



St John the Baptist C.E. Primary School

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Newsletter Wednesday, 24th January 2018

Dear Parents,

New Children’s Safety Committee

Our School is forming a children’s safety committee and would like a small number of parent representatives to be part of this team.

The main focus will be on e-safety, but we would also like the

committee to think about the work we do in other safety areas such as road safety, stranger danger etc.



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The aim of the committee is to discuss issues regarding safety; continue to develop our E-safety policy and work, as well as other safety policy and practice. This will include the impact of initiatives in-line with the latest government directives.

Our aim is to prepare children well for the world in which they now grow up - by having better awareness of online safety, and a growing awareness of how to stay safe more generally.

The aim is also to help parents and carers to play a crucial role in empowering and supporting children to use technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively, whether it is by ensuring an open dialogue with their children, educating them to use technology safely and positively, or by acting as digital role models.

We would also like to include a small number of children in the meetings. This is to gain an insight into their knowledge and understanding of internet and other safety issues, listen to the experiences of children in their year group and to hear their views as to what they feel they need to learn more about in school.

We are particularly interested in having children and parents who have found coping with some of the issues around e-safety difficult to manage – as your experience will be really helpful in steering the direction of our work.

If you feel you or your child would like to be part of our children’s safety committee then please complete the slip below and return it to the school office. If you would like any further details then Mrs Crampton would be happy to discuss this with you. Please call the school office and we will pass on your details to her.

Name of child who would like to help with the children’s safety committee

Name of parent who would like to help with the children’s safety committee -----

Parent signature.....Child’s Class.....

E-Safety Survey

The internet is an amazing place for children to learn, play, create and connect and can open up a whole world of exciting possibilities, but with the digital world changing all the time, we continue to work with children to ensure their safety and to help us with this work we would be grateful if you would complete and return the survey that is coming home this evening. Please could you return surveys by Friday 2nd February. Thank you.

Parents' Evenings

We will be having Parents' Evenings for Reception to Year 6 on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th February – please see the letter coming home tonight for further details and return the reply slip to school by Tuesday, 30th January to book your appointment.



Linguascope website log on details

As a school we subscribe to a website called Linguascope which the children use in their French lessons. There are a range of activities that can consolidate their learning and also there is a variety of languages if they would like to try something different.

Many children are requesting the log on details so they can play at home. The most suitable levels are Elementary (KS1) and Beginner (KS2)

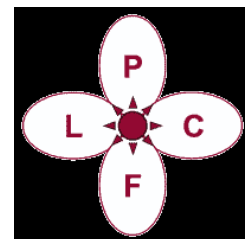
www.linguascope.com

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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

Also on their site you will find a link to a questionnaire for a county wide survey they are conducting, to assess how the SEND reforms are progressing, and they will be grateful if parents of children with disabilities/SEN would take a few minutes to complete. Please contact the school office if you would like a hard copy of this questionnaire.

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.

Australasia Day

This Friday children will be learning about some of the countries that are part of the region known as Australasia – learning about the geography and cultures of this part of the world. Please note that this is **not a non-uniform day**.

Jo Jo Bows

Please remember that Jo Jo Bows are not school uniform and we will ask for them to be removed if children wear them to school. Our school Pupil and Parent handbook explains that plain hair bands, clips and bobbles should be used to tie back long hair.

No School Crossing Patrol

Please remember 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.



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



Sophie (FC)
Melody B. (DT)
Jake (AW)
Alex B. (AW)
Martha (CD)
Daisy (CD)
Zofia (CD)

Jessica (JW)
Hannah (HS)
Harry (HS)
Oliver (HS)
Olivia (NC)
Amelia (NC)

The following week, **Wednesday, 7th February**, the following **Key Stage 1** children will receive their awards in Church :

Oscar (Rec)
Connie (Rec)
Callen (Rec)
Olivia H. (Rec)
Freya (Rec)
Jessica (ACSB)

Maja (ACSB)
Troy (ACSB)
Liberty (ACSB)
Penny (HP)
Tommy (HP)

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 5th February 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 this 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

The forms came home recently 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**.

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

Sunday 18th February at 9.30 am



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....

26 th January	Australasia Day
6 th February	Great Fire of London Presentation to Parents 2.15pm and 6.00pm
7 th February	Parents' Evenings 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm
8 th February	Year 2 visit to Fire Station (morning)
8 th February	Parents' Evenings 3.30 pm to 6.00 pm