



# St John the Baptist C.E. Primary School

## Newsletter

### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2017

Dear Parents,

We have now reached the end of this busy school year and children and staff are all ready for some time in which to recharge batteries and prepare for the new school year..... - it will soon be here. Children return to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

This term we say goodbye to our Year 6s and Mrs. Hare, Miss Gardner and Mrs Verdegaal are also leaving and we send to them all our very best wishes.



I would also like to thank you all for your support this year and wish you all a very good break. Hopefully you will find time for those things that it is often difficult to fit into our hectic daily lives. Have a lovely holiday.

Paul Reid

### **Parent and Pupil Handbook**

Coming home tonight is a Parent and Pupil Handbook which gives lots and lots of information about all sorts of things in school. Please keep for reference for helping with any queries that you may have. In particular please look at the section on school uniform as you think about the new school year.

### **Governor Newsletter**

Please see the attached Summer Newsletter from our Chair of Governors.

## Medication in School

If your child has any medicine held in school, such as inhalers or epipens, these will be sent home today. All medicines must be taken home over the summer holidays, but if your child is attending the Holiday Club, please bring it along with them. Please take this opportunity to check expiry dates on any medication that we hold.

Please return all medication in September along with the consent to administer form.

## Friday Tuck Shops

As well as making Friday morning break times a treat for the children, our Tuck Shop has this year been helping us to raise funds for some causes close to our hearts. This term all profit made has been added to our Cancer Research fundraising. A huge thank you to parents for your ongoing support.

## Hot Meals

Please look out for a text letting you know when the menus are online for you to book your children's meals for September.

Please note that all new Reception children parents will be informed in September about ordering meals for when your children start with us full time on 18<sup>th</sup> September.



## CELEBRATION

Congratulations to these children who received the last Awards of the year yesterday:



Year 1	Class SBSH	Silver	Leon Ksawier Charlie Archie
	Class CD	GOLD	Vaughan Danny Adrian
Year 2	Class FC	Silver	Steven
		GOLD	Freya Emily

	Class JoB	Silver	Jack Emilia
Year 3	Class JB	Silver GOLD	Thomas Oscar
	Class ACHJ	Silver GOLD	Sammy Jake
Year 4	Class DT	GOLD	Tia
	Class CD	Silver Award	Amelia
Year 5	Class JW	Bronze GOLD	Ellie Daisy Hannah Ben
	Class MB	PLATINUM	Abigail Rosie Georgia B.
Year 6	Class NC	Bronze GOLD	Jakub Bethany Brooke Skyler Jessica



**Telephone: 07784499965 during Kid's Club opening hours only.**

### **Summer Holiday Club**

We are open from the 7<sup>th</sup> August to the end of the holiday, including the training day on 4<sup>th</sup> September – please call for availability during the holiday

## Summer Holiday Activities



The booklet full of Summer Fun organised by South Holland District Council came home last night – giving lots of information about Summer holiday activities in the district.

**Spalding Baptist Church** – are holding a Summer Holiday Club –Mission Rescue – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August – please see the leaflet coming home this evening.

**Spalding Library** are running their usual Summer Reading Challenge – this year called “Animal Agents”. This will start on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July. There are also lots of other activities running through the Summer – please see the leaflet emailed out with this newsletter or pop along to the Library for more details.

**Boston & South Holland Youth & Community Early Help & Early Years** are offering some fun filled days for the family, including arts and crafts, story telling, messy play for younger children and for older ones there will be outdoor cooking, pioneering, shelter building and more. Our local event is at Ayscoughfee Gardens on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July from 11 am to 3pm. There are further events at Boston and Holbeach.

For more information or to book a place please contact either:

The Early Years Team: Emma Bussell – [emma.bussell@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:emma.bussell@lincolnshire.gov.uk) or Youth & Community Development Team – 01205 311794 or Boston YCD [team@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:team@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

**Londonthorpe Wood Summer Picnic** – a relaxed and free event being held at Londonthorpe Wood on the outskirts of Grantham on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July 11 am – 3pm. A chance for families to picnic in the woods and complete a nature trail around the site. More information can be found on our website; <https://woodlandtrusttickets.cloudvenue.co.uk/LondonthorpeSummerPicnic>

## Spalding Tennis Club Open Day

**Sunday 23rd July from 2-4.30pm**  
At Spalding Tennis Club

which is immediately adjacent to The Parish Primary School on Clay Lake and accessed via Holyrood Walk, PE11 2RY. It will be clearly signed from just behind the Parish Church where Halmer Gate joins Stone Gate. All ages are very welcome and equipment is provided.

## Governor Newsletter – July 2017

As we come to the end of another academic year we remember especially the children in Year 6 who will be moving and beginning on their next stage of their education journey, joining new schools in September. We wish them very success, hope that the transition from St John's goes smoothly and would thank them for all they have contributed to the life of the school during their time here.

We do hope they feel that they leave St Johns fully prepared for this next step in life and have benefitted from the school ethos of being a Christian caring community achieving full potential for all.

As a Governing Body and as was mentioned in the last newsletter, we have a duty to set the strategic direction for the school over the next 3 to 5 years. We have continued our work in this respect since Easter by not only working together as governors to discuss the issues this raises but also by consulting with pupils, staff and parents.

If you would like to contribute views on this subject but were not able to attend one of the parent's consultation sessions or have not been spoken to, we would still welcome your views. You can do so by using the school email of [enquiries@st-john.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@st-john.lincs.sch.uk) heading it as School Strategic Vision or we could still arrange to speak with you if preferable. We hope we will have finished our work early in the next academic work and will have a fresh, shared vision and strategic direction that the school will work to develop.

In closing this has been another busy and eventful year and we would like to thank Paul Reid as Head Teacher and all staff for their continued hard work, commitment and inspiration. There have been various staff absences to contend with and we also wish staff currently unwell swift and continued recoveries and look forward to their return to school.

On behalf of the governing body I would also like to specifically thank Sally Hare, who is retiring after many years of dedicated and outstanding service to the school. We would thank her for the inspiration she has provided to so many children she has taught and especially for the stimulus she has provided for children to explore and enjoy music. A legacy which I am sure will endure.

Finally as the school finishes for the summer break can I wish everyone very happy, enjoyable and safe holidays.

Michael Moriaty, Chair of Governors