



John Blow Primary School Newsletter

“It’s the most wonderful time of the year!” - 1st December 2023

It’s been a great first term at John Blow Primary School with lots of exciting events taking place. Particular highlights for me were “No Pens Day” on Wednesday 29th November to raise awareness of the importance in communication and planting trees (23.11.23) in partnership with The Woodland Trust (see the pictures below).

As we enter the busy festive period, there are lots of activities planned—please check the dates overleaf for key events that are happening in school.

Before the end of term, we will be sending out mid-year updates to parents; these will identify next steps in supporting children’s learning following their end of term assessments.

I hope you all have a wonderful festive period and enjoy the celebrations!

Mr Ben Carver



Fundraising @ John Blow

Thank you to the Year 4 team for organising and hosting a fundraising event for Libya in conjunction with our Reading Café in November—they raised an amazing £169.50 which has been donated to DEC as part of their humanitarian aid programme.

We also raised a fantastic £139.70 for Children in Need this term.

Fundraising is a great way of delivering our Curriculum Drivers of Collaboration, Empathy and Purpose along with our school values.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



Mrs Skaith’s retirement

Mrs Skaith is retiring from John Blow Primary School at Christmas after 28 years of service - we are creating a memories book for her; if you or any family member has a memory you wish to share, please collect a card from the school office and return it at your earliest convenience so that we can add it to the book.

Thank a member of the John Blow Team

Printed praise cards (which can either be collected from the office or from a folder attached to the outdoor noticeboard) are available for you to complete and hand it into school office before the end of term. Completed cards will be passed onto the relevant member of staff - these can be for any member of the John Blow Team and will play a key role in raising morale and putting a smile on people's faces.

Governors feedback from drop in week

Governors play a key role in supporting the implementation of the school improvement plan; they are always welcome in school and we hold an annual drop in week for them to gain an understanding of a day at John Blow Primary School. Below is a summary of some of the comments shared by governors from our most recent drop in week...

"Thank you to all the staff for their warm welcome and to the teachers for taking the time to explain the learning in the classrooms."

"The children made me feel very welcome and were all happy to chat."

"The year 4 group were enjoying the toot session and were learning to read music."

"KS2 playtime was a pleasant experience."

"Pupils were attentive and listened well."

"Children were happy to volunteer answers and read out loud."

"Children had their learning adapted to suit their needs."

"The children responded to questioning with enthusiasm and pride."

"The children I spoke to could articulate ways to keep themselves safe."

"The children spoke about the learning walls and how they supported their learning."

"It was a pleasure and also a privilege to see all of the children and in their learning environment. It's something that I suspect is easy to take for granted but is nevertheless pretty special."



Don't forget to follow us on X to celebrate and share what the children have been up to in school - JBPS_Notts

Our Twitter account is now private so if you are no longer seeing our posts, you will need to request access!

Monday 4th December – Y3-Y6 performance at Inspire Christmas Concert @ Royal Concert Hall – tickets available for parents on the Royal Concert Hall website – letter to be sent out w/c 20.11.23

Monday 11th December – EYFS and KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal to school – 9am

Tuesday 12th December

Year 6 Knife Crime session with Newark Police—9.15am

EYFS and KS1 Nativity – 5pm (children back in school for 4.45pm)

Wednesday 13th December – EYFS and KS1 Nativity – 9am

Thursday 14th December - FOJB Christmas Disco – Payment available on School Money – Non-school uniform day

3.30pm – 4.30pm – EYFS and KS1

4.45 – 5.45pm – KS2

Monday 18th December – 6pm – 8pm – Choir Club performing alongside Our Dementia Choir at Newark YMCA

Tuesday 19th December – Whole School Visit to Newark Pantomime – departing school at 12.45pm and departing Newark Palace Theatre at 3.45pm

Wednesday 20th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Dinner Day

Christmas Music Concert 2pm (invites only)

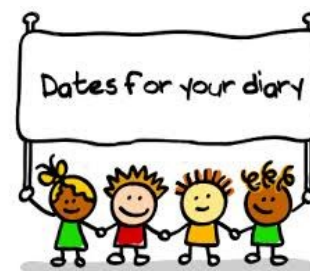
Thursday 21st December

Bubl  and Bacons Baps – FOJB – 8.15am-9.15am (in school hall)

FOJB Christmas Movie morning (am)

Class Christmas parties (pm)

Break up for Christmas Holidays





Collingham Library

Christmas Colouring Competition!

At Collingham Library we are extremely excited to be holding our first ever Christmas Colouring Competition! The competition is open to children of all ages, and there will be a prize for the winner.

Just drop into the Library at 71 High Street to pick up your free Christmas Colouring Competition sheet.

We are then asking for all entries to be handed back into Collingham Library by Saturday 6th January.

Best of luck! We can't wait to see all of your entries.

