



St John's Catholic Primary School



**Newsletter: Tuesday January 5th
2016**

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Welcome back to the new term. We hope that the Christmas period was a happy and joyful one for you and your family. We begin the term on Wednesday with KS2 attending Mass to celebrate the actual feast of the Epiphany.

We would like to thank all parents for their many good wishes and gifts at the end of last term. We know that by working together we can continue to achieve great outcomes for all. Be sure to ask your child about the 'Love of Learning' Week which is a focus for this first week back.



Love of Learning Week

Key Stage 1 and 2 pupils are working on a project looking at how we can become even more successful as learners. Please talk to your child about this at home.

Each class will be looking at a different aspect of this theme, for example – 'Concentration' or 'Trying new things' or 'Not Giving Up.' Each class will create a display in school to celebrate this project. Look for photographs of these displays on the notice board in the coming weeks.

Attendance – December 2015

Year 6 — 93.2 %
Year 5 — 97.4%
Year 4 — 94.8%
Year 3 — 94.8%
Year 2 — 94.2%
Year 1 — 96%
Reception — 94.6%

Well done to Year 5 for the highest attendance!

Events



First Aid

On **Friday 15th January** children in KS2 will be taking part in First Aid Workshops in school. The sessions will be led by St. John's Ambulance Group and this is funded by the Department of Education. Basic First Aid training is just one way we encourage children to be responsible citizens.

Thursday 14th January

Year 6 class assembly at 3pm – all parents and carers are welcome. Please arrive on time as the assembly will start promptly.

Breakfast and After School Club

There are spaces in both our Breakfast Club and After School Club. Breakfast Club runs from 8am and the children enjoy a calm start to the day and a breakfast of cereal, toast and juice.



After School Club runs from 3.30pm – 6pm and is a good support for working parents. Prices for Breakfast Club are £3 per morning and After School Club £8 per afternoon.

To find out more or to enquire about booking a place please visit the School Office.



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Term Dates

Spring Term 2016:

Tuesday 5th January – Friday 12th February

Half-Term Holiday:

Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February

Term Begins:

Monday 22nd February – Thursday 24th March

Summer Term 2016:

Tuesday 12th April – Friday 27th May

Monday 2nd May 2016 – May Day Bank Holiday.

Half-Term Holiday:

Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June

Term Begins:

Monday 6th June – Tuesday 19th July

STAFF INSET TRAINING DAYS

Monday 11th April
Thursday 5th May (Polling Day)
Wednesday 20th July

Appointments and School Lunches

Well done to the parents who are arranging to take children to dental and medical appointments during the school lunchtime. However, you do need to ensure your child has a Lunch before returning to school, as we do not have the staff or space to feed your child after the rest of the school has eaten.

Safeguarding Incident

We would like to reassure you that School Staff dealt with the 'stranger danger' Safeguarding incident promptly and robustly at the end of term.

At no point was any child in danger, but we err on the side of caution when strangers approach children to talk with them though the school fence.

As in all of these events we ask that all parents and visitors in and around the school site remain vigilant to keep all of our children safe.



Parent View

If you have not already done so – please log on to the Parent View website and share feedback on the school. The website address is www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk. It is important that we know where we need to improve and what you are pleased with.

Parent Governors

Nominations are open for Parent Governors. You may self-nominate or nominate another parent, if you have their permission to do so.

Please let the Office Staff know if this is of interest to you by Friday 15th January.