ST JOHN THE BAPTIST NEWSLETTER

Headteacher's Note

Thursday 5th December 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas has come early to St John's this year. The teachers have stepped into a new technology era with the delivery of 8 new Promethean panels to replace their old TV's.

We are so incredibly grateful to Mrs Bolton who persuaded her employers at Promethean World to donate these to school. What a wonderful, generous gift. We are feeling so blessed.

Over the past week we have been busy installing the new TV's and recycling our old ones in to support rooms around school to enhance our teaching spaces.

Thank you Mrs Bolton and all at Promethean World.



Advent

We have now entered into the Liturgical season of Advent and the excitement in school is rising. We look forward to celebrating the gifts and talents of our pupils.

A special thank you to Mrs Brelsford who has once again prepared the most beautiful advent wreath for us to use in our celebrations of the word.



Staffing Update

I am pleased to announce that a new school cook has been appointed. We look forward to welcoming Ms Katrina Cooper in the new term.



Autumn Music Concert



On Wednesday 27th November, the children put on a wonderful concert. I was amazed by their confidence as they sang, played the recorders, violins and guitars with such skill.

Well done to all of our performers and staff who worked hard to put together such a wonderful concert.







Year 1 Class Assembly

Thank you and congratulations to our year 1 pupils who put on a wonderful class assembly on Friday 15th November. During the assembly they looked back on what they have achieved since they started in Y1. They recited/ sang/ whispered poetry that they love and they remembered the fallen soldiers as they stood for the last post. They also had everyone up dancing The Birdie song. As all of this happened, they built our altar for our Celebration of the Word explaining what was on it and why. They then finished with some prayers and sent everyone away with a smile to spread around the world. Well done year 1!

Costume reminder

Please can all costumes for the Yr1-Yr6 Christmas play be brought in by Monday 9th December. Thank you



New tablets



This week we have purchased sets of brand new IT tablets and the essential protective cases, for our Reception and Nursery classes. This has been funded in part by your kind sponsorship money for the October Danceathon and from school curriculum budgets. We certainly could not have bought so many at once without your help so a big thank you once again. The children will be so excited to use them in the new year!

Polite reminder regarding boots

We have noticed many children arriving in boots and other types of shoes recently. Please could we refer parents to the rules re school shoes: The children must wear a sturdy, black leather type shoe. Trainers, slip on shoes, wedges, heels, boots, canvas and suede shoes are not permitted. We request that children only wear shoes with laces when they can they are able to tie their own laces. Velcro is more appropriate for our younger children. The children must always have a pair of indoor pumps in school and if their school shoes do not comply with our school rules, they will be asked to wear their pumps around school. Alternative footwear may be worn in extreme bad weather to travel to school, but they must change into their school shoes upon arrival. Please do not purchase slip on shoes as school shoes. For further information, please see the pictures on the school website -

https://www.st-john.lancs.sch.uk/school-prospectus-1/

Chocolate raffle tickets



Raffle tickets for the chocolate raffle are still on sale for 50p per strip. Please send money in an envelope with your child's name and class on the front to be passed to your child's teacher.

Thank you!



Thank you for all the contributions of chocolate, biscuits and mince pies that have been sent in. These will support with refreshments, hampers, raffles and Christmas parties.

We would also be grateful of any donations of bottles, goodies or toiletries that can be used for Christmas hamper prizes from families or local businesses. Thank you!

Please keep your posters of our festive dates to hand as school is very busy over the next few weeks and all information is clearly detailed on here.

CHRISTMAS FUN 2024 AT ST JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL

FESTIVE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 2nd December – NON UNIFORM DAY (PLEASE SEE DETAILS BELOW FOR DONATIONS TO BRING)

Monday 2nd December:

- Tickets go on sale for The Christmas Children's Chocolate Raffle 50p each. Money in named envelopes please given to class teacher for Faith Friends Team to organise.
- Tickets for Y1-Y6 Christmas Play sent home today (check bags)
- Final Forest school AM Y6 / PM RECEPTION
- After school Dance Club



Tuesday 3rd December— After school Choir Club
Wednesday 4th December - After school Acting Club

Monday 9th December:

- EYFS Dress Rehearsal AM — Y1-6 to watch
- KS 1& 2 costumes in today please
- After school Dance Club

Tuesday 10th December— After school Choir Club



Wednesday 11th December—Nursery and Reception
Nativity Play in the Hall at 9.30am
Please pay on the door (no tickets) £3 per Adult
All Family Members Welcome
Refreshments and Raffle before the performance

Wednesday 11th December

- Dress rehearsal for Years 1-6—make sure you have your costume (EYFS to watch)
- After School Acting Club TBC

THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER— 1.30PM AND 7PM
KS 1& 2 CHRISTMAS PLAY FOR ALL CHILDREN IN Y1 - Y6
ADMISSION BY TICKET ONLY
(ALL CHILDREN NEED TO COME BACK AT NIGHT PLEASE AT 6.30PM)

Monday 16th December

- Black Hat Raffle Drawn in 9.15 assembly.
- **PM - Key Stage 1 (Y1&2) Christmas Party** in the Hall —bring party clothes in a bag to change into

Tuesday 17th December

- **AM Nursery & Reception Christmas Party**—arrive in party clothes (suitable for all day & outdoors please)
- **PM—Key stage 2 (Y3-6) Christmas Party**—bring party clothes in a bag to change into after lunch

Wednesday 18th December

- Christmas Jumper day & Christmas lunch (please order). Nursery to bring packed lunches as normal.
- Children's Christmas Chocolate Raffle drawn at 9.15am

Thursday 19th December - Advent Mass in church at 9.15am.
Please join us at Mass and in the hall afterwards for coffee and mince pies served by the Faith Friends.

Friday 20th December
The Christmas Story retold in the hall – everyone welcome to join us at 2.30 pm before we break up at 3.15pm.

CAN YOU HELP US?

On the Non Uniform Day on MONDAY 2nd December please could you send in one of the donations below:



For the Chocolate Raffle we ask that Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2 bring donations of

- Chocolate bars
- Selection boxes
- Christmas sweets

For the Christmas Plays we ask that Years 3 & 4 bring donations of Mince Pies and Years 5 & 6 bring packets of biscuits

We are really appreciative of your contributions and help. It really does make a difference to our school funds and celebrations. We would also welcome any donations of bottles, goodies or toiletries for the Christmas Hamper Prizes from families or local businesses.

School breaks up for Christmas at 3.15pm on Friday 20th December. We re-open on Monday 6th January.