



St John the Baptist C.E. Primary School

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Newsletter Wednesday, 17th January 2018

Dear Parents,

This week's news

Boston Concert Club Concert

Yesterday afternoon all Key Stage 2 children had the exciting opportunity of watching and listening to Matilda Lloyd who came to give a short concert playing trumpet. No doubt you might have heard how good she was and maybe it may inspire one or two youngsters to take up an instrument. We are grateful to Boston Concert Club for organising and subsidising the visit.

Pop In Sessions – Tomorrow - Thursday 18th January – 9 am and 3.30pm

Don't forget we have our Pop In Information sessions tomorrow.
The Agenda for the sessions In Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 will be

- Mathematics – making the best use of our new resource
- Key Stage 2 only - Reading Cloud
- The Year Group Focus for this term

In Reception the focus will be on ideas to support next steps in learning.

As usual to join these sessions, please head through the main gates and go to your child's classroom.

After School Activity Clubs

After School Activity Clubs have started again this week, apart from Choir and ACT II Story Book Drama which will begin next week, and will run to the end of this term – Friday 9th February and then through Term 4 as well up to Wednesday 28th March.

Please note there will be no Chess Club on Thursday 8th February as that will be one of our Parents' Evenings.

Reception Classes visit from the Fire Engine

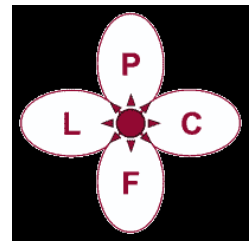


The Reception classes had a very exciting morning last Friday when the Fire Engine came along to visit to help with their topic work on Transport. They all had a wonderful time learning all about the engine and all its equipment and what it does and also got the chance to ask lots of questions. They all particularly enjoyed the chance to have a go with the hoses!!



Parents of SEND Children

You may well be aware that Lincolnshire County Council's Children's Services has been working with all special school head teachers and Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum to develop a new strategy for the education of SEND children in Lincolnshire. At the beginning of this month the proposed new strategy was announced for consultation and it is important that all parents and carers of SEND children are aware of this and contribute to the consultation whilst the opportunity exists.



The Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum is the official independent parent carer forum in Lincolnshire and represents parents and carers of children with disabilities and special educational needs, and their website has all the information on this new strategy - www.lincspcf.org.uk

They are also holding a Free Signposting & Information Event for all parents/carers of children with a disability or special educational needs on Wednesday 24th January – 10.30 am to 14.30 pm at The Stanhope Hall, Boston Road, Horncastle, Lincs. LN9 6NF – further details on their website.

No School Crossing Patrol

Unfortunately we are still without Mrs. Atkins, the School Crossing Patrol outside school. Please take extra care when crossing this very busy road and ensure that you are happy that your child can cross safely if they bring themselves to school.



School Heating

We continue to have problems with the school heating. This is now restricted to Y3 and Y5 classrooms. There is a major leak in this area of the school – but all of the pipework is underground with no obvious signs as to where the leak is. Because of this we will have to have some quite major works carried out and this will not be until February half term. In the meantime we have increased the level of temporary heat to these classes. Please help by continuing to send children with an extra layer of clothing.

Mrs. Buckley

We are delighted that Mrs Buckley is back to school. Currently she is part time and working with specific individual and groups of children. Currently she is not able to see parents who just call in to see her. If you need to speak to Mrs Buckley please call the school office and they will take your details and get her to call you back.

Friday Tuck Shop

Following the vote for which charity children would like the School Council Friday Tuck Shop to support, it was decided that the RSPCA would be the chosen charity for Terms 3 and 4.



Chair of Governors Newsletter

Please find attached the Spring Newsletter from our Chair of Governors, Mr. Michael Moriarty.

Friends of School News

Some dates for your diary

Next meeting - Monday 5th February at 6.00pm

Quiz Night – Friday 9th March – start gathering your team for another night of quizzing! Further details coming soon.

School Discos – 22nd March

Summer Fair – Saturday 16th June

Celebration Worship

This year we have changed the way our Award certificates will be presented and they are now presented at the end of our Wednesday Collective Worship in Church.

Next week, **Wednesday 24th January**, the following **Key Stage 1** children will receive their awards in Church.



Malgorzata (Rec)

Olivia L. (Rec)

Amy-Jayne (Rec)

Devon-Mae (Rec)

Maisy (Rec)

Chloe (Rec)

Eleanor (Rec)

Cooper (Rec)

Lola (Rec)

Riley (Rec)

Tallulah (Rec)

Kai (Rec)

Mollie (1HP)

Eydee (2JoB/HJ)

Callum (2JoB/HJ)

Scarlett (2JoB/HJ)

Antonia (2JoB/HJ)

Charlie (JoB/HJ)

The Following week, **Wednesday 31st January**, the following **Key Stage 2** children will receive their awards in Church.

Jake (AW)
Martha (CD)
Daisy (CD)
Jessica (JW)
Hannah (HS)
Harry (HS)
Oliver (HS)
Olivia (NC)

Please enter Church through the West Door on Hawthorn Bank. Our services begin at 9.00 am.

HOT SCHOOL LUNCHES

Now the weather has really turned Wintery and cold why not book your child a hot school lunch to fuel them at lunchtime?

Please book meals for week commencing 29th January by midnight tomorrow.

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

PGL Trips

- **Year 6 Payments**

Just a reminder to all Year 6 parents paying for the PGL trip by instalments – another instalment is due next week – £45.00. Cheques payable to “St. John the Baptist Primary School” please. Please keep up with the instalment payments to secure your child’s place.

- **Year 5 – Booking Forms**

If your child wishes to join the PGL trip in October, please return the booking form and deposit by Friday 9th February.

Year 5 – 11+ Registration Forms

Last week forms came home to all Year 5 pupils regarding registration for the 11+ Testing. If you wish your child to be considered for a place at Spalding High or Spalding Grammar School, please complete the registration form and return to school **no later than Friday 2nd February**.

Spalding Grammar School are holding some Open Mornings on 23rd, 24th & 25th January from 9.15am to give parents and children the chance to visit during a normal school day.

Please see their flyer for further details

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1o2JmXE76W3gNJsS1blxeCrKonfBNUYm-/view?usp=sharing>

or call Miss Grant on 91775 765800.



Why not come and join our Wednesday Collective Worship in Church

This term our worship will focus on our values of love and respect and we hope that you might be able to join us for Worship on Wednesday at 9a.m. in church.

The pattern of worship for this term is as follows

Wednesday 24th January – Key Stage 1

Wednesday 31st January - Key Stage 2

Wednesday 7th February – Key Stage 1

Our School Collective Worship plan is available to view on our School website

St. John's Church also invite you join them at their "All Age" Services that are coming up

Sunday 21st January at 9:30am (Refreshments and Craft Activities in Church afterwards)

Sunday 4th February at 10:45am (Candlemas with Archdeacon Justine)



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).

PLEASE NOTE THAT LAST MINUTE AVAILABILITY IS BECOMING VERY LIMITED – TO ENSURE PLACES PLEASE BOOK AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE AND WHEN NEEDING PLACES FOR THE LAST MINUTE PLACES, PLEASE CHECK AVAILABILITY BEFORE BOOKING.

Bookings are now being taken for the February Half Term Holiday Club Week beginning 12th February

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

Diary dates - Don't forget to look at our new website for a full list of the year's dates and things happening in school....

18 th January	Pop In Sessions at 9.00 am and 3.30 pm
26 th January	Australasia Day
7 th February	Parents' Evenings 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm
8 th February	Parents' Evenings 3.30 pm to 6.00 pm

Governor Newsletter – Spring Term 2018

At the start of another new school term and another new year can I begin, if rather belatedly, by wishing everyone a very happy new year.

At this time it is perhaps appropriate to reflect on the past year and look forward to the new .

During the last year the school had two successful inspections one by OFSTED which resulted in the school retaining its Good status along with many positive comments made by the Inspector. The school also retained its Outstanding status following its SIAMS ie the Statutory Inspections of Anglican and Methodist schools, inspection. Both inspections made against much tougher criteria than previously. Congratulations to all at the school for the dedication and commitment which enabled the school to reach these judgements.

However as part of the process of wanting the school to continue to move forward from what has already been achieved the Governing Body dedicated quite a period of time last year to review the schools strategic vision and consider the vision to be set for the next 3 to 5 years. This is in line with one of the prime functions of the Governing Body to set the strategic vision and to monitor its development and achievement over time.

As part of this process we were able, over the course of the year, to consult with staff, pupils and parents and very much welcomed the input everyone made during this time.

Our ethos remains more or less unaltered in that at St John's we are proud of the Christian foundation of our school. We want our school to be an inclusive and special place and one where all sections - pupils, staff, parents, carers, governors and friends of the school, work together to ensure that we provide the best opportunities possible.

Additionally we try to ensure that our school is a place where every child can flourish and reach their full potential, and so we celebrate a wide range of achievement. Through our work and in our relationships we seek to live out our Christian values which are enhanced through perseverance and the development of resilience. On a daily basis these are reinforced through the importance given to them in collective worship and through the way in which they underpin the work of the school.

However after debate, review and consultation we feel that we have now developed a new clear vision for the school to achieve over the next few years. We have therefore decided to adopt a vision of **Inspiring Individual Excellence within a vibrant and caring school community rooted in deep held Christian values.**

We have further decided that to enable a greater focus, understanding and exploration we will concentrate on the four main values of Love, Forgiveness, Respect and Hope.

We consider that this approach creates a more aspirational vision and fits in well with the schools developing work on growth mindset. However those aspirations are not solely academic but should be in whatever the school and the children do. We want to aspire to the best in all areas; to the best values, the best relationships, to the best learning environment, to the best standards and for the children to be inspired to develop their abilities to the best possible extent so that by the end of their journey through the school each child will have fully enjoyed their time at St Johns, flourished to the fullest possible extent and be fully prepared for their onward journey. This therefore can be seen as a pursuit of excellence but an excellence based on our core values and values which give the school it Christian distinctiveness.

We are proud of what the school has achieved and how it has developed in recent years and feel that by adopting this new strategic vision the school will continue to achieve the very best for the children who come here and inspire each to individual excellence within a vibrant and caring community where everyone is valued for their own talents.

This is a strategy for the next 3 to 5 years, so possibly changes will not be immediately perceptible but small continual and incremental steps will ultimately result in the achievement of this vision over time. The governors will fully support the school leadership and staff in its implementation and will in future newsletters report its progress and impact.

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