



St John the Evangelist Catholic Academy

January 2024 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

In January, our after school singing group represented the school in the Young Voices concert in Birmingham. They were an absolute credit to our school and I know they all had a wonderful time. A huge well done to all children for their amazing singing and performing!

This week it is Children's National Mental Health Week. This year's theme is 'Our Voice Matters'. The children have had opportunities to think about how they can be empowered to work together to have a voice and make a difference. It was wonderful to see them all expressing themselves in their own way on Monday. In addition, it is also 'Safer internet day'. This year's theme is **Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online**. The children have all taken part in lessons and an assembly to help them to understand the risks involved whilst being online and how to use the internet safely and responsibly. Please see the additional letters sent last week for links for parents to help support with mental health and internet safety.

The staff and I have spoken to some children and parents regarding uniform over the past couple of weeks. We are asking for all children to please be in full, correct uniform after half term. This does include the school policy on no earrings and correct school footwear. All children must wear black school shoes. Trainers are not allowed and are only to be used for PE lessons.

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Y1 Phonics, Y2 and Y6 SATs and Y4 MTC information sessions.

Reminder about our Phonics and Maths sessions that will be taking place after half term.

Friday 23 rd February	Phonics Information Session for Parents 9.00am and 2.00pm in the school hall
Monday 26 th February	KS2 Maths Information Session for Parents 9.00am and 2.00pm in the school hall
Monday 4 th March	EYFS and KS1 Maths Information Session for Parents 9.00am and 2.00pm in the school hall

A reminder for the Sacramental dates this year.

Wednesday 28 th February	First Reconciliation Service 6pm at St. Joseph's Church, Goldenhill
Monday 11 th March	Confirmation 6.30pm at St. Joseph's Church, Goldenhill
Sunday 9 th June	First Holy Communion 11am at St. Joseph's Church, Goldenhill

Thank you for your continued support. Have a wonderful half term.

Mrs Rigby

Principal

During half term we will begin the season of Lent. Please take the time to think about the idea from Pope Francis.

"I hope that we all will live Lent well, following Jesus and carrying within us a ray of his love for all those we meet."

Pope Francis

LENT: A TIME FOR RENEWING
FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE
- POPE FRANCIS

Diary Dates

February

- 1st – Year 4 Survival School (all day)
- 8th – Year 6 Survival School (all day)
- 9th – Year 4 Jodrell Bank
- 9th—Last day of school
- 9th—Celebration Assembly
- 19th—School open for pupils and staff
- 19th – Reception & Year 6 Height and weight checks (NHS)
- 21st – Year 3 Trentham Gardens
- 23rd—Phonics Information Session for Parents 9.00 and 2.00pm—School Hall
- 26th—KS2 Maths Information Session for Parents 9.00am and 2.00pm School Hall
- 28th—First Reconciliation Service 6pm, St Josephs Church, Goldenhill

March

- 1st—Celebration Assembly
- 4th—EYFS and KS1 Maths Information Session for Parents 9.00am and 2.00pm School Hall
- 6th—Recorder Festival
- 7th - World Book Day
- 8th—Celebration Assembly
- 11th—Confirmation Service 6pm, St Josephs Church, Goldenhill
- 15th—Celebration Assembly
- 20th Dance 24 at the Victoria Hall
- 22nd—Celebration Assembly

PE kits need to be brought into school every Monday and left in lockers for the week, full uniform to be worn everyday. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and PE kit.

Thank you.



Last day of school

Monday 19th February

School opens to all

Friday 22nd March

Last day of school

Monday 8th April

School opens to all

Monday 6th May

May Day – School closed

Friday 24th May

Last day of school

Monday 3rd June

School opens to all

Friday 19th July

Last day of School

Monday 2nd September

INSET – School closed to pupils

Tuesday 3rd September

INSET – School closed to pupils

Wednesday 4th September

School open to pupils

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Announcements

January Attendance

Nursery	98.29%
Reception	97.26%
Year 1	95.96%
Year 2	96.55%
Year 3	95.80%
Year 4	96.60%
Year 5	97.84%
Year 6	97.68%

Well done Nursery !



Be In SCHOOL
Be On TIME

CARECLUB

Please ensure you book your Child/ren's place in advance on Scopay, we have limited places and can't guarantee a space if you don't book in.

Bookings have to be made on Scopay
48 Hours in advance.

Emergency Bookings via the Office.
01782 367267

While the weather is colder
please ensure that all
children have
suitable clothing for outdoor
play at break/lunch time eg
coats, hats and gloves.



IMPORTANT

Please notify the relevant office if your
address/telephone/email has changed.

**ABSENCEIF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL YOU MUST
TELEPHONE SCHOOL ON 01782 367267 AND LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE ABSENCE LINE.
BEFORE 09.30am stating the reason for absence.**

Please be mindful of other road users, local residents and the safety of our children when parking around school. Please do not block residents driveways or park on the zig zag lines.

Thank you for you cooperation .

Reminders to Parents

◆ **School Uniforms**—Our full uniform range is now available at Supersport, Tunstall (including Ties and book bags).

◆ **School Dinners** -

Price per meal **£2.40** for Nursery.

Price per meal **£3.10** for years 3/4/5 & 6.

◆ **Breakfast Club - Staffed by Mrs Copeland & Mrs Meadowcroft**

◆ Places must be booked and paid for in advance via Scopay.

Breakfast Club per child; from 7.30am £5.00 or £20 for the whole week—**Children must be in by 8.30am**

Drop off at 8.30am cost £1.00 (Bookable via office@stjohnskidsgrove.org.uk)

◆ **After school care club—Mon-Fri 3pm-5.45pm –Snack included. Staffed by Mrs Copeland & Mrs Bennett**

◆ Places must be booked and paid for in advance via Scopay.

Care Club per child:

from 3.00pm to 4.30pm £5.00

from 3.00pm to 5.45pm £7.50

St Margaret Ward Siblings can be dropped off from 8.10am and picked up by 3.40pm no charge.

Before or after this time charges above apply.

◆ We are a cashless school—all bookings and payments are to be made in advance via your child's Scopay account.

Late Arrivals / Early Leaving - please bring/collect your child to/from the school office. It is important that your child attends school regularly and on time in order to ensure good academic achievement. Please ensure that where possible, medical appointments are arranged outside

Please note the school has a strict no smoking policy on its grounds. This includes E-cigarettes or any other nicotine based products.

If you see anyone on the school premises when the school is closed please call the police on **101** and report the incident. Thank you for your support and cooperation

Would Parents and Carers please note that dinner money, careclub and afterschool clubs are payable in advance and should be paid online via your child's Scopay account.

School Hours: EYFS/KS1 Doors open at 8.35am need to be in by 8.40am

Nursery doors open 3.00pm Reception & KS1 Collection at 3.10pm

KS2 Doors open at 8.45am need to be in by 8.50am. Collection at 3.20pm

Office Opening Hours Monday - Thursday 08.00-16.00 Friday 08.00 - 15.30



Please note Dogs should not be brought onto school premises