ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RCP SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 24th February 2023

Headteacher's Note



Dear Parents/Carers,



Earthquake Appeal

On Thursday, we held a non-uniform day to raise money for the Turkey-Syria Earthquake appeal. Thank you so much for all your kind donations. We managed to raise an incredible **£255.42!**

Lent



On Wednesday morning the whole school joined the parish for Ash Wednesday Mass. Ashes were distributed to all and the pupils have been encouraged to make a Lenten promise to try and keep to throughout the Lenten Period.

Traditionally throughout Lent we try to support as many charities as possible in teaching our children the importance of Arms Giving. There are so many charities who do amazing work locally, nationally and globally. We have tried to chose from a variety of these and allow classes to exercise their pupil voice and choose charities close to their heart.

CHARITIES CHOSEN	
Nursery -The National Deaf children's society	Reception - The Trussell Trust
Years 1 and 2—Pendleside Hospice	Year 3 CAFOD—Walk for Water
Year 4—Mission Possible, supporting Mrs McKeating on her return trip to Kenya May 2023	
Year 5 Down's Syndrome	Year 6—Pets as Therapy



Strike Action

You will likely be aware that members of the National Education Union the NEU have voted in favor of strike action. Action is planned to take place on the following days which will affect schools across the UK: **28th February, 15th and 16th March 2023** This is the result of a national pay dispute between Education unions and the government – it is not due to any actions taken by the school, and it is a matter for the unions and the government to resolve independently of the school.

Staff belonging to this union are free to choose if they wish to strike right up to the day of the strike, so it is difficult to predict whether or not this will affect our school in any way or not.

However as a number of our staff are not in the NEU and those that are have at this moment in time chosen not to take industrial action, we expect to remain open as normal. Apologies for any worry or concern about school closures this may have caused. As staff who are in this union do reserve the right to change their minds regarding this, it has not been possible to confirm this in advance.

VIPS THIS WEEK

Year R Harry Spence

Year 1 Lucas Waring

Year 2 Toby Rushton

Year 3 Max Merchant

Year 4 Emilia Lockett

Year 5 Jenson Frost

Year 6 Ruby Kenyon

Writer of the Week

Year R Alara Mortimer-McGuire

Year 1 Lyla Mulrooney

Year 2 Pippa Beresford

Year 3 Marko Reeves

Year 4 Malachey Kennedy

Year 5 Rosie Melling

Year 6 Freeman Kowalski

MASS TIMES—25th and 26th February

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

Sacramental Programme Mass Times—

26th February 11am (not 19th Feb due to half term)

26th March 11am

14th May 11am

(please see letter sent home for more information).

Holy Communion—25th June 2023 at 3pm

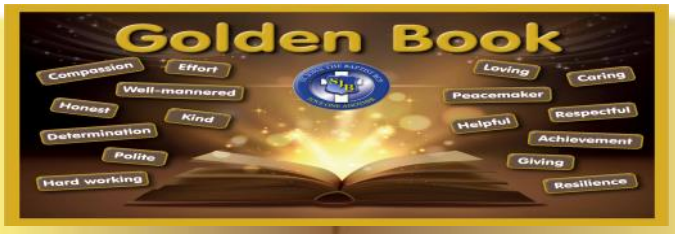
Diary Dates

Monday 27th February	**Year 2 Forest School am, Year 1 Forest school pm**
Tuesday 28th February (YEAR 5 ONLY) **Wednesday 1st March and Thursday 2nd March**	**Parents Evening (please see next page for times)**
Thursday 2nd March	**World Book Day—Dress up as favourite book character.**
Monday 6th March	**Year 1 Forest School am, Year 2 Forest School pm**
Monday 13th March	**Year 2 Forest School am, Year 1 Forest School pm**



Parents' Evening will be taking place next week. A text message has been sent to the first contact on your child's records with a link to book a slot. If you have not received a link or are having trouble booking, please contact the office. Can we please remind parents/carers that appointments will be face to face only, not by telephone or online. Thank you.

Tuesday 28th Feb	**—**	**YEAR 5 ONLY**	**— 3.45pm—5.15pm**
Wednesday 1st Mar	**—**	**R, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y6**	**— 3.45pm—5.15pm**
Thursday 2nd Mar	**—**	**R, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6**	**— 5pm—7pm**
Thursday 2nd Mar	**—**	**Nursery**	**— 4pm—7pm**



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Year 6 Oscar Entwistle, Charlie Brown-Maudsley, Amelia Cumming

Year 5 Alfie Brelsford, Hannah Ramshead, Charlie Robinson

Year 4 Lilly-Mai Brittain, Owen Veitch, Alexus Mortimer-McGuire

Year 3 Harriet Entwistle, Daniel Gargan, Georgia Ramshead

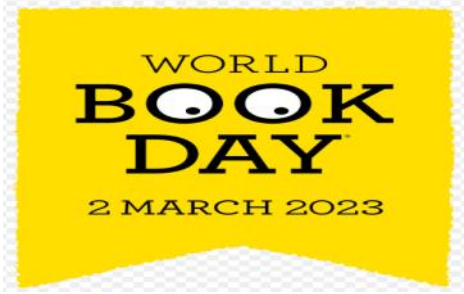
Year 2 Mason Brittain, Sicily-Kate Strahan, Robyn Southall

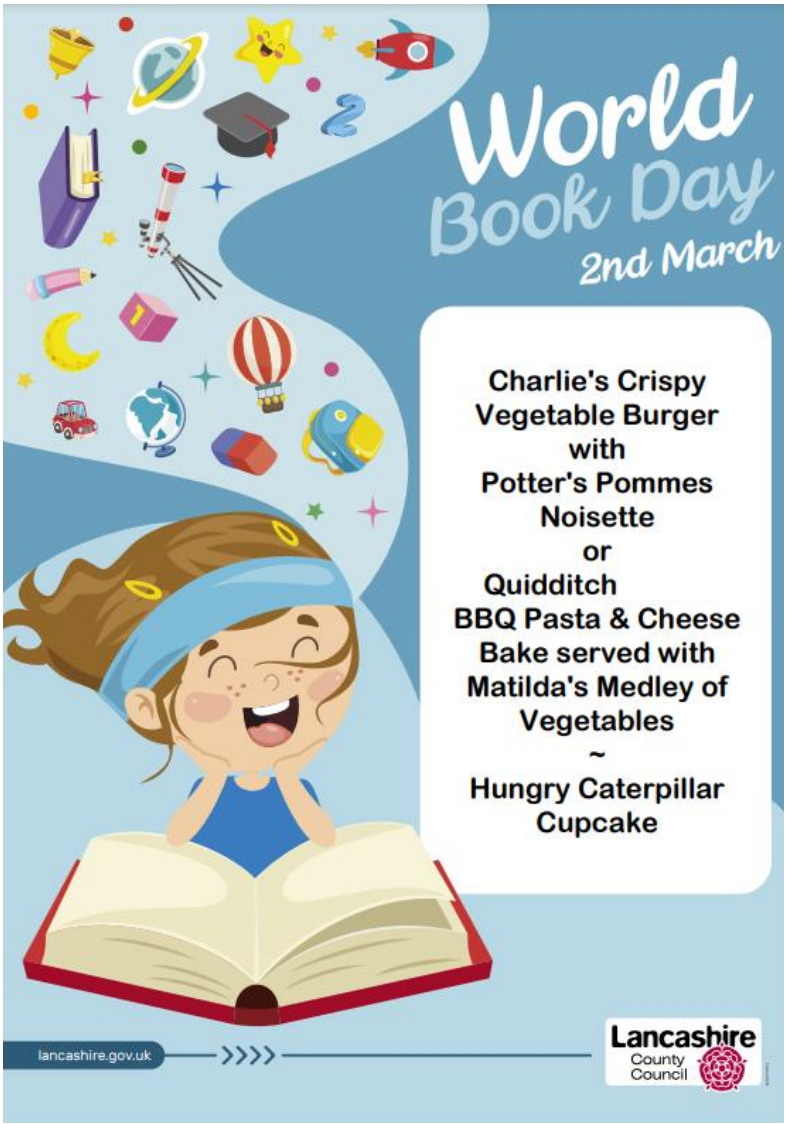
Year 1 Nola Mannion, Reggie Coyne, Ella Wilson

Year R Edward Mortimer. Bradley Bridge, Harrison Sudders

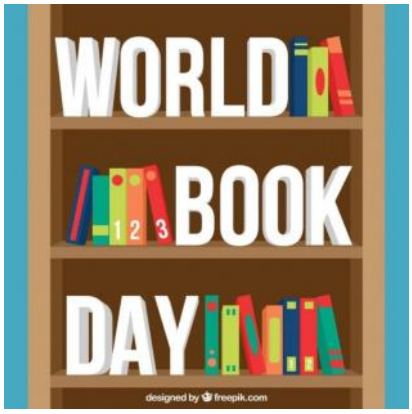
World Book Day

On Thursday 2nd March, we will be celebrating World Book Day by dressing up as our favourite book characters.





We will also be having a World Book Day themed menu. If your child would like a school dinner on this day, please choose your child's preferred option on Parent Pay. Please note that the themed menu will override any previous menu option chosen for that day.



READING CHALLENGE

A big well done and thank you to those children and families who completed the reading challenge over half term. There were some fantastic entries and it has been lovely to see children so enthusiastic about their reading. Children have 'been caught reading' in many interesting places including swimming pools, parks, football stadiums, upside down overlooking Loch Lomond and many more. Winners for this challenge will be announced next week and children will have the opportunity to look at all the entries.

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Each month we are introducing workshops to support parents. These will be informative sessions delivered in an informal way.

Wednesday 8th March 9am-10am – My Anxious Child
Tuesday 4th April 9am – 10am – Managing Challenging Behaviour
Tuesday 2nd May 9am – 10am – The importance of sleep

Each workshop will be led by health professionals independent of school, working to improve mental health and wellbeing in schools.

The sessions will last an hour and refreshments will be provided free of charge. Please complete and return the below slip to let us know if you are interested so that we can book a large enough space and have sufficient refreshments.

Kind Regards

K. McKeating

Kathleen McKeating
Headteacher

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Mental Health and Wellbeing Workshops

Name.....

Please tick below with workshop(s) you are interested in and the number of people who will be attending.

	Attending	No of people
Wednesday 8th March – My Anxious Child	☐	.....
Tuesday 4th April – Managing Challenging Behaviour	☐	.....
Tuesday 2nd May – The importance of sleep	☐	.....

ATHLETICS

On Tuesday, Holly, Max, Alana, Sophie, Darcy W, Darcey B, Morgan, Jack, Tom, Milo and Harley went to the Borough Finals at Spirit of Sport at Blessed Trinity. We all tried our very best. We came last but we had fun.

By Holly and Max.



MATHS CHALLENGE

Four Year 5 children, Ava, Jenson, Alfie and Thomas went to Unity College before half term to take part in a Maths Challenge. It was very challenging but they were fantastic and won the whole competition! We will now to go to the final at Turf Moor! We are very proud of the children, well done.





PLEASE HELP SUPPORT ONE OF OUR YEAR 2 PUPILS, EMMA, TO RAISE MONEY FOR A BRILLIANT CAUSE...

On Friday 10th March, Burnley Bobcat's Swimming Club are hosting a sponsored swim at Padiham Leisure centre, to raise funds for the team as well as Pendleside Hospice

Their swimmers will be able to achieve a distance badge whilst also participating in a fantastic fundraising event!

Since this year marks the special occasion of Pendleside's 35th anniversary, the children have been given a "35" target, with the younger swimmers aiming for 35 lengths (875 metres), and the older swimmers 3,500 metres (140 lengths)

All the swimmers can choose to go further if they wish! This will be a massive achievement for many of their swimmers, who do not often get the opportunity to gain a certificate

Later in the year, some of the older swimmers also intend to run another event nearer to the Hospice's actual anniversary date. This could be a 35km swim which would be a huge challenge

To show your support and sponsor the wonderful children taking part in this event for the club and for Pendleside, please donate by going to https://bit.ly/3Z1ARH8

Updates will be posted after the event, good luck to them all!





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HOW WE CAN HELP

- Access to safe 24hr emergency accommodation
- Complex needs safe accommodation
- Safe accommodation & services for men
- Community Outreach Support
- Safety planning & support to stay safe
- Group work programmes
- Emotional support – we listen, we believe
- **Live chat – 7 days a week**
- Phone support & referrals **0300 3033 581**
- Referrals to other agencies & specialist services
- Support available in multiple languages

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10am to 12pm
2pm to 4pm
8pm to 10pm

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