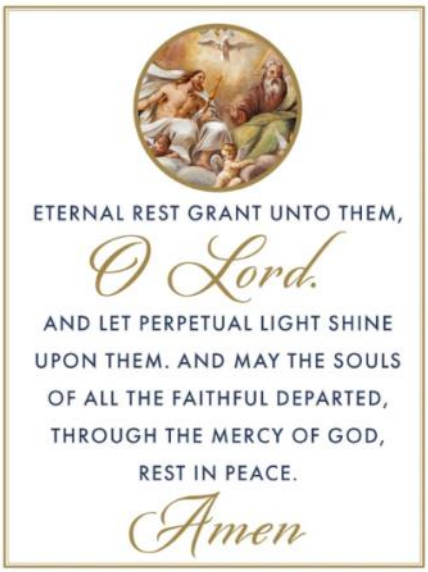
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RCP SCHOOL

Headteacher's Note

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 22nd September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Sad News





I am sure that many of you have heard of the sudden and tragic passing of one of our parents, Mr Gareth Edwards, known to many of you fondly as Gaz. We send our deep condolences to Chanais, Theo and Colby. As a school we are keeping Gareth and his family in our prayers, now and in the days to come. There is a live GoFundMe page where families are being very generous in offering some practical help for the family -

https://www.gofundme.com/f/gaz-edwards-family

St Augustine's High School

St Augustine's are coming in to St John's next Tuesday 26th September at 6.30pm to give a talk to our year 5 and year 6. This will take place in our school hall and children are welcome to attend.

RECEPTION WELCOME MEETING—Monday 25th September 3.25pm

We would like to invite our Reception parents into school on Monday 25th September after school at 3.25pm for a welcome meeting with Mrs Collins. During the meeting, Mrs Collins will run through some useful information and this will also give parents a chance to ask any questions you may have.



VIPS THIS WEEK

Year R Lewis Clarke

Year 1 Harrison Sudders

Year 2 Kaiser Boston

Year 3 Hailey Mount

Year 4 Hollie Melling

Year 5 Vincent Wigley

Year 6 Delilah Dalton

Writer of the Week

Year R Alice Davey

Year 1 Emilia Smith

Year 2 Roma Atkinson

Year 3 Pippa Walmsley

Year 4 Filip Gromek

Year 5 Skyla Wilkinson

Year 6 Ruby Thompson

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Congratulations to our new school councillors. They are;

Reception—Thomas and Charlotte D

Year 1—Noah and Matilda

Year 2—Karlis and Roma

Year 3—Rocco and Emma

Year 4—Rosie and Alastair

Year 5 - Malachey, Niall, Kendal and Louisa

Year 6— Theo, Joseph, Ayda-Rose and Rosie



On Thursday 28th September at 1.15pm, we will be having a visit from the wonderful Bethany Project. The visit will be from Headteacher Emmakulatha and her three pupils, Neema, Abgaili and Luckvella who will be coming to sing for us and talk about their life in Africa. We would like to invite parents along to also join us in this wonderful and moving experience.



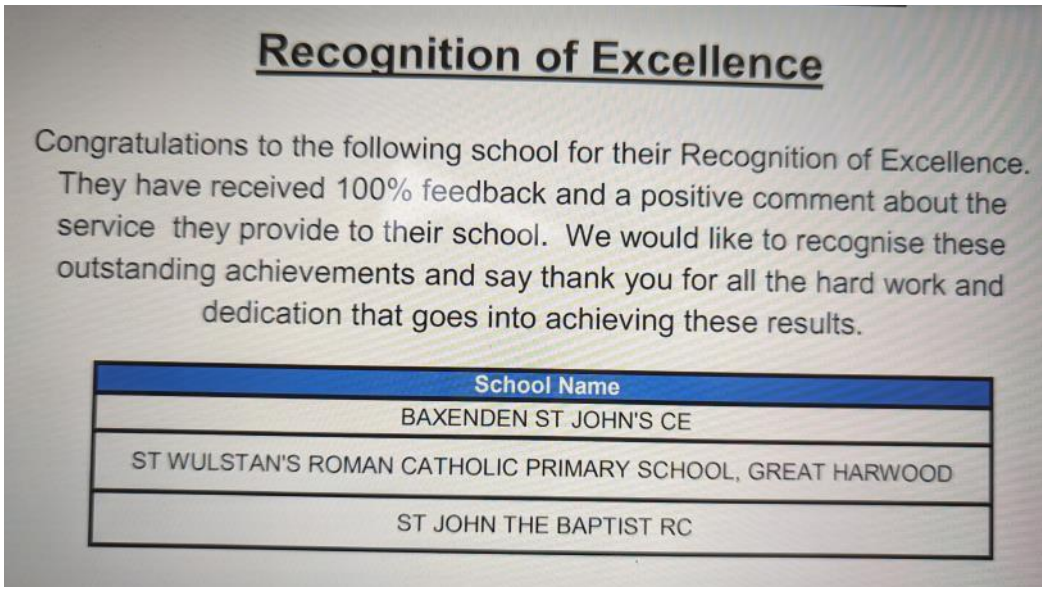




To learn more about the Bethany Project, please visit www.bethanyfamily.net

Catering Services Recognition of Excellence

A huge well done to Mrs Barker and her team for receiving a "Recognition of Excellence" in the latest Lancashire Catering Newsletter.



Recognition of Excellence

Congratulations to the following school for their Recognition of Excellence. They have received 100% feedback and a positive comment about the service they provide to their school. We would like to recognise these outstanding achievements and say thank you for all the hard work and dedication that goes into achieving these results.

School Name
BAXENDEN ST JOHN'S CE
ST WULSTAN'S ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, GREAT HARWOOD
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RC

DIARY DATES - AUTUMN TERM

Monday 25th September	**Reception Welcome meeting 3.25pm**
Monday 25th September	**Year 1 Forest School am, Year 3 pm**
Tuesday 26th September	**St Augustines talk in St John's hall 6.30pm year 5 and 6 parents**
Thursday 28th September	**Bethany Project visit 1.15pm - parents welcome**
Friday 29th September	**GOLDEN BOOK 2 (invitation only)**
Monday 2nd October	**Year 2 Forest school am, Year 5 pm**
Wednesday 4th October	**Open session for Reception intake Sept 24—2.30pm**
Thursday 5th October	**St Augustines Open Evening 6:30pm—8pm (limited parking—please car share where possible)**
Friday 6th October	**Seeds and Gardeners Liturgy 9.15am**
Monday 9th October	**Year 5 Forest School am, Year 2 pm**
Friday 13th October	**Year 4 Class Assembly**
Monday 16th October	**Year 2 Forest school am, Year 5 pm**
Friday 20th – Friday 27th October	**HALF TERM**
Friday 3rd November	**GOLDEN BOOK 3 (invitation only)**
Friday 3rd November	**Reception vision screening (information to follow)**
Monday 6th November	**Nursery Forest School am, Year 6 pm**
Tuesday 7th November	**Year 5 Parents Evening Only**
Wednesday 8th November and Thursday 9th November	**Parents Evening**
Monday 13th November	**Nursery Forest school am, Year 6 pm**
Friday 17th November	**Year 2 Class Assembly**
Monday 20th November	**Year 4 Forest School, Reception pm**
Monday 27th November	**Year 4 Forest School am, Reception pm**
Monday 4th December	**Year 4 Forest school am, Reception pm**
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—23rd and 24th September

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





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 JOHNS OPEN DAYS

If you would like to come and have a look around our school, we are holding the following sessions;

Wednesday 4th October at 2.30pm

Wednesday 1st November at 2.30pm

Wednesday 6th December at 2.30pm

Wednesday 10th January at 2.30pm

Booking is not required.

NHS
East Lancashire Hospitals
NHS Trust

Vision Screening in Lancashire

Vision screening is an integral part of the universal delivery of the national Healthy Child Programme.

Every child in the Reception class will receive an invitation to have their vision tested in school.

A detailed letter will be sent home with your child closer to the screening date.

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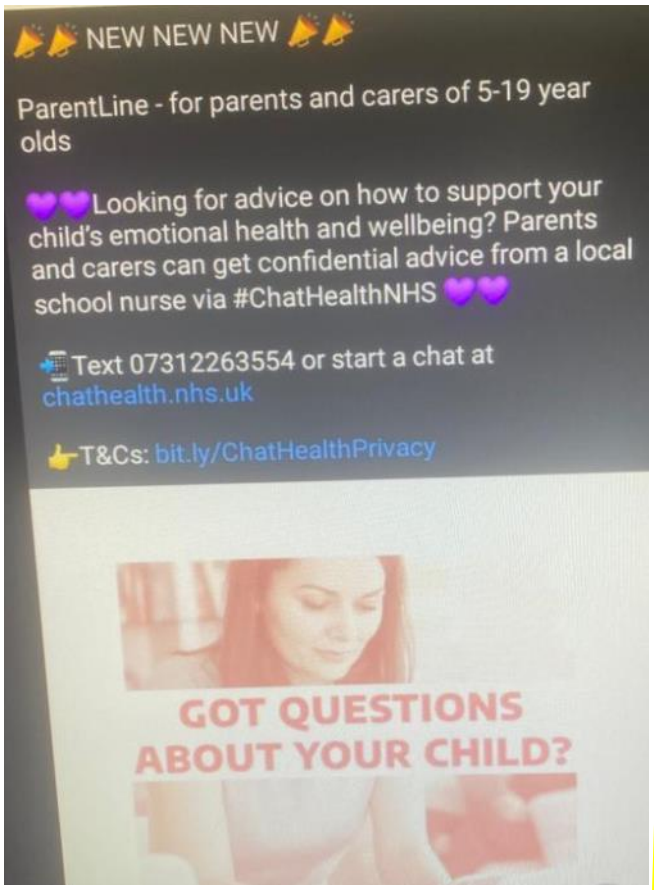
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An Opt-out consent form will be sent home with your child closer to the screening date. If you do not receive one and wish to Opt-out, please contact the school.

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Pendleside Hospice Care Compassion Support

We are thrilled to announce that through donating some unsold items we had in school, Pendleside Hospice have managed to raise £176.75 from the sale of the donated items.



Parent Pay afterschool clubs

Please note that when booking a place for your child on an afterschool club on Parent Pay, your child's place is automatically confirmed and they have therefore definitely got a place on that club. Once all the places have been booked, Parent Pay will not allow you book on. You will not receive a further text confirmation from school.



Padiham Archive Museum

Padiham Archive Museum are holding their annual exhibition on Saturday 30th September and Sunday 1st October in the Ballroom at the Town Hall from 10am-4pm. Entry is £2 per adult and free for children. There will be lots of interesting displays and refreshments are available.