

# 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.*



20.10.23

## NEWSLETTER

We would like to thank all families for your cooperation and patience, due to the unprecedented circumstance today.

### Celebration Children

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

	F2: Albie	Y1: George	Y2: Lucas A
Well done to this week's Star Learners			
Y3: Jack B	Y4: Daniya	Y5: Jack M	Y6: Amelia Ha
	F2: Ida	Y1: Penelope	Y2: Dakota
Well done to this week's Star Values:			
Y3: Greg	Y4: Niamh	Y5: Bailey	Y6: Dylan

### Weekly Reading Winners

This week's young readers are...

<b>F2:</b> Imogen	<b>Y1:</b> Charlie	<b>Y2:</b> Cara	<b>Y3:</b> Grace	<b>Y4:</b> Elsie B	<b>Y5:</b> Scarlett	<b>Y6:</b> Jayden
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The children will choose a book from the vending machine when we return back to school 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	77.6%	Willow/Y3	93.1%
Acorn/FS2	87.3%	Maple/Y4	90.2%
Rowan/Y1	97.2%	Chestnut/Y5	89.6%
Cedar/Y2	95.4%	Oak/Y6	96%

Our school attendance target is 96%. **Well done to Y1 & 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)



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## **Sponsored Read**

Thank you and well done to everyone that has taken part in the sponsored read! We really appreciate our families getting on board to help raise funds for our school reading resources. We hope the children enjoyed it too. We will let you know our final amount raised after the holidays.



## **Harvest Festival**

Thank you to everyone who attended the Harvest festival service. Also, a big thank you for your generous food donations, these are greatly appreciated.

Food Aware our local foodbank came to collect your donations this morning.

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



## **FS2 + Y1 parent workshops**

Next half term, parents are invited to take part in a phonics and early reading workshop. Here you'll be able to see a phonics lesson in action as well as a reading practise session. This will help you to understand what phonics is and how we teach reading at MSJ. We have had lots of parents keen to understand phonics better so that they can help their child thrive more when practising at home, we really hope you can join us! The first FS2 session will be held 9:15 - 10:30 on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> November. For Y1, this will be at the same time on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November. Following the lessons will be opportunity for a drink and information session / Q+A with Miss Mapplebeck. Keep your eyes peeled for additional sessions throughout the year!

## **Autumn Picture Competition**

We had some amazing, fantastic and wonderful Autumn creations submitted to our competition this week! Our school council found it very difficult to choose the winners. Thank you to everyone that took part.



## **Parent Feedback**

You should have received a text with a link to a parent questionnaire to complete. We value all parent feedback and would be grateful if you would take the time to complete, please follow link if you haven't already completed

<https://forms.office.com/e/kUWfAVTGfU> Thank you.

## **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Thank you to Friends of School for hosting the coffee morning on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October. We raised over £60! Thank to everyone who attended and for the generous donations.

## Uniform

As the cold rainy weather is now upon us, please send children to school in **winter uniform**.

### **Autumn, Winter, Spring Uniform**

- Plain white school shirt (not white polo shirt)
- Grey V-necked sweatshirt or cardigan
- Grey trousers or skirt
- School tie (available from the office)
- White, grey or black socks
- Black shoes (if trainer style, no bright logos all black design)

Please visit <https://www.mexboroughstjohn.co.uk/uniform> to see full info on uniform requirements.

### Key Dates

#### **October 23**

Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 23	Break up for half term
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 23	Return to school
Tuesday 31 October 2023	Closing date for Secondary School applications

#### **November 23**

1 <sup>st</sup> November 23	Y6 Residential – Consent & Deposit due
2 <sup>nd</sup> November 23	Y2 Yorkshire Sculpture Park Visit
3 <sup>rd</sup> November 23	Y6 Yorkshire Air Museum Visit
6 <sup>th</sup> November 23	FS2 Phonics session - 9:15 - 10:30
7 <sup>th</sup> November 23	Y1 Phonics session - 9:15 - 10:30
15 <sup>th</sup> November 23	Y5 Residential – Consent & Deposit due

#### **January 2024**

15 January 2024	Close date for applications to F2/Reception in Sept 24.
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<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/.../schools/primary-admissions>

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

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