ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RCP SCHOOL

Headteacher's Note

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 20th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,



EYFS and KS1 Movie night

Thanks to all the 80 EYFS & KS1 parents who used the online form to book their child into Movie Night. This made the admin of the event so much easier for school staff and provided a quick and efficient way to let class teachers sort out who was going where at the end of the day.

Reducing unnecessary phone calls

Please could families make sure that children get themselves organised and have the right items for the next day packed and ready by the door the night before school. Children have begun to expect that teaching and office staff will make phone calls home to have forgotten kit or equipment delivered and we are sure you don't want to be making extra trips to school.



EYFS Liturgy

On Thursday our youngest children celebrated their EYFS Liturgy with Fr Allan. They gathered around the font and reflected on all the celebrations they have been a part of and gave thanks for the people and blessings in their lives. It was lovely to be joined by parents, grandparents and friends. Thanks to Fr Allan for making us feel so welcome and warm!

Student Placements

In EYFS this week we have welcomed two students from Burnley College: Miss Drabble and Miss Smith who are both on L3 courses. They are doing a great job fitting into the EYFS team. Miss Ouseby continues her placement from last term but has now moved from Nursery into Reception. It is lovely to see these young people working so hard to achieve their goals.





Internet Safety Assembly

Today we welcomed Tim Horobin, a Prevent Delivery Officer, in to school to deliver a whole school assembly based on Internet Safety.

Warning

Please be aware of a YouTube channel called Drama Story Time. This looks very innocent at first glance, however has content that is extremely inappropriate for children.



Applications for Nursery Places September 2023

If you have a 2yr old who will turn 3 by 31st August 2023 please email or call at the office for an application form. Please bring your child's birth certificate and baptism certificate if applicable. We offer every child a minimum of 5 free funded morning sessions per week and parents can top up these sessions with extra sessions up to 5 full days.

We also provide Nursery sessions for Rising 3s so children can access provision as soon as they have their 3rd birthday (funding conditions apply) rather than wait until the official term after their 3rd birthday rule.

Please note- Applications for Easter Intake 2023 are ready to be considered so if you still haven't applied and need a place, please do so NEXT week.

Remember, as a school Nursery attached to a primary school, our Nursery has an experienced qualified teacher in class all day in addition to the teaching support staff and as such is different from other private providers in the provision it provides. Our children attend each day/ morning so they belong to a Nursery class and feel part of daily school life.



VIPS THIS WEEK

Year R	Alek Halliwell
Year 1	Benedict Dalton
Year 2	Eryn Brelsford
Year 3	Seth Molyneux
Year 4	Holly Savage
Year 5	Beatrix Caine
Year 6	Charlie Brown-Maudsley

Writer of the Week

Year R	Harrison Sudders
Year 1	Jasmine Beck
Year 2	Emma Lynch
Year 3	Filip Gromek
Year 4	Ava Rose Ramsbottom
Year 5	Matilda Jackson
Year 6	Toby Harter

ST JOSEPH'S PENNY APPEAL BOXES

St Joseph's PENNY
Raising much-needed funds for Caritas Diocese of Salford
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This Lent, will you add your change to change a life?

Your prayers and donations will make a real difference to the lives of the people in Greater Manchester and Lancashire that are supported by Caritas Salford. People in our local communities facing poverty, disadvantage, homelessness and isolation. Every penny really makes a difference. So, after the disruption of Covid-19, we are delighted to welcome back St Joseph's Penny appeal boxes in an easy-to-assemble cube design. Please join in our St Joseph's Penny appeal and collect your change to help us change lives.

Penny boxes will be sent home shortly (one per family) if you would kindly help us raise money by collecting pennies during Lent

SMALL WORLD ANIMALS/FARM ANIMALS REQUEST

If anybody has any small world safari or farm animals that they no longer use, Year 2 would be very grateful for any donations.
Thank you



MASS TIMES—21st and 22nd January

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

PENDLESIDE HOSPICE

The GIFT Team would like your help in supporting Pendleside Hospice, by donating your unwanted Christmas presents. Every year we all get those gifts that we absolutely love and then there are the ones that we don't. Your unwanted gifts could be another person's treasure to people who shop in the hospice shops, or winning them on their tombola at events throughout the year.

Pendleside Hospice looks after people in our community every year, with only a small percentage of their funding coming from the government. Pendleside rely heavily on local support to make sure this continues.

If you have any items that you would like to donate to us, please feel free to bring them into school, as soon as you possibly can.

Thank you.

Diary Dates

Monday 23rd January	**Forest School Y5 am, yr 6 pm**
Wednesday 25th January	**Hartley Cup Match 4pm - 5pm at Spirit of Sport**
Friday 27th January	**Year 4 Class Assembly—parents welcome**
Thursday 2nd February	**Year 5 Dynamic Day at Blessed Trinity**
Thursday 2nd February	**Year 2 library visit**
Thursday 9th February	**Valentines Disco 6pm—8pm (more info to follow)**
Friday 10th February	**Year 6 Class Assembly—parents welcome**
Friday 10th February	**Close for half term**
Monday 20th February	**School reopens**

LANCASHIRE FOOTBALL FINALS

Well done to all the boys who took part in the Lancashire Football Finals last Friday in Thornton-Cleverley's. Although they didn't progress in the competition as they would have liked, we are very proud of their performance.



KS1 Infant Sportshall Athletics



On Tuesday some very enthusiastic Year 2 children went to have fun in several athletics events at Hameldon College. They were all amazing. Well done Year 2!

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Barnardo's

COST OF LIVING CRISIS HELPLINE

Call Barnados on 0808 500 0045

If you are struggling with the cost of managing your household, worried about how you are going to pay the bills, feeling the squeeze on your finances, Barnardos can help. This type of worry can not only impact financially but also emotionally. Don't suffer in silence or think that you are alone. Call the Barnardos Cost-Of-Living Helpline to speak to one of their Advisors.

As a result of the ongoing Cost-Of-Living crisis, Barnardos has set up a dedicated Helpline to support parents and young people across the UK. **This is currently an additional resource for families being supported by Barnardo's. We hope to extend this offer outside of Barnardo's in the near future.**

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What can we support you with?

- We can apply for financial support for your family such as the Barnardos Cost-Of-Living emergency fund, Children In Need applications and provide Food Bank Vouchers.
- We can make referrals to Barnardos Link therapy service. This will include 7 sessions, 30 minutes per session over the phone with a trained therapist to discuss your emotions/feelings and strategies to help you cope with the difficulties you are experiencing. An interpreter can also join the sessions, if required.
- We can signpost to organisations that can support you further in this time of need.

Helpline details

Monday – Saturday (9.30am-5.30pm)

via phone 0808 500 0045 and by email COLHelpline@barnardos.org.uk