



St John the Baptist C.E. Primary School

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Newsletter (Reception) Wednesday, 5th September, 2018

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome to our new Reception children and parents who have started their school journey this week. We hope that you quickly settle into school. Please don't hesitate to ask staff if you have any questions or queries, as we know there is a lot of new things for you to find out about.

Our school newsletters come out every Wednesday, please look out for it each week as it is our main way of sharing information with parents about events and news in School. We also try to limit other information to Wednesdays.

A hard copy has come home to all this week, but future copies will be emailed to you via the e-mail details that you have provided. – please remember to look out for it every Wednesday to keep up to date. If you do not receive our e-mail please get in touch so that any glitches can be resolved.

Hard copies of all letters are always available from the School Reception. Where a reply to a letter is required we will provide a hard copy of the letter and/or reply slip so that you don't have to print it.

As we start our new year, please can we remind you of a few things.....

- **Keeping Safe**

Please may we remind you that all children should keep to the pavements when entering and leaving school and **not walk across our busy car park. Please do not let Reception or pre-school children** play around the cars in the car park or on the playground equipment.

We are always pleased to see children cycling or scootering to school – but please be aware of how busy pavements get the nearer you get to school. All children should walk with their cycle or scooter when crossing the road with Mrs Atkins (our Crossing Patrol lady), and you must only walk with scooters or cycles once you enter the school grounds.

- **Contact Information**

Please remember it is still essential to inform of any changes of details to contact information. If you have changed contact numbers, address, e-mail etc. then please let us know.

- **Updated Medical Conditions and Medication**

If your child has medication that they may need in school please could you ensure that it is brought into school. You will need to come to the school office and complete the appropriate permissions forms in order for us to administer medication.



Please also remember to update the school about any new medical or allergy conditions.

- **Naming School Uniform**

Please remember to name **all** of your child's uniform, it really does improve the chances of being reunited with any lost items!

- **Absence from school**

Please remember if your child is unwell and unable to attend school, you should inform school by 9.30a.m. that day. Please contact school on each day of absence unless otherwise agreed.

Also please remember that routine dental and medical appointments should not be made in school time. If you do need to make a routine appointment in school time you should complete a leave of absence form, these should be returned to the school office, along with the appointment letter/card to allow the appointment to be verified. This should be done several days in advance to give us time to get a reply to you. You will need to keep the response with you during the absence in case you are approached by a police officer or child welfare officer.

Government regulations mean that absence from school can only be because of "exceptional circumstances", and it is therefore highly unlikely that time off school will be granted in term time for areas such as holidays. Where absence is unauthorised it is likely that the Local Authority will issue a penalty notice. Requests for term time absence must be made at least 10 days before the absence, except in emergencies.

Absence request forms are available from the school office and on the school website and should be returned to the school office.

- **Hot meals**

A letter is coming home this evening to Reception parents about ordering hot meals for when the children are here full-time. To ease you into our systems, we are sending home a menu for you to select your child's choices for the first week, and also information about how to register and order meals for the rest of the term. If you have any queries please ask at the school office.



Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 28th September

We will once again be supporting the Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee morning on Friday 28th 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 the Thursday after school so that we can make sure we have enough for the next day – Thank you!

- **Flu Vaccinations**

The School Nursing Service have extended their flu vaccination programme this year and all children in Reception, Years 1,2,3,4 and 5 will have the opportunity to receive the Fluenz nasal spray vaccination in school. The nurses will be in school on 19th November. This year the Nursing Service are collecting consents electronically and will be sending us emails to forward on to yourselves shortly.

Term dates for 2018/19	
Term 1	4 th September – 19 th October
Term 2	30 th October - 20 th December
Term 3	7 th January - 15 th February
Term 4	25 th February - 5 th April
Term 5	23 rd April - 24 th May
Term 6	3 rd June 2018 - 19 th July

Also coming Home

Reception Classes: Hot meal information



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 13th 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:

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