ST JOHN THE BAPTIST NEWSLETTER

Headteacher's Note

Thursday 7th November 2024

Welcome

Dear Parents/Carers,



Themed Week

Wow, we ended our half term in style with a fun packed themed week. The children thoroughly enjoyed journeying through the decades and finding out how pastimes, food, fashion, art, technology and dance has changed over the decades. Their reactions to music and fashion changes were particularly amusing. Well done to all the parents for their support, wonderful ideas and creativity with the dressing up outfits. The children looked absolutely fabulous. At St John's everyone seems to love a chance to dress up.

Danceathon



The children danced their way through themed week. They danced in assembly, in class, on the playground, in the hall and even in hymns. As a school we certainly exceeded our activity goal that week. Not only have the children put an amazing effort into their dance steps but also into their fundraising too. We are incredibly grateful for the sponsorship money we have received so far. We are nearly up to £1000! Thank you so very much. Our current technology equipment is aging and becoming outdated rapidly and this money will go towards improving our resources.

During lockdown we were very lucky to receive 45 laptops from a company updating their equipment and along with another donation from a local company we were well equipped. However technology develops quickly. If you know of any companies who are in the process of updating their computers or laptops and may be willing to donate old stock to us, or even donate a new machine, please get in touch.

FOOD FOR LIFE

Our school has been granted bronze status for the wonderful work we have been doing to develop a healthy food culture, our growing ventures and work on changing our environment. We look forward to receiving the award on the 18th November from the mayor, who is coming to present it to us. Well done to everyone involved. This is a great achievement.

STAFFING UPDATE

Congratulations to Mrs Sethi and family on the safe arrival of baby Jacob, born on 26th October weighing in at 6lb 12oz. We can't wait to meet him!





On Friday we said a sad farewell to Mrs Barker in the kitchen. We will miss her greatly but wish her all the best in her new adventures. Her post is being readvertised so if anyone is interested please apply on the Lancashire County Council website.

SENCO

Sadly Miss Armstrong is off school at the moment nursing a broken ankle. If you have any concerns regarding Special Educational Needs in her absence, please contact Mrs McKeating directly. Year 5 will continue to be supported by Mrs Miskell and Mrs Townley, as well as Mrs Peachy who has been working with us a number of weeks this term.





Woodland Trust

We are now in receipt of some trees and hedging courtesy of the Woodland Trust. In the next few weeks these will be planted around school to improve shelter/shading on the playground.

Gardening Award



Our Flowerpot Gang have been working hard and starting to utilise our new composting area and poly tunnel. In recognition of their hard work they have just been awarded level 5 from the Royal Horticultural Society, along with a £50 voucher for gardening supplies and lots of seeds to support their growing. Well done everyone!

Remember in November

As we approach the end of the Liturgical year, we uphold the Catholic tradition of remembering members of our family and community who have passed away during the month of November.

The children are invited to complete a prayer intention card for Monday or Wednesday whole school assembly or to complete a prayer on a poppy.



A poppy template will be sent home this week for you to write on anyone you wish to remember this November. Children can lightly shade in or outline their poppy in red or purple.

PTFA MEETING

The PTFA will be holding a welcome meeting at school on Tuesday 19th November 5.30pm –6pm for anyone interested in joining.