

# Mexborough St John The Baptist C of E Primary School

Sedgefield Way, Mexborough, South Yorkshire, S64 0BE.



*We love and value all of God's children, creating an inclusive environment that helps all to flourish.*



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## NEWSLETTER

### Collective Worship

This week we have focused on attitudes towards each other in school. Children watched a short video and then were asked about how it made them feel. The moral for this week is to treat each other equally and not be judgmental of others.

### Celebration Children

Our celebration children have shown excellent attitudes to their learning so please join us in congratulating them on their achievements.

Well done to this week's Star Learners	F2: Imogen 	Y1: Teddy 	Y2: Alexa 
Y3: Isla 	Y4: Leo 	Y5: Lizzie 	Y6: Ella-Mai 
Well done to this week's Star Values:	F2: Charlotte T 	Y1: Zakariya 	Y2: Harriett 
Y3: Julia 	Y4: Freya R 	Y5: Freya 	Y6: Charlie 



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### Weekly Reading Winners

This week's young readers are...

<b>Y1:</b> Carlie	<b>Y2:</b> Macey	<b>Y3:</b> Deegan	<b>Y4:</b> Kieron	<b>Y5:</b> Evan	<b>Y6:</b> Amaya
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The children have chosen a book from our vending machine. Well done everyone for your positive attitude towards reading. Keep up the hard work.

### Attendance

This week's attendance scores are below.

Cherry Tree/FS1	95.1%	Willow/Y3	99.3%
Acorn/FS2	95.8%	Maple/Y4	99.3%
Rowan/Y1	99.3%	Chestnut/Y5	98.2%
Cedar/Y2	96%	Oak/Y6	97.2%

Our school attendance target is 96%. **Well done to Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 for reaching above 96%.**

Please revisit the communication regarding attendance by visiting

[https://www.mexboroughstjohn.co.uk/files/ugd/ef9da6\\_f0d83299378745889fc44faca10a2658.pdf](https://www.mexboroughstjohn.co.uk/files/ugd/ef9da6_f0d83299378745889fc44faca10a2658.pdf)

### Totty Cup Competition

Congratulations to our football team, who secured a win against Windhill in the Mexborough cluster round of the Totty Cup! ⚽

All the children showed: great determination, team work and positivity. Well, done- we are very proud!



### National Day for Teaching Assistants

Today is National Teaching Assistant Day and we think at MSJ we have some pretty phenomenal TA's! Today we celebrated them with a little treat and a well-being break. Thank you for taking care of our pupils: supporting learning, helping us make good choices and being absolutely fabulous every single day. To see photos please visit our Facebook page.

### School Photographs. Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

The school photographer is back in school on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.** Big smiles & school uniform required.

All children will have an individual photograph taken during the school day. For **siblings in school**, there is the opportunity to have photos taken during school time. If you wish to take advantage of this, please complete the online form <https://forms.office.com/e/ZXXRUNKGig> If you have not already. **For siblings who do not attend MSJ**, the school photographer will be available after school in the hall from 3.15pm-4pm. Please enter via the office/main school entrance. Any queries, please contact the school office by phone/text/email.

### Reminder: Sponsored Read starting 9<sup>th</sup> October

We are hoping to raise money to buy new reading materials for the children throughout school. A letter/sponsor form went home last week with further detail. We would be very grateful if you would encourage children to take part. Thank you.

### World Mental Health Day.

On Monday 10th October 2023, years F1-Y6 will celebrate World Mental Health Day.

Children will take part in mindfulness activities in the afternoon. We are asking for a 50p donation towards Young Minds. Please visit the link to see some of the wonderful support they offer

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

Children are welcome to wear yellow accessories with uniform if they have something such as: socks, t-shirt or hair accessories etc.



### **Parent Consultation Meetings.**

Parent consultation meetings will take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

Parent consultations provide you with an opportunity to speak to your child's teacher and discuss your child's progress and ways in which you can support their learning.

More information will follow next week from your child's class teacher for you to book a day and time.

### **Harvest Festival 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023.**

This year's Harvest Festival Service will take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. We welcome donations of tinned/long shelf-life products. All donations will be forwarded to Food Aware for our local foodbank. A fantastic charity, even more so with the current cost of living crisis. For more information on the amazing work they do, please visit

<https://foodawarecic.org.uk/>

The service will take place in school with Father Edward. Each year group will be filmed and uploaded to youtube so you can watch at home. A limited number of tickets will be available to attend the service. Further info to follow.

### **Nursery place Available**

We have unexpectedly had a nursery place become available with immediate start. If you require a place or know of anyone that may be interested, then please apply online <https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/nursery-admissions> and apply via the Sept 2023-July 2024 option.

### **Nursery Applications**

Was your child born between September 2020 and August 2021? You can apply for their school nursery place for September 2024 now. Apply online by 2nd October at: [www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/nursery-admissions](http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/nursery-admissions)

### **Secondary Applications for Y6 Parent/Carers**

The link is now available online for you to apply for a Secondary School place for Sept 2024. Please do not leave it too late. Apply now by visiting the link below.

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/.../secondary-year-of-entry>

Closing date for applications is 31 October 2023

National Offer Date is 1 March 2024 (via email)

### **Responsible Parking**

Can we please remind parents to respect our local residents and park responsibly when dropping off and collecting your children. Please do not block neighbours drive ways as they require access in and out which could be for an emergency. We appreciate your co-operation.

### **Your Place Drop in Sessions**

Thank to those that attended the first drop in session, we hope this was very beneficial to you. The next session to be confirmed.

### **Key Dates**



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## **October 23**

3 <sup>rd</sup> October 23	School Photo Day
9 <sup>th</sup> October 23	Sponsored read challenge commences
10 <sup>th</sup> October 23	World Mental Health Day
11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultations
18 <sup>th</sup> October 23	Harvest Festival
20 <sup>th</sup> October 23	Break up for half term
30 <sup>th</sup> October 23	Return to school

\*Term dates & inset dates available here: <https://www.mexboroughstjohn.co.uk/term-dates>

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