ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RCP SCHOOL

Headteacher's Note

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 24th November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,



Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to all our families who have donated items or shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. These have now been collected and will soon be distributed to children in need.



Autumn Music Concert

On Wednesday we celebrated St Cecilia's Day (patron saint of music) with our Autumn music concert. Children from Year 2 up to Year 6 entertained us with a range of music styles playing recorders, guitars or glockenspiels, and some amazing singing from our choir - well done to all our performers!

Good luck and thank you Fr Allan

This morning we said our farewell to Fr Allan. The whole school hid at the foot of the Church steps to surprise him, present him with some gifts and wish him all the best for his move. Each class prepared a special card for him and he was presented with large luxury hampers from the Staff, Governors and Pupils.

He was delighted with his surprise and is looking forward to enjoying the treats as he tackles his unpacking in Todmorden. Fr Allan was thanked for all he has done for our school over his 13 years as our Parish priest and we reflected on the fact that Fr Allan had baptised around 80% of the children of the 225 pupils stood in front of him this morning.

Fr Allan gave all the children one final special blessing before returning to the Presbytery to finish his packing. He leaves this afternoon and our two new priests Fr Joseph and Fr Samson will be moving in. We hope that all three of them settle quickly into their new parish homes and we will keep them all in our prayers during this transition period.







VIPS THIS WEEK

Year R Thomas Pate

Year 1 Millie Mansell

Year 2 Benedict Dalton

Year 3 Fox Bennett

Year 4 Heidi Mansell

Year 5 Elliot O'Leary

Year 6 Shay Greenwood

Writer of the Week

Year R Kayla Carden

Year 1 Jack Mensforth

Year 2 Ollie Smedley

Year 3 Toby Rushton

Year 4 Oliver Williams

Year 5 Emily Baines

Year 6 Hannah Ramshead

DIARY DATES - AUTUMN TERM

Monday 27th November	**Year 4 Forest School am, Reception pm**
Friday 1st December	**Year 5 Forest School catch up session am**
Friday 1st December	**Non-uniform—Nursery and Reception to bring chocolate for raffle, Yr3 and yr4 to bring mince pies for xmas plays, yr 5 and yr6 to bring biscuits for xmas plays.**
Monday 4th December	**Year 4 Forest school am, Reception pm**
Wednesday 6th December	**Open session for Reception intake Sept 24—2.30pm**
Wednesday 13th December	**EYFS Play 9.15am (Nursery and Reception)**
Thursday 14th December	**KS1 and KS2 play (Yr1—Yr6)**
Monday 18th December	**KS1 Christmas party (pm)**
Tuesday 19th December	**EYFS Christmas party (AM), KS2 Christmas party (pm)**
Wednesday 20th December	**Christmas lunch (Christmas lunch menu—Book now on Parent Pay). Children can come in their Christmas Jumpers.**
Friday 22nd December	**Close for Christmas Break**

MASS TIMES—25th and 26th November

St Mary Magdalene's - Saturday Vigil Mass - 5.30 pm

St Augustine's - Sunday at 9.30 a

St John's - Sunday at 11.00 am





CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Play

This will be on Wednesday 13th December at 9.15am—no tickets are required (no restriction on guests) £3 entry pay on the door.

KS1 & 2 (Yr's 1-6) Play

The KS1 and KS2 Christmas Play will be on Thursday 14th December.

We are doing 2 performances; one in the afternoon at 1.30pm and one in the evening at 7pm. Entrance is through the hall doors and doors open half an hour before each performance.

Ticket allocation for Y1-Y6

On Monday 4th December, the eldest child in each family will bring home; 1 ticket for the afternoon performance and 1 ticket for the evening performance.

The price of each ticket is £3.00. Please bring your allocated ticket to the performance and pay on the door. No other tickets will be on sale and we will not be reselling unwanted tickets. If you have a child in Year 5 or 6, they will receive 2 tickets for the afternoon and 2 tickets for the evening.



There will be refreshments and a raffle at each Christmas performance.

Burnley Express

Going green earns pupils at Padiham's St John the Baptist RC Primary School a Green Flag award from Eco Schools programme



Well done to our previous Eco team, Mrs Jones and Miss Armstrong for all their hard work in getting this award. To read the full story, please see the following link—

https://www.burnleyexpress.net/education/going-green-earns-pupils-at-padihams-st-john-the-baptist-rc-primary-school-a-green-flag-award-from-eco-schools-programme-4408819?fbclid=Iw

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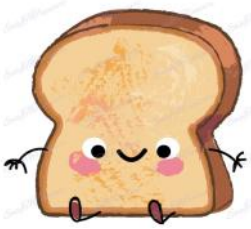
Want to be in with a chance of winning a 'Best of the Community Grocery' hamper worth £50 and help us improve the Community Grocery? Head to communitygrocery.org.uk/let-us-know to fill in the short, 3-minute survey, and by filling it in, you'll be entered into our free prize draw.

Closing date is 30/11/23 so make sure to be quick, as you dont want to miss out!



TOAST

Toast for the Spring term (8th January—28th March 2024) is now available to order on Parent Pay. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals (not including the EYFS/KS1 universal free meals), they will automatically receive toast. Thank you.



PARKING



We have been made aware of some dangerous parking taking place near school, including the near miss of a child. Please can we politely remind you that mounting the curb is dangerous for pedestrians and also restricts access for wheel chair users. Please park considerately when dropping off or picking up from school.

SPORTS EVENTS THIS WEEK



Glow in the dark Dodgeball



Year 3/4 Multi-skills





Boys LSFA Football

Well done to the boys who won the tournament yesterday and have reached the LSFA finals! They will now represent the borough in the County finals in January.

A big Thank you to all the children who helped out at Gift Sale Day. You were brilliant and helped to make £1309 for St John Paul II Parish.

Gift Sale Day Winners

Name the Teddy - Fudge (claimed)
Santa's Present - G4 (claimed)
Sweets in Jar - 94 (claimed)
Money in Jar - £5.45 (joint winners, claimed)

Raffle - Blue Tickets nos. 624, 154, 513, 576, 603, 547, 244, 561, 625, 596, 230, 35, 51, 552, 81, 192 and 41 have all been claimed.
No. 163 not claimed

Piety Stall Raffle - Red tickets
291 - Joan L
243 - Nancy
378 - Elle
432 - no name
376 - Danielle
402 - Natalie
295 - Joan L

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2024

If your child is due to start Primary School or Secondary School in September 2024, you can now apply online at the following link—

https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/

For faith schools you will also need to fill in a supplementary faith form. These can be obtained from the school and must be returned to them.

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATION DEADLINE—15th JANUARY 2024

SECONDAY SCHOOL APPLICATION DEADLINE—31st OCTOBER 2023

ST JOHN'S OPEN DAYS

If you would like to come and have a look around our school, we still have some open sessions remaining;

Wednesday 6th December at 2.30pm

Wednesday 10th January at 2.30pm

Booking is not required.



LANCASHIRE VOLUNTEER PARTNERSHIP

ARCHIVES COLLECTION VOLUNTEERS

KEEPING EAST LANCASHIRE IN THE PICTURE

Volunteer sessions are held at various times and locations:

Accrington Library:
- Monday & Tuesday
9.30am-12.30pm / 1pm-4pm

Burnley Library:
- Thursday & Friday
9.30am-12.30pm / 1pm-4pm

Colne Library:
- Tuesday & Friday
9.30am-12.30pm / 1pm-4pm

Nelson Library:
- Monday
9.30am-12.30pm / 1pm-4pm

Wednesday
1pm-4pm / 4pm-7pm

Can you help keep East Lancashire in the Picture?

Would you like to learn new skills and find out about your local heritage?

Keeping East Lancashire in the Picture is a new two-year Lancashire Archives and Local History project that will make the wonderful collections of historic photographs in East Lancashire Libraries more accessible.

We need volunteers to digitise old photographs so that people can enjoy them online, and at exhibitions and events. We also need help researching the images. Could you help identify people, places, and events?

If you are interested in this opportunity, contact us for an informal chat at archives@lancashire.gov.uk or on 01772 533039

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