ST JOHN THE BAPTIST NEWSLETTER

Headteacher's Note

Wednesday 5th March 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

Pilgrims of Hope

On the 24th December 2024 Pope Francis opened the Holy Door to launch a Jubilee Year entitled Pilgrims of Hope.

Our year 5 children focused on this in their class assembly on 31st January 2025. At the same time as the assembly, Mrs McKeating was at the Catholic Headteacher's conference with Bishop John Arnold. Each school was presented with a symbolic anchor to mark the launch of the special Jubilee Year.

Three large brass anchors will also journey through the Diocesan schools. Each school will keep the anchor for one day before presenting it to the next school. Our anchor that has been presented at the Headteacher's conference was specially blessed by Bishop John and is on display in our front entrance.



During this special Jubilee Year we pray that we can all become beacons of hope and work together to create justice, peace and love in our world.

Church Refurbishments

From 4th March, refurbishment work from the fire damage began on the church. The school hall will be utilised by the Parish for Weekend Masses.



Sacramental Programme Update



We now have 25 children enrolled on to our Sacramental Programme and they will begin work with Catechists Mrs Bracken and Mrs Schofield in school next week. Please remember to keep our Sacramental children in your prayers.

Season of Lent



Ash Wednesday Mass took place this morning in our school hall. This marks the beginning of our Lenten Journey in school.

This year we want to support Cafod in the Lenten Walk campaign. We will therefore be doing a sponsored walk to raise money for Cafod. This ties in beautifully with the theme of the Jubilee Year.

The sponsored walk will take place over the full week beginning 24th March and will be done within the school compound.

We value the thoughts and wishes of our pupils and have always encouraged children to select charities that they wish to support during lent. So, we have decided to continue to do this to empower our children. Therefore each class will choose a charity that they want to support and the money raised will be divided equally.

I appreciate that this will dilute the support to Cafod but it will enable us to actively support many charities close to the hearts of our children and families.



Boiler Replacement Diocesan Funded Project

I am delighted to share that our new EYFS boiler has been installed and is working! The compound and scaffolding has also been removed, making the environment much more pleasant. I don't think anyone will miss the noise from the generator—I certainly wont!

Padiham's Got Talent



Congratulations to Zac, Brooklyn and Ava for representing our school at the Town Hall for the first Padiham's Got Talent event. Their talents were enjoyed by all and we were incredibly proud of them. A special mention to Zac who was crowned the overall winner! We are so proud of you. Zac also won £50 for the school.

Parents' Evening



Parents' Evening will be next Wednesday 3.45pm—5.15pm and Thursday 4.30pm—6.30pm. Invitations will be sent to the first contact on your child's records on Wednesday 5th March at 4pm. We only have enough slots for one appointment per child and therefore cannot offer additional appointments.

Unfortunately as Mrs Clough is off sick at the moment, year 1's Parents' Evening will be postponed to a later date. We are sending get well soon wishes to Mrs Clough.