



# John Blow Primary School Newsletter

## End of Autumn Term 1

Many thanks for a wonderful first half term of the 2023-2024 academic year. Lots of exciting things have already taken place with more events in the calendar for the next half term and beyond (see our school website for an updated calendar).

I hope you all have an opportunity over the half term holiday to rest and recharge to come back in November ready and raring to go!

Mr Ben Carver

### Feedback from Pupil Update Evenings

What an amazing 97% turnout for our pupil update evenings over the final 2 weeks of this half term.

Unfortunately, responses to the surveys were not as well represented:

- ◇ Family Survey = 71 responses (41%)
- ◇ Home School Partnership Agreement (39%)
- ◇ Anti-Bullying Survey = 53 responses (31%)

After the half term holiday, a summary report from these will be shared with you all; this will identify our next steps in improving our learning journey at John Blow Primary School.

Your feedback is important to us; please ensure that you are raising any concerns initially with your child's class teacher or via the school office email address—[office@collingham.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@collingham.notts.sch.uk)

### FOJB School Disco!

I don't think that there is a better way to enjoy the end of our first half term than with a school disco! Thank you Friends of John Blow for your ongoing support and fundraising.

Following the AGM on Monday 16th October, the Friends committee will be sharing plans with you for the future - there are lots of exciting events planned! The committee play a key role in facilitating opportunities to enrich our curriculum; this benefits all of our learners and is appreciated by the staff in school!

### Y6 Twitter Takeover

Our Y6 pupils had a great week taking over Twitter—they really captured learning across the school well!



### **Time to reflect**

Taking stock of what we have achieved in the last calendar year, since September 2022, we have achieved the following ...

#### **Wrap around care provision**

- ◆ Breakfast Club = average of 47 children a week
- ◆ Afterschool Club = average of 82 places a week
- ◆ Holiday Club Provision (including HAF funded places for FSM children)
  - Easter 2023 = 5 days
  - Summer 2023 = 15 days
  - October 2023 = 5 days

#### **Update to School Website**

- ◇ <https://www.johnblowprimaryschool.co.uk/>

#### **Ofsted Graded Inspection—March 2023**

- \* Graded Good in all areas of the Ofsted Framework

#### **Staffing changes and restructure (budget saving)**

**A stronger partnership with Collingham Preschool to support the transition into school**

**Employment of school counsellor to support the mental wellbeing provision in school**

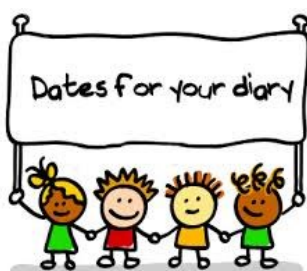
**Enrichment plan updated and implemented to enhance the curriculum (more information to follow)**

#### **Year 6 SATS results 2023**

- ⇒ Reading = 90% (73% National)
- ⇒ Writing = 93% (71% National)
- ⇒ Maths = 90% (73% National)
- ⇒ Reading, writing and maths combined = 87% (59% National)



**Don't forget to follow us on  
Twitter to celebrate and  
share what the children  
have been up to in school -  
JBPS\_Notts**



#### **Events for the future – more information will follow.**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November - Y1 and Y3 attending 776 Gymnastics (pm)  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November - Borre family photo day – 10am-1pm - £40 per family with all images shared electronically – booking via School Money  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Y6 Viking Day @ Perlesthorne  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-Bullying Week  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Reading Café + Y4 fundraising event – 8.30am  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Flu vaccines – am.  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Y3 Greek workshop  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Y3-Y6 performance at Inspire Christmas Concert @ Royal Concert Hall – tickets available for parents on the Royal Concert Hall website.  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS and KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal to school – 9am  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS and KS1 Nativity – 5pm  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS and KS1 Nativity – 9am  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December - FOJB Christmas Disco  
3.30pm – 4.30pm – EYFS and KS1  
4.45 – 5.45pm – KS2  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December  
Merit assembly – 9am  
FOJB Christmas Movie morning (4 films across the school)  
Class Christmas parties (pm)  
Break up for Christmas Holidays  
Young Voices – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Y3 – Y6 performing (part of the Choir learning provision) – please book parent tickets via the School Money Shop  
**KEY DATES AND EVENTS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE CALENDAR; IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

# SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023

[childrensbereavementcentre.co.uk/scarefest](http://childrensbereavementcentre.co.uk/scarefest)

CHILDREN'S  
WRISTBANDS  
(2-12 YRS) £10 PER  
CHILD\* ALLOWS  
ACCESS TO ACTIVITIES

## SCARE FEST

AT NEWARK CASTLE

\*ALLOWS ACCESS TO: TRICK OR TREAT TENT,  
CREEPY CARNIVAL GAMES,  
INFLATABLE HELTER SKELTER,  
INCLUDES A HALLOWEEN GOODIE BAG

SCAREFEST OPEN 10AM-4PM  
FREE ENTRY FOR ALL INTO THE CASTLE GROUNDS

- FANCY DRESS COMPETITION
- LIVE MUSIC & SCIENCE SHOW
- FACE PAINTING
- PICK YOUR OWN HARDY'S PUMPKIN (PUMPKINS CHARGED FOR)
- CAKE, FARM SHOP, SWEETS, BBQ, ICE CREAM & COFFEE STALLS

DON'T  
MISS

NEWARK  
DUCK RACE  
AT 1PM. GO TO  
[Bit.ly/NewarkDuckRace](https://bit.ly/NewarkDuckRace)  
to sponsor a duck

**HARDY'S**  
Farm Shop & Cafe

**Radio  
Newark**

Newark  
College

In aid of Children's Bereavement Centre.  
Registered charity number 1098935





After the success of last years' mascot event for the Newark and Sherwood United vs Nottingham Forest, the football club are hosting a Halloween event for their derby cup match vs Southwell City.

If you attend this match, please remember to share you photos with us!

Have a great time!

# HALLOWEEN SPECIAL



**TRICK OR TREAT?**

**THIS HALLOWEEN WE WELCOME YOU TO A SPOOKY SPECIAL DERBY AT STATION ROAD.**

**EVERY HALLOWEEN COSTUME AT THE GAME WILL BE GIVEN A TREAT WITH THE BEST DRESSED WINNING A SPECIAL PRIZE!**

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**NEWARK & SHERWOOD UNITED VS SOUTHWELL CITY**  
**TUESDAY 31ST OCTOBER**  
**STATION ROAD (COLLINGHAM FC)**  
**7:45PM KICK OFF**  
**ADULTS £6 CONCESSIONS £4 U18S £1**

