



# St John the Baptist C.E. Primary School

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## Newsletter Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents

This week's news items.....

### World Book Day – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

On Thursday World Book Day is celebrated and we have a range of activities going on in classes across the school. Children should continue with their reading challenge and try to read every day.

On Thursday they should wear their book character badge or hat.

Also on Thursday we will be holding a book swap where children can exchange books they have read (NB that this is a permanent swap and not borrowing). Please ensure that books brought are in good condition and appropriate to the age of the child who is swapping.

Children will also bring home a World Book Day book token tomorrow that they can use towards the cost of a new book at retailers who accept them.

### Sport Relief



Next week, we will be supporting Sports Relief 2020, with all pupils and staff walking or running around our track covering a mile a day. We will then have a Sporting Dress day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> where we ask you for a small donation towards the charity. Like we have done in previous years, all children will log each mile on a card and at the end of the week they will receive a certificate showing that they ran 5 miles for Sports Relief.

Also throughout the week, children will have the opportunity to take part in sporting games at playtimes, organised by the School Council, such as hula hopping, bouncing basket balls in a minute, a shuttle run competition etc.

As you may be aware, the school is also helping to support Mrs Crampton in her aim to raise £2000 for her chosen charity, Scope, by running the London marathon. For this week only, children have the opportunity to purchase a healthy snack at a special tuck shop from Monday to Thursday, following with a Sports Relief Tuck Shop on the Friday to celebrate their 5 miles.

## **Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

The situation with coronavirus remains fast moving and this week the Department for Education issued advice to schools regarding handwashing, which they recommend should be on arrival at school, after break times, after P.E., before eating food, after visiting the toilet and before going home. School will try and comply with this advice as far as possible, but as you can imagine, getting 430 children washing their hands at least 5 or 6 times a day and more or less at the same time is quite a feat. One or two parents have been concerned about children's hands becoming chapped. Should this be the case then we will permit children to bring in a small tube of hand cream that they can keep in their tray or bag and use as they wish at break times.

## **Tri Golf Tournament**

We were delighted that our tri-golf team played really well in a recent South Holland tournament against other schools, and were just pipped at the post into second place. Well done to all of them.



## **Disco - Next Thursday**

Next **Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> March** we will be having school Discos.

**Reception and KS1** - 6p.m. until 7p.m.

**Key Stage 2** - 7.15p.m. until 8.15 p.m.



This will cost £2:00 per child which should be paid on the door. Please could parents take their children's coats home with them after seeing them in to the disco. N.B there will be no fruit at the disco as this would mean children constantly needing to wash hands due to the current guidelines with the coronavirus.

## **Mothers' Day**

To start your Mothering Sunday celebrations on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March** children can share breakfast or tea and cakes with their mum. Breakfast will be at 9.15p.m. and tea will be at 2.15p.m. The cost is £3.50 per family (for mum and her children who attend St John's). Places will be limited and will be available on SchoolMoney from Friday evening (6<sup>th</sup> March). Please note that once all of the spaces are filled you will not be able to see the event on SchoolMoney.

## **Staffing in Year 1**

Unfortunately Mrs Cook is still absent from school. Mrs Owen will continue to take the class.

## **Kids Club Charges**

It is some time since we had an increase in our Kids Club charges and a review of costs has shown that we need to increase charges in order to cover costs. From Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020 charges will be:

Breakfast Club £4.00 per child per session

After School Club £7.00 per child per session

Holiday Club £20.00 per child per day. (£10 for a half day session)

## **Booking Hot School Meals**

We have a number of parents who are trying to book meals via the school office. Please remember that meals can only be booked via our school meals website

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

Booking must be made by Thursday evening and bookings by this Thursday are for the week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March.