and we will need to designs for the 9 different badges.

Entries should be returned to class teachers or the school office by Monday 1st October. The winning entries will receive a small prize, but most of all they will get to see their designs being worn across the school.



- **Christmas Card Orders**



Many thanks for your orders, these have now been sent off for production. There was an amazing amount of orders this year which has raised the wonderful amount of £570 for Friends of School funds – thank you!

## **Friends of St. John's School**

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 1st October at 6.30p.m.

At this meeting we will be looking to appoint a new chairperson, along with other officer roles. I hope that both existing and new "Friends" might consider whether or not they could take on the chair, vice chair, treasurer and secretary as well as any other roles that we feel useful. Please think carefully about this and if you need to any further details please come and speak with me.

The Friends do such a wonderful job of hosting many important events across the year. As well as raising valuable funds, these events also provide social occasions which are very much valued by the school community. I hope we will see you at the meeting on the 1st October and look forward to a great year ahead.

Paul Reid

- **Nut Allergies**

We currently have several children across school who have severe allergic reactions to nuts, and have therefore decided that **children should not bring nuts or peanut butter to school for snacks or as part of packed lunches.**

- **Sporting Activities**



### **Year 6 Inter-School Football League**

The Year 6 Football Team took part in the first match of the new Inter-School Football League against Monkhouse Primary School – they played really well and finished with a 1 – 1 draw. Good luck for your next match on Monday!

- **Flu Vaccinations**

Don't forget 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 on 19<sup>th</sup> November. Further information has already come home about the vaccine and how to register your child 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**

**The vaccination will only be given to children for whom consent has been given.**



## Harvest Festival

Our harvest festival takes place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 2.15p.m. in St John's Church, and parents are very welcome to attend.

*This year we are supporting two charities with our harvest donations:*

**Reception and Key Stage 1** will be supporting our local charity, the Spalding Foodbank – Agape Care. This organisation supports local families by providing food parcels when there is a crisis. In the current economic climate their work is in more demand than ever.



The Foodbank are most grateful for donations of dried and tinned goods – tinned meats, potatoes, fruit, custard, etc., pasta, cereals, biscuits, jam, instant mash potatoes, noodles and also longlife/UHT Milk, Squash, Pasta Sauces, Sponge Puddings. Please bring these into school on Thursday if possible, or Friday morning at the latest – so we can decorate church.

**Key Stage 2** will be supporting the Christian Aid charity which provide urgent, practical and effective assistance where need is great, tackling the effects of poverty as well as its root causes. Please send a donation (£1 if possible) if you wish to support this.

As Year 6 will be away at PGL on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> they will be helping with our Collective Worship in church on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Again parents are very welcome to attend this service at 9a.m.

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



We have changed the day we go into Church for our Collective Worship – we are now going on a **TUESDAY** Morning at 9am. As before Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 will alternate. Please come along and join us if you can.

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

The pattern of worship for this term is as follows

2<sup>nd</sup> October – Key Stage 2

9<sup>th</sup> October – Key Stage 1

16<sup>th</sup> October – Key Stage 2



## School Uniform Order Delays

Unfortunately we are experiencing delays with our school uniform supplier and we are still waiting on delivery of many items. Many apologies to those who have placed orders with us and are still waiting.

**Please remember to book your child's hot meals –  
Please book meals for week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> October by midnight tomorrow.**

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

## • Music Tuition

For children who take music tuition in school, please note that payment is due this week for term 2 (apart from Guitar tuition). Thank you. Please note that if you wish to cancel your child's music tuition for term 2 - **notification must be received by tomorrow.**



**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.

**KIDS CLUB HAVE SEVERAL ITEMS OF LOST PROPERTY LEFT OVER FROM THE SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB - IF YOUR CHILD ATTENDED OVER THE SUMMER BREAK, PLEASE CHECK FOR LOST ITEMS. THANK YOU**

## **HOLIDAY CLUB OPENING DATES FOR 2018 - 19**

October Half term	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October to Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October Plus the Training Day on Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October
Christmas	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January to Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> January
February Half Term	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February
Easter Break	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April - Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April
May Half Term	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May

## **Important dates this term:**

Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 PGL visit
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival Service at 2.15pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Night for prospective parents
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Late parents' evening (5.30p.m. – 8p.m.)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual Photos
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Early parents' evening (3.30p.m. – 6p.m.)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	End of Term 1
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	School Closed – Staff Training Day
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Start of Term 2

Please see below information about an exciting **FREE**, family friendly event being held in Peterborough on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October** – Lots of fun activities to celebrate and experience the wonders of science, technology, engineering and mathematics!  
Please see the website [www.peterboroughstemfestival.co.uk](http://www.peterboroughstemfestival.co.uk) to book your free places.



**FREE EVENT**

**PETERBOROUGH**

**STEM Festival 2018**

SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS

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**Saturday 13th October**  
KingsGate Conference Centre  
9.30am-4pm

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**BOOK NOW!**

Encourage. Inspire. Develop.

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Join us for a celebration of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, inspired by Ada Lovelace Day.

Aimed at 5-16 year olds, Peterborough STEM Festival 2018 offers a number of fun and engaging activities: coding workshops, interactive science experiments, engineering and technology demonstrations, inspirational talks and presentations, all from enthusiasts and professionals working in STEM.

Look out for a number of special guest appearances, including BAFTA award winning children's TV presenter **Maddie Moate** and **Nick Arnold**, author of the Horrible Science book series.

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**MADDIE MOATE**



**NICK ARNOLD**





## Secondary School Open Evenings For Years 5 & 6

### Spalding Academy

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October - 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm

Further details from

[www.spaldingacademy.org.uk](http://www.spaldingacademy.org.uk)

or tel: 01775 722484

### Bourne Academy

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September – 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm

Further details from

[www.bourneacademy.org.uk](http://www.bourneacademy.org.uk)

or tel: 01778 422365



South Holland Methodist Circuit is hosting a free singing event for Primary School Children\* (ages 4 – 11) to have fun learning new songs with actions, sign language and percussion.

Join us at our

**LITTLE SING with ALISON ADAM**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018

at 2.30pm

Broad Street Methodist Church, Spalding

\*Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult

The Little Sing is where we'll sing songs from around the world exploring who we are and who is God is.

Alison Adam is a member of the Iona Community and is a passionate advocate of singing and encouraging children to sing and learn new songs. She has led singing events in churches, schools, at conferences, open-air festivals and all around the world and is rooted in the belief that each child should be encouraged to believe in the voice God gave us.

All can participate in the Little Sing, so come along and join us for what should be a lively, enjoyable and fun experience.

To book places and for further details contact:

David Baldwin on 01775 762 201 or

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South Holland Methodist Circuit The Methodist Church