



St John the Baptist C.E. Primary School

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Newsletter Wednesday, 31st January 2018

Dear Parents,

We have had another busy week in school:

We have a brand new Curriculum Kitchen!



Our brand new Curriculum Kitchen is now up and running! Our Reception classes were the first children to use our wonderful new kitchen created for children to use for their cookery lessons.

The children had a lovely time making their own stir fry as part of their work on the Chinese New Year. As well as using scissors to cut cabbage and pepper, the children learnt to use the 'bridge technique' to cut courgettes and mushrooms with a knife. They cooked the stir-fry in a wok and, after adding some noodles,

enjoyed eating it in the kitchen.

Year 6 are busy in the kitchen this week, making war time cookies as part of their World War II topic work.



Australasia Day



Last Friday our children had a great time finding out about the cultures and geography that make up the countries of Australasia. From discussions and artwork inspired by The Great Barrier Reef, to work inspired by Aboriginal and Maori culture – children used the day to find out more about this fascinating part of the world. Just a pity it is too far away for a day trip!!



New Children's Safety Committee

There is still time to join our new safety committee that we shared the information about last week and if any parents or children would like to be involved in this important work please see Mrs. Crampton or let the school office know.



Parking at and around school

Please may we once again remind you about parking considerately around school when dropping and collecting your children. There seems to be ongoing problems with cars parked in front of drive-ways and causing obstructions at junctions and this causes many difficulties for local residents, pedestrians and other road users. Thank you

Please also remember that we ask that parents to not park in the school staff car park at any time as at all times of the day it is such a busy space with staff coming and going

Let's Walk To School Campaign - WOW

Our school has been chosen to be part of an exciting project to encourage more children and their families to walk to school, and as part of this project we will be taking part in WOW – the year round walk to school challenge. Please see the letter coming home this evening for more details.

Parents' Evenings

Hopefully by now you have returned the booking slips for Parents' Evenings appointments next week – confirmed appointment times will be returned to you by the end of this week.



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)

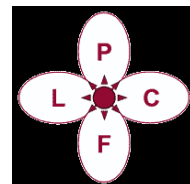
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Parents of SEND Children

Please see the website of the Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum www.lincspcf.org.uk for a link to 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.



No School Crossing Patrol

We are delighted that Mrs. Atkins is now back with us and we once again have our crossing patrol over Hawthorn Bank – **however please note there will no crossing patrol this Friday**



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



Oscar (Rec)	Jessica (ACSB)
Connie (Rec)	Maja (ACSB)
Callen (Rec)	Oliver (ACSB)
Olivia H. (Rec)	Troy (ACSB)
Freya (Rec)	Liberty (ACSB)
Darren (Rec)	Penny (HP)
Lacey (Rec)	Lucy (HP)
Sienna (Rec)	Tommy (HP)
Milosz (Rec)	Archie (JoB/HJ)
Dawid (Rec)	

The first Wednesday back after Half Term, Wednesday 21st February, the following Key Stage 2 children will receive their awards in Church:

Kaydn (DT)	Jack (DT)
Ava (DT)	Ella (DT)
Zoe (DT)	Martyna (AW)
Karolina (DT)	Connor (AW)
Freya (DT)	Phoebe (AW)
Oliwia (DT)	Oscar (JW)
Konrad (DT)	Bethannie (HS)

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?

All menus for next term are now available on the website!

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

Our Chef has created some very special menus for some of our special days in school:

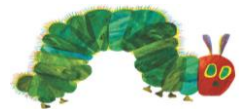
We have a special World Book Day menu on Thursday 1st March



- Horrid Henry's curry / Gangsta Granny's Pizza / George's Marvellous Medicine meatballs or Harry Potter's Magical Jacket Potato

followed by

Cat in the Hat Jellies/ Charlotte Webb's Cookies or The Very Hungry Caterpillar's cheese & crackers!



There is also a special Easter week menu for our last week of Term 4.

If your child has not had hot meals before and you do not have an account to order them, it is very easy to create one! Please visit our School website www.st-john.lincs.sch.uk – and in the “Information for Parents” tab there is a “Hot Lunches” tab and this has a link to a step by step guide to creating your own account.

PGL Trips

- **Year 6 Payments**

Just a reminder to all Year 6 parents paying for the PGL trip by instalments – another instalment was due last 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 this 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 7th February – Key Stage 1
Wednesday 21st February – Key Stage 2
Wednesday 28th 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
Join us for lots of fun celebrating the Chinese New Year
Please ensure all bookings are received by
Tuesday 6th February**

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

Also coming home this evening:

Whole School

Key Stage 2

Year 4

Let's Walk to School – WOW letter

Letter about a Growing, Eating & Moving Kids Project in
Term 4 for Key Stage 2

Letter regarding RE visit to Peterborough

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....

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
9 th February	Break Up for Half Term
19 th February	Return to school for Term 4
20 th February	Year 4 RE Trip to Peterborough