



St John the Baptist C.E. Primary School

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Newsletter Wednesday, 21st February 2018

Dear Parents,

Book Fair Thanks

A big thank you to everyone who purchased books from the book fair at parents evening. Our reward for the outstanding sales achieved will be over £600 worth of lovely new books for the school library, ready to be enjoyed by our children. A huge thank you to Mr. McCarthy, for once again running our book fair.



World Book Day

Next Thursday, 1st March is World Book Day. To celebrate this we are going to be launching a whole school special reading challenge – we will be taking part in The **100 Million Minutes Reading Challenge** - That day, and over the coming weeks, we will all be reading as much as we can and counting up the minutes to help to meet the 100 million minutes reading challenge!

Children will be encouraged to read as much as they can with a view to reaching their target to enjoy a reward day on Friday 23rd March when each year group will have a themed dress up day.

Happy Reading!!!



Also coming home tonight is the World Book Day Token – go along to participating booksellers to get a special World Book Day Book for FREE or £1 off any book or audiobook worth £2.99 or more.

School Chess Club



Last term, 25 children took part in the Delancey UK Schools Chess Challenge. This is a national competition, involving over 1000 schools and 45000 children.

After seven hard-fought rounds, culminating in an intense afternoon when the final three rounds were played, Rosie won the trophy, and so qualified for the county final on 11th March. Also through to the next stage are Joseph, Christopher, Jake, Freya, Liam, John, Daisy, Zofia, Veronica and Darcie.

The overall standard of play has been very good, and the children are to be congratulated on their behaviour and sportsmanship. Thanks are due to Mr. McCarthy, Mrs Willerton and Mr Lewis, without whose able assistance the event would not have been possible.

First Day Calling

Many of you may have seen some news stories recently about children being left at home unnoticed following tragic circumstances such as the death of a parent who had been looking after them. There has been a call for schools to make checks when a child does not arrive. Here at St John's we have had such a policy for some time. We will make contact with parents following registration if a child is absent without an explanation, and we do use all of the contact numbers we have if we don't get a response. Parents can help to with this process by;

- Ringing us before 9.30a.m. if your child is ill or away from school. This is really the most important thing to do as it helps us to save time and focus on those children who may be in difficulty.
- Making sure your main contact details are up to date
- Making sure we have a number of contact numbers for you – mobiles, home, work, close relatives.

When we can't get a response we will visit the home address, or ask the police to undertake a safe and well check – so it is important to ensure that when we get to that point it is because of a real emergency and not because someone has not changed their mobile number!

Holiday in Term Time

As you know two or three years ago the government introduced new regulations preventing schools from authorising routine holiday in term time. We have tried to take a sensible view on this matter, but we increasingly have been faced with situations where more and more families regularly take extended time from school for holidays. Governors have recently looked at this and have decided that we will start to ask the Local Authority to issue penalty notices where there is 15% unauthorised absence in a six week period and where there is either prior unauthorised absence or a history of poor attendance.

Friends of School

Don't forget to book in for these great events coming up soon.....

Breakfast / Cream Tea with my Mum

To celebrate Mothering Sunday the Friends of School are supporting school in hosting a "Breakfast with my Mum" and "A Cream Tea with my Mum".

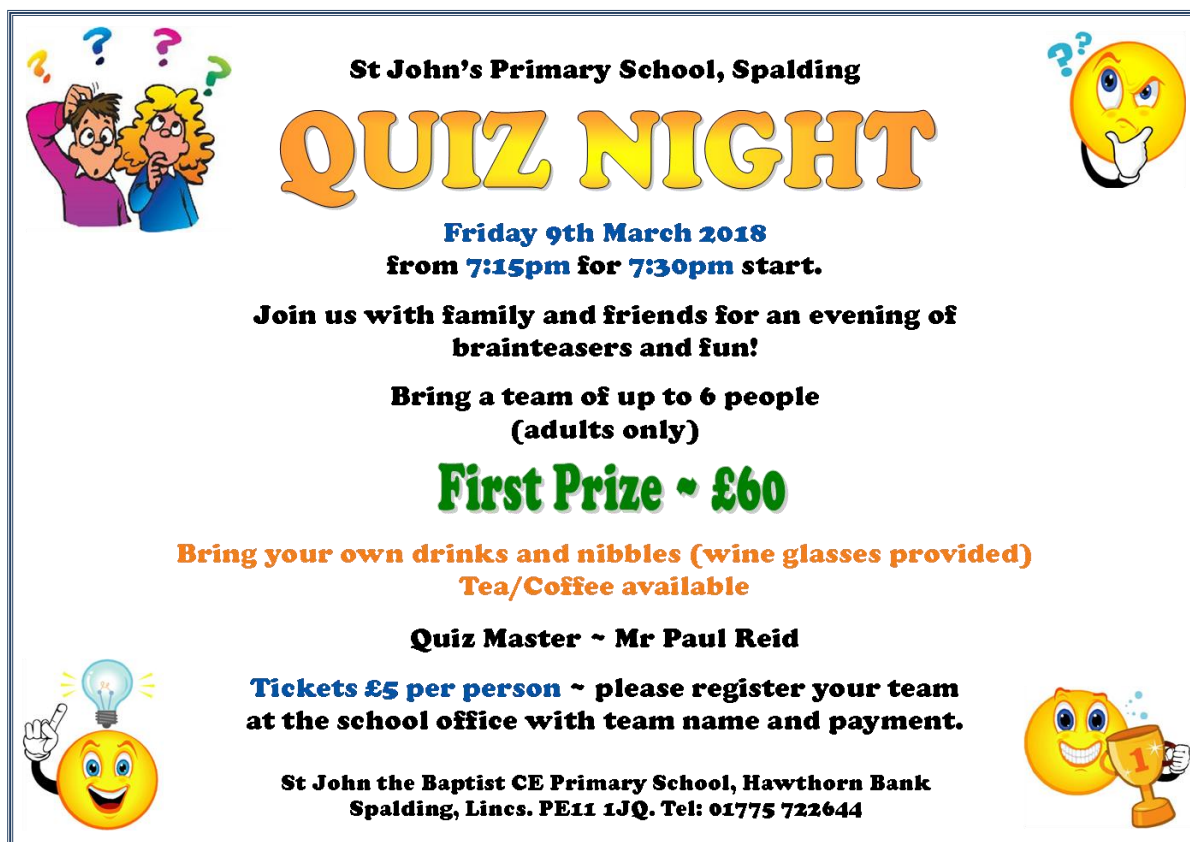


On Friday 9th March children will be able to have "Breakfast with mum" at 9.15a.m. – tea, coffee, croissant and Pain au chocolat for mum (orange juice and mini muffin for children) or at 2.15p.m. "Cream Tea with Mum" – tea, coffee, scone, jam and cream for mum (orange squash and a mini cake for children).

There will be a limited number of places at each session and because of this we are offering the event to Mums (or guardians) only. Tickets cost £2 per family (1 mum and her children attending school). On the day mums should come to the main entrance at either 9.15a.m. or 2.15p.m., collect children from classrooms and make their way to the Main Hall where breakfast and cream tea will be served.

Please use the booking slips at the end of our newsletter to book your places.

We also have our Quiz Night on the 9th March – get your team together and book in now !!



St John's Primary School, Spalding

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 9th March 2018
from 7:15pm for 7:30pm start.

**Join us with family and friends for an evening of
brainteasers and fun!**

**Bring a team of up to 6 people
(adults only)**

First Prize ~ £60

**Bring your own drinks and nibbles (wine glasses provided)
Tea/Coffee available**

Quiz Master ~ Mr Paul Reid

**Tickets £5 per person ~ please register your team
at the school office with team name and payment.**

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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 Wednesday, **28th February**, the following Key Stage 1 children will receive their awards in Church:



Bronze Awards

Alan (Rec)	Lola (KL/JB)
Dorotea (Rec)	Karina (KL/JB)
Karolina (Rec)	Alicia (JoB/HJ)
Lilly (Rec)	Oskar (JoB/HJ)
Macey (Rec)	Elze (JoB/HJ)
Maria (Rec)	Mia (JoBHJ)
Natan (Rec)	Victoria (JoB/HJ)
Adam (Rec)	Nicole (JoB/HJ)
Millie (Rec)	Benjamin (JoB/HJ)
Tia (HP)	Shaye (JoB/HJ)
Harrison (AC/SB)	Alex (JoB/HJ)
Katie (AC/SB)	Emma (JoB/HJ)
Kaja (AC/SB)	Lena (JoB/HJ)
Annalise (K/LJB)	

The following week, **7th March**, the following Key Stage 2 children will receive their awards in Church:

Kaydn (DT)
Ella (DT)
Abbie (DT)
Constance (DT)
Harry (DT)
Ruby (DT)
Kacper (JW)
Madeleine (NC)

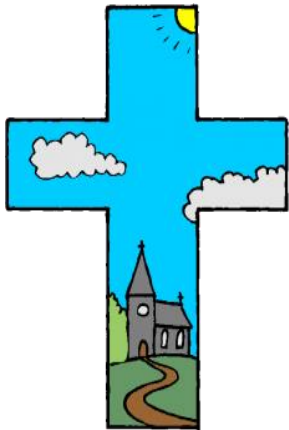
Please enter Church through the West Door on Hawthorn Bank. Our services begin at 9.00 am.

HOT SCHOOL LUNCHES

All menus for next term are now available on the website!
Please book meals for week commencing 5th March
By tomorrow, 22nd February

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

Why not come and join our Wednesday Collective Worship in Church



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

The pattern of worship for this term is as follows

Wednesday 28th February – Key Stage 1
Wednesday 7th March – Key Stage 2
Wednesday 14th March – Key Stage 1
Wednesday 21st March – Key Stage 2
Wednesday 28th March – Easter Service – further details to follow

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



Mothering Sunday 10:45am on 11th March in St John's Church

Revd Pat Willson will be leading our Mothering Sunday Service this year. The service will be an interactive child-friendly "Cool Communion" Service and will include a talk for the children, along with craft activities and gifts for them to give to their mums along with Simnel Cake for everybody!

Head Lice



Unfortunately we have had several reports of head lice – please can we ask that all parents be vigilant in checking children’s hair regularly and treating as soon as possible if necessary. Please also remember that it is best that long hair is tied back at all times.



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.

HOLIDAY CLUBS

Easter Holiday Club - Monday 9th April - Friday 13th April
May Half term Holiday Club - Tuesday 29th May - Friday 1st June
Summer Holiday Club - Monday 6th August - Friday 3rd September



“Breakfast with My Mum”

Friday 9th March at 9.15 am

Name of Mum/guardian

Children in school class

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I enclose £2.00



“Cream Tea with My Mum”

Friday 9th March at 2.15 pm

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QUIZ NIGHT

9th March 2017



Team Name:

Team Members:
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£5.00 per person enclosed