ST JOHN THE BAPTIST NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 1st October 2024

Headteacher's Note

Welcome

Dear Parents/Carers,



A New School Year

It has been so lovely to see the children settle beautifully into their new classes. We have now welcomed our new Nursery and Reception children, selected our School Councillors, distributed new pupil responsibilities, paired our Seeds and Gardeners and had the new term blessed during Holy Mass on the 20th September. So, our new academic year is in full swing.

We are looking forward to presenting our new Seeds and Gardeners in our special liturgy on Friday 4th October at 9.15am—all are welcome.



Parish Celebrations

St John's belongs to a wider parish that has 3 churches and 3 Catholic Primary Schools. We belong to the Parish of St John Paul II. As it is the feast of our Patron Saint on 22nd October, Fr Joseph has organised a special celebration to celebrate the feast on Friday 25th October. This will be held at St Philip's Church Hall at 7pm.

Earrings



Recently we have had to send lots of personal messages to parents about earrings. Our coaches who deliver our PE sessions and swimming teachers will not allow earrings to be worn for safety reasons. Please can you ensure that these are removed before school.



Mrs Sethi is now fast approaching her due date and will commence her maternity leave next Monday. Her last day in school will be on Friday 4th October. We wish Mrs Sethi all the best for the weeks ahead and look forward to hearing news of a safe delivery. Good luck Mrs Sethi!

Miss Hannah Bardsley will be covering her maternity leave. The children were taught by her last Friday morning and will be seeing her this week as she plans to take over the class on Monday 7th October.

School Choir

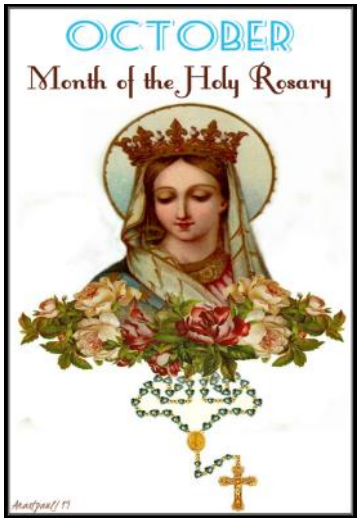


The school choir will continue as planned on Tuesday after school and Miss Bardsley will now lead this.

Safeguarding Concern

At the moment the school office is inundated with last minute phone calls regarding arrangements for pick up at the end of the day. Many of these in the main are for older children and are last minute. There is a risk that these messages may not get to the staff on time and times when the children are not actually in the classroom, notes have to be left and these may not be seen. Please can you try and finalise pick up arrangements with your child prior to dropping the children off in the morning to assist with this concern and lesson disruption to lessons with continual messages. Thank you.

Rosary Club



As October and May are named as 'Marian Months' we honour Our Lady by saying the Rosary. Mrs McKeating will lead the Rosary in the chapel each Friday at 12.15pm for any child who wants to attend. For the KS1 and year 3 pupils they would need to swap their eating time in the hall to second sitting. This would need to be arranged with their class teacher.

Polytunnel

Most classes have now visited our polytunnel and we look forward to seeing the fruits of the children's labours.







Transition



All year 6 parents will be busy looking and reviewing secondary schools and preparing their applications for next year. The deadline is **31st October 2024** and for faith schools, parents must complete an online Lancashire County Council application **and** an additional faith application directly to the school.

https://schooladmissions.lancashire.gov.uk/prefs.php