



The Diocese of Nottingham  
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Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

**A message from the Headteacher**

Welcome back and happy New Year! I do hope that you all had a lovely Christmas break with your families. I have enjoyed spending time with the children and listening to their festive stories. We also shared a very thoughtful and reverent whole school collective worship where we discussed how we would like to be remembered this year.

**Uniform**

We are really proud of our school uniform and we think that the children look really smart. It also reflects a sense of pride. With this in mind can you please ensure that your child is wearing their winter uniform for school. Ties are to be worn with shirts (no polo shirts) and boots are not allowed. Any child walking to and from St John Fisher in their boots will need to change into shoes for school. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter

**Urgent Reminder for Parents and Guardians of Children Starting School in Reception or Children transferring from Infant to Junior School in September 2018.**

If you have applied online you should have received an Email acknowledgement. If you have applied by telephone or paper form, you should have received an acknowledgement letter in the post.

The closing date of **15 January 2018** is fast approaching. If you have not received an acknowledgement or have not made any application, you need to contact Robin Norman at Derby City Council urgently by calling 01332 642730.

If you wish to apply under a faith criterion you also need to complete a Supplementary Form, which is available to download from the school website or you can collect one from the school office. The supplementary form together with the certification needs to be returned to school by the **15th January 2018**.

Applications from those who apply late, after 15 January, will only be dealt with once all applications received by 15 January have been dealt with. An offer of one school place will be notified to all parents on **16 April 2018** - 'National Offer Day'. Parents who apply online will be able to see the decision online on **16 April 2018**.

Other parents who apply by telephone or paper form will be notified by letter which will be posted out on **16 April 2018**.

Parents can still make an 'on time' application online up to 15 January at [www.derby.gov.uk/primapps](http://www.derby.gov.uk/primapps)

Contact Robin Norman, Tel: 01332 642730, Email: [robin.norman@derby.gov.uk](mailto:robin.norman@derby.gov.uk)

**Bad weather procedures**

In the event of snow **please do not phone** the school to see if we are open as the telephone jams with the number of calls and you are unlikely to get through. We aim to stay open and in the very unlikely circumstances that we have to close we will send a group call to say so. Unless you receive a group call, then please assume we that are open. We will also contact Radio Derby and they will put an announcement out.

**Holiday pattern for 2018-2019**

Dates for the next academic year have been finalised and they will be sent out as an attachment with this newsletter.

**Upcoming Masses**

We have a number of masses and Church services coming up over the coming weeks which we warmly invite you to. Please see details below.

Memorial Mass for Sister Gertrude at Church at 6.30pm on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Candlemass at Church at 6.30pm on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018

Ash Wednesday Mass at school at 9:30am on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**Extra Curricular Clubs w/b - 15.01.2018**

**Just a quick reminder that all extra curricular clubs will begin next week Please see timetable below. Football and Rugby club will continue to finish at 4.15pm until February half term.**

**Monday** - Y5/Y6 Football (4.15pm finish), Homework(lunchtime) Premier Sports Tri Golf after school  
**Tuesday** - Premier Sports Gymnastics after school, Book café (Lunchtime)

**Thursday** - Premier Sports Cheerleading after school  
Y5/Y6 'Typing' after school - **limited to 10 pupils**

**Friday** - Y4-6 Rugby (4.15pm finish)

**Dates for your diary - up until February half term 2018**

**16th January** - Y2 & Y6 SATs meeting @3:30pm & 6:00pm

**17th January** - Parent Lunch Yr4 @ 11:45am

**2nd February** - Candlemas for parents and children @ English Martyrs @6:30pm

**7<sup>th</sup> February** - Team Photo's & Yr 6

**14<sup>th</sup> February** - Ash Wednesday Mass @ school @9:30am

Parents and Parishioners welcome

**16<sup>th</sup> February** - Break up for Half Term

**26<sup>th</sup> February** - Back to School

**A final thought**

**Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says 'I'll try again tomorrow.'**

Yours sincerely,

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