



The Diocese of Nottingham  
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Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

#### A message from the Headteacher

Welcome back and I hope that you all had a fabulous half term break? Many thanks to the school Chaplains who led a very reverent and thoughtful reflection before our 'Best Work' assembly on Friday. Thank you also, Father Mark who presided over mass this week. It was a lovely celebration and the children's behaviour was superb. I was very proud of them.

Congratulations to **Darren, Ohene, Bethany, Amelia B, Emilia T, Emily, Louise and Regan** who are this weeks 'Best Work' recipients. Magnificent!

#### Mission Accomplished

A BIG well done to the following students: **Johnny, Madeline, Owen, Ava, Yvie, Harlen, Meno, Ciaran, Shea, Mimi, Julia, Reuben, Scarlett F and Anna** who have been recognised by their class teachers for being shining examples this week. I look forward to having lunch with them on Monday.

#### Attendance Winners

Well done also to **Year 5** who are this weeks' attendance winners. Super work!

#### Sports Results

##### Football - St John Fisher 2 - 2 St James (agg)

SJF played out a draw against St James in our most recent league match. St James played a high pressure game, giving our players little time on the ball, and we found ourselves 1-0 down at the break. In the second half our midfielders began to get a grip on the game, with Harry White's determination paying off as he levelled the score. Kwabena Sarfo then embarked on a surging run through the middle and found the net to put us in the lead. Resolute defending from Scarlett Hardy and Ryszard Hebda almost saw us hold out for the win, but St James pushed forward - scoring in the last minute to salvage the draw.

#### Holy Communion

The timetable for next year's First Holy Communion, which will be on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018** has now been set. Please note that classes will begin in November, with a parent's meeting at **6.30pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017** in the parish hall. Application forms are available at both school and Church.

#### Uniform check

Please can you ensure that your child/children is wearing the correct school winter uniform. Shoes and **not boots** are to be worn by pupils and any bows for hair are to be small and in the school colours. Please refer to the home/school diary for further clarification if needed or speak to a member of the leadership team. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

#### Parents afternoon/evening

We are looking forward to welcoming you into on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017** for our Parents afternoon/evening. A home school/partnership is crucial for our children to thrive and reach their full potential and this day gives us all the perfect opportunity to meet. Please sign up for a meeting slot using our online system. If you have any problems, pop into the school office and we will be able to help you.

#### Homework drop in sessions

We will be holding two 'homework drop in' sessions on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017 between 8.45am - 9.15am and 2.45pm - 3.15pm. It is an opportunity for parents to meet with members of the leadership team to discuss homework procedures at St John Fisher and to consult on possible changes.

#### Change of date

Please note that our Open Morning has now moved to **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017**. Further details will follow next week.

### Outstanding monies

Can you please ensure that all outstanding money for school dinners or last year visits is paid in full as a matter of urgency. **There are a number of outstanding balances at present that as a school we cannot afford to carry.** Dinner money needs to be paid in advance please.

### Extra Curricular Clubs w/b - 06.11.2017

**Monday** - Y5/Y6 Football, Homework, Archery

**Tuesday** - Trading cards, Olympic multi-sports, Craft, Choir, **Y3/Y4 Football competition**

**Wednesday** - Book cafe

**Thursday** - Street Dance

**Friday** - **NO RUGBY** - Rugby match **AWAY** against Roe Farm

### Dates for your diary - up until Christmas 2017

**8th November** - Parents aft/eve 1:30pm - 8:00pm

**15th November** - Parent Lunch Yr 5 @ 11:45

**16th November** - Opening Morning (opportunity for parents to visit their child's class)

**17th November** - Y1 - Y4 Flu Immunisation

**22nd November** - P.T.F.A. Meeting @ 6:15pm

**23rd November** - Reception Class @ Polesworth Abbey

**30th November** - **Opening Morning (opportunity for parents to visit their child's class)**

**6th December** - Yr R Parent Lunch @ 11:45

**7th December** - KS1 Nativity Play @ 9:30am and 6pm

**8th December** - New Parents Tour of children starting school Sept 2018 @ 1:30pm

**13th December** - YR Nativity Play @ 09:30am for Parents

**14th December** - YR Nativity Play @ 2:00pm for school and parents

**14th December** - **PTFA Disco** KS1 - 5:00pm - 6:00pm KS2 - 6:15pm - 7:15 pm

**15th December** - Christingle @ English Martyrs 6:30pm for parents & children together

**18th December** - Christmas Parties

**19th December** - Carols around the tree @ 1:30pm in School - All Welcome

**19th December** - Break Up for Christmas

### A final thought

**Try something new and discover a hidden talent**

Yours sincerely,

P.Ackers, C.Endsor J.Grattidge, P.Harlow