ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RCP SCHOOL

Headteacher's Note

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 3rd November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,



It is with sadness that I share that Fr Allan will be moving onto a new Parish by the end of the month. He will be moving to St Josephs in Todmorden.

Fr Allan moved to our Parish in 2010 and we has overseen many changes to our Church community throughout this time as well as supporting our three Catholic schools within the parish. We thank him for all he has done during his time of service here and wish him every blessing and good luck for his new post.

I am sure there will be a celebratory/farewell Mass in the pipeline and when I have details of this I will let you know.

Fr Allan will be replaced by two priests, Fr Joseph Ojelabi and Fr Samson Ojekunie and they belong to the religious Order OMD. We very much look forwards to welcoming them into school and the parish.



Staffing Update

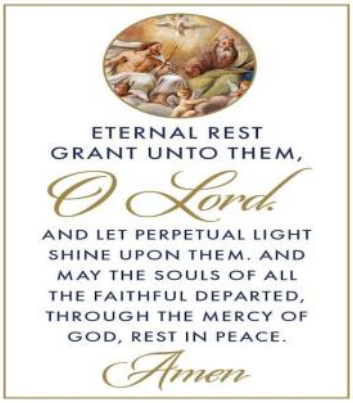
I would like to officially congratulate Miss Sally Armstrong who has now been appointed as our School SENCO. Miss Armstrong has had extensive experience in working with children with additional needs prior to starting working as a teacher with us here at St John's in 2020 and I am sure she will be a great asset and bring her energy, experience and commitment to this role.

In the meantime Mrs Farrington will remain our Associate SENCO and will continue to support Miss Armstrong as she takes over the role. Mrs Farrington will then slowly phase her support out in the Spring term. We are extremely grateful to Mrs Farrington for her expertise and support that she has provided our school with for the past 6 years.

Please Pray For

Please remember Mr Alex Glasgow and his family in your prayers. Mr Glasgow was our site supervisor here for many years. He sadly passed away yesterday following a short illness.

Please also pray for Mrs Teresa Wood who has also recently passed away. Teresa has long standing associations with our school and supported many of our pupils through the Sacramental Programme. May they both rest in peace.



VIPS THIS WEEK

Year R Arianna Wilson

Year 1 Alfie Redfearn

Year 2 Lily-Mae Stirzaker

Year 3 Robyn Southall

Year 4 Marko Reeves

Year 5 Emily Baines

Year 6 Joseph Franklin

Writer of the Week

Year R Francesca Beresford

Year 1 Alara Mortimer-McGuire

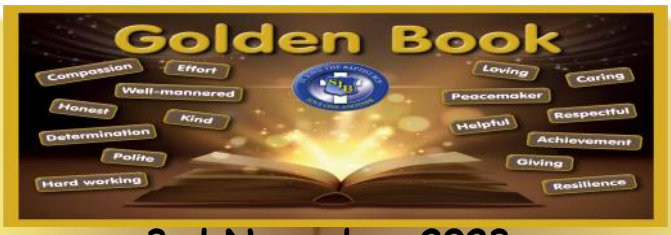
Year 2 Ella Wilson

Year 3 Iris Beck

Year 4 Lochlann Lamb

Year 5 Oliver Potrykus

Year 6 Rafael Pinto



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Year 6 Alfie Brelsford, Ayda-Rose Naylor, Lacey McNamara

Year 5 Poppy Leaver, James Devlin, Sonny Merchant

Year 4 Zac Benson, Jake Woodcock, Ocean Sinclair

Year 3 Arianna Duffy, Elsie McEvoy, Max Rushton

Year 2 Layla Macdonald, Eden Cameron, Arlenn Lamb

Year 1 Evelyn Bailey, Jaxon-Paul Lomax-Curry, Lily-Ray Philips

Year R Charlotte Duncan, Ella Whitaker, Ivy-Rose Pomfret

DIARY DATES - AUTUMN TERM

Monday 6th November	**Nursery Forest School am, Year 6 pm**
Tuesday 7th November	**Year 5 and Nursery Parents Evening Only**
Wednesday 8th November	**Parents Evening—Reception, yr1, yr2, yr3, yr4, yr6**
Thursday 9th November	**Whole school Parents Evening**
Monday 13th November	**Odd socks day—wear odd socks to school! No donation required.**
Monday 13th November—Friday 17th November	**National Collection week for Operation Christmas child—please drop your boxes at school during this week.**
Monday 13th November	**Nursery Forest school am, Year 6 pm**
Thursday 16th November	**Come in PJ's for Children in Need— £1 donation**
Friday 17th November	**Individual class photographs**
Friday 17th November	**Year 2 Class Assembly at 2.30pm (parents welcome)**
Monday 20th November	**Nasal flu immunisations**
Monday 20th November	**Year 4 Forest School, Reception pm**
Wednesday 22nd November	**Autumn Music concert pm (time tbc) (parents welcome)**
Friday 24th November	**Year 2 Forest School catch up session am**
Monday 27th November	**Year 4 Forest School am, Reception pm**
Friday 1st December	**Year 5 Forest School catch up session am**
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)**
Friday 22nd December	**Close for Christmas Break**

MASS TIMES—4th and 5th November

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

St Augustine's - Sunday at 9.30 am

St John's - Sunday at 11.00 am





CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION



We have been invited once again to enter Antony Higginbotham MP's Christmas Card competition. The winner will receive a special prize from Antony and their design will be printed and sent out by him this Christmas, with their name and school printed on. The cards will be sent far and wide, including to the Prime Minister and HM the King. There will also be a number of runner up prizes.

To take part, please complete the blank template sheet sent home with your child today and return back to school by **Friday 17th November.**

For more information, please visit https://www.antonyhig.co.uk/antonys-christmas-card-competition

Flu nasal immunisations

The school nursing team will be visiting school on Monday 20th November to administer the flu nasal immunisations. To give consent or opt out, please visit https://nhsImms.azurewebsites.net/session/353d2615. Please note that nursery children have had paper forms sent home previously—the link will not work for nursery age children. If you need a spare form, please ask the office.

PARENTS' EVENING

Parents' evening will be held next week on Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th. Please see the diary dates on the previous page for a list of which classes are on which day.

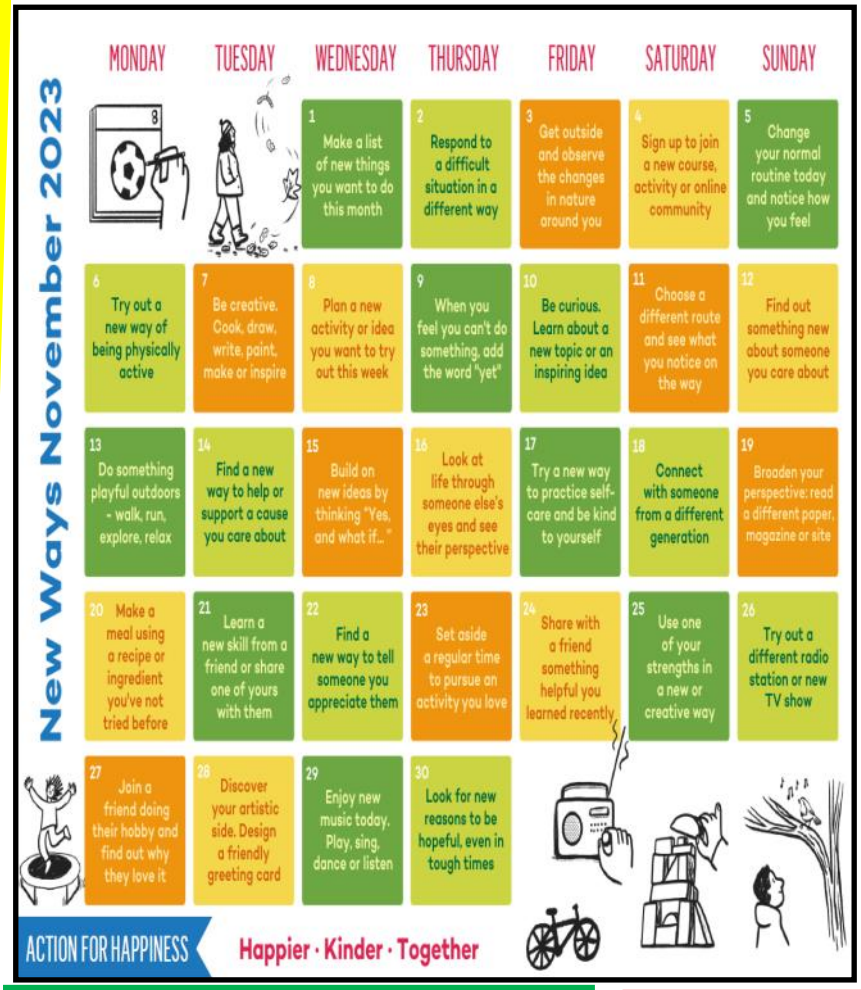
A text message has been sent to the first contact on your child's records with a link to book a slot. If you are having problems booking on, or have not received the text link, please contact the office who will be happy to help you. Can we please remind parents that appointments will be **face to face only,** not by telephone or online. Thank you.

SHOEBOX APPEAL

We are once again collecting shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. These then get sent to children in need all over the world. For more information please visit https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/

If you would like to take part, please return your shoebox to school during the week beginning Monday 13th November. Each class are also making a shoebox so we are also accepting lose items to help with this. Thank you.





SPOOKY DISCO

We would like to say a huge thank you to our PTFA who held the spooky disco last night. The children all had a wonderful time and we got to see some amazing spooky costumes and some fabulous dance moves! Thank you also to our kitchen staff who provided delicious potato pie and peas.



BBC CHILDREN IN NEED



On Thursday 16th November, children are invited to come to school in pyjamas for a £1 donation to help raise money for Children in Need.

Behaviour Award Winners for Autumn 1

Well done to our Behaviour Award winners for Autumn term 1 who have won the award for being a good friend.



Poppies

Poppy merchandise will be sold in school all next week. All proceeds will go to the Royal British Legion.



School Photographs

On Friday 17th November, we will be joined by the school photographer who will take individual and sibling photos. Please ensure your child comes in full uniform on this day.



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

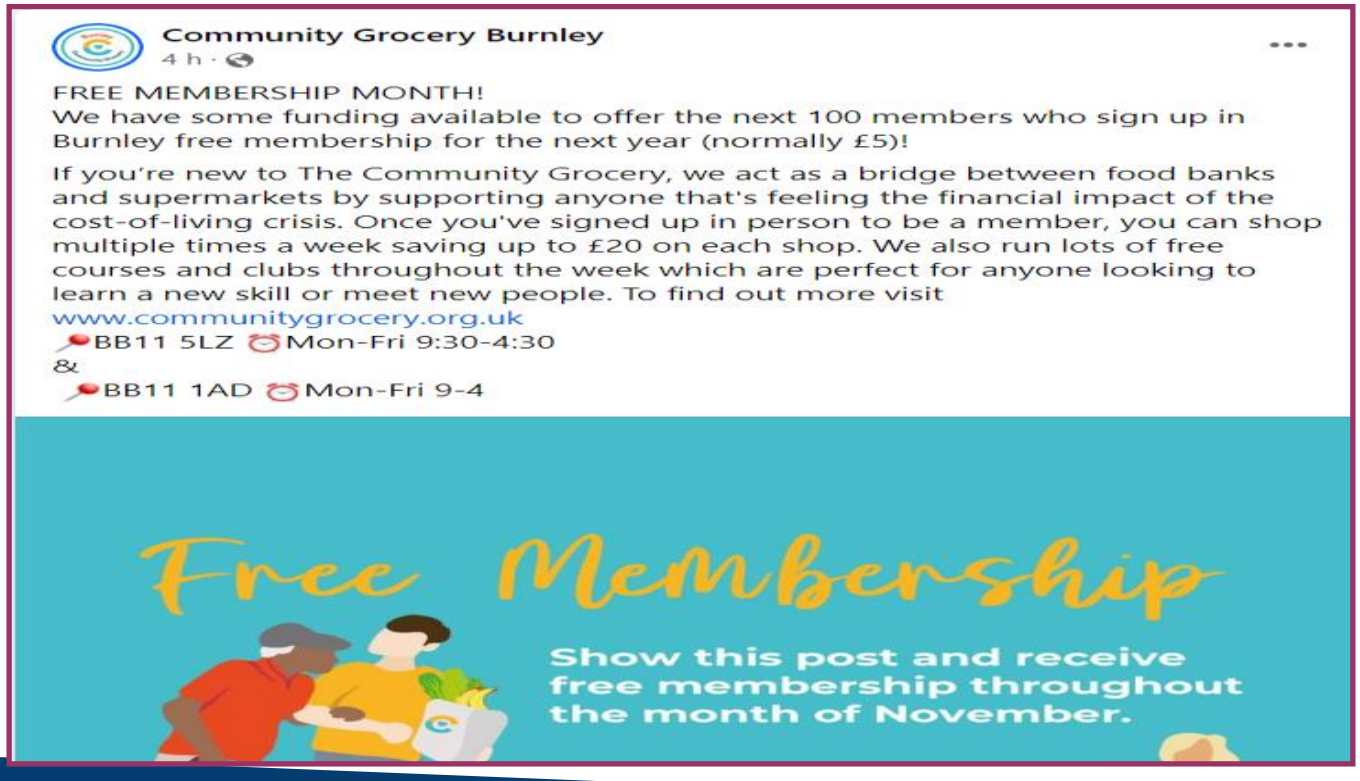
Wednesday 10th January at 2.30pm

Booking is not required.



Toy donations

If anyone has any good second hand toys for the 'New to You' stall for the above Gift Sale that they would like to donate, please drop these off at the school office. Thank you.



Lancashire Adult Learning

Learn to Make:
Healthy Meals in a Microwave

2 Week course:
Thursday 16th & 23rd November
10:00 am- 12:30pm
Tay Street Family Hub, Burnley, BB11 4BU

You may be surprised how quick it can be to prepare healthy homecooked food at home. On this course you will learn how to prepare tasty and healthy meals from scratch using fresh ingredients. You will also discover shortcuts that will save you time and money. *Please bring tupperware to take some cooked food home in.

To register your interest contact Alison on 07742763433 or email alison.harris@lancashire.gov.uk

