ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RCP SCHOOL

Headteacher's Note

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 18th November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Children in Need

On Wednesday the children came to school in their own clothes to raise money for Children in Need. We also wore hats to school to raise awareness for mental health. Thank you so much for all your donations. We managed to raise over **£170** for Children in Need.

Train Journey

During this academic year each class will experience a free train ride. On Thursday this week our Year 1 and 2 pupils caught the train to Colne and then had a quick visit to the Leisure centre for a bounce party before catching the train back. For some of our children this was the first time that they had experienced a train ride and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A special thank you to all of our helpers who accompanied our children on the trip .



St John's Food Bank

Thank you to those families who are regularly sending items to our food bank collection point at the Nursery door. We really do appreciate it and it is enabling us to help a number of our St John's children and their families. Special thanks to the young man in KS2 who brings a tin or a packet of something every single week - you are a star!



Kickboxing World Championships

A huge well done to Toby who recently took part in the Kickboxing World Championships and came second in his age category! What an amazing achievement—**we are very proud of you!**

Parent/ Carer Voice



Today I have sent home with the children the results from our anonymous questionnaire completed during parents evening. I have also sent a sheet to collect some testimonials for our school website.

There is a new area on the website entitled 'What people say about our school' This is now under development What people say about our school | St John the Baptist RC Primary School (st-john.lancs.sch.uk)

I look forward to receiving some more testimonials to publish on our website.

How do I know what my child is learning at School?

Our teachers have been busy developing our website so that parents can see how our curriculum is organised and know what their child is learning throughout the year. Our Curriculum details are published under Key information on our website.

St John the Baptist School Curriculum 2022-2023 | St John the Baptist RC Primary School (st-john.lancs.sch.uk)

Please remember to visit our Class pages under children. Teachers put a wealth of current information here including pictures of the children and news from class.

Year 2 Assembly

Congratulations to our Year 2 children for their wonderful assembly this afternoon. The children excelled with their singing and dancing and poetry reading. Due to the pandemic this is the first time this cohort of children have actually performed an assembly with a live audience and what a delight it was.
At the end of the assembly some of our parents wrote messages for the children, here are a few comments

- *Such a lovely assembly. We LOVED being your audience and you ALL performed so well. You are so confident and have achieved so much in the short -time you have been in Year 2! You are very lucky to have such caring teachers and a happy, fun place to come and learn each day. Well Done!*
- *A delightful assembly. Lovely well behaved children, super dancers and tremendous readers. Well done everyone!*
- *Well done Year 2. Your first assembly, you were all amazing. Such a joy to watch—thank you !*
- *A lovely assembly from Year 2, definitely showed what a lovely, caring school St John's is. Well done to year 2 for sharing the love and making everybody smile.*
- *A Fantastic assembly! It is great to see the children's learning development and confidence. Well done to the children and staff, Great work!*
- *Beautiful Assembly. Loved everything about it!*
- *Absolutely amazed at how much work and effort went into Year 2 Assembly. The happy faces of all the children was uplifting. Thank you children and Miss Hartley.*
- *You were a ray of sunshine on a gloomy day!*
- *Well done Year 2. Best thing I've seen all year! You were all fantastic and made everyone smile*

SHOEBOX APPEAL

We are once again collecting shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. These then get sent to children in need all over the world.



More information will have been sent home last week with your child. If you would like to take part, please return your shoebox to school no later than **Monday 28th November.** Thank you.

Christmas Jumper Swap Shop

Have you got any children's Christmas jumpers, tops or t-shirts that are unused, outgrown or unwanted? The GIFT Team would love any donations that you are able to spare.

It is estimated that 1 in 4 Christmas jumpers are thrown away each year, or never worn more than once. So this year, instead of throwing that jumper away, why not give it a new lease of life with someone else? Christmas jumpers are often made from man-made, plastic based fibres such as polyester so they will never really breakdown in landfill.

We are looking for collections during the month of November, so that we can sell them in December to our St. John's children, ready for the festive season.



These items will be sold from between £1 - £2. The date of the sale will be confirmed before December. The chosen charity is yet to be discussed between the GIFT Team, at one of their meetings.

As always, thanking you in anticipation of your help.

From The GIFT Team

COST OF LIVING SUPPORT

Please visit the following link for more information about the available support for the cost of living crisis—https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/cost-of-living/

VIPS THIS WEEK

Year R	Lily-Ray Philips
Year 1	Karol Poranski
Year 2	Callum Blunn
Year 3	Filip Gromek
Year 4	Lilly-Mai Brittain
Year 5	Matilda Jackson
Year 6	Alex Graham



Year R	Harry Spence
Year 1	Nola Mannion
Year 2	Elsie McEvoy
Year 3	Martha Inckle
Year 4	Alexus Mortimer-McGuire
Year 5	Darcey Blackledge
Year 6	Harley McNamara



Mon 21st Nov	**Year 5 Forest School am, Year 4 Forest school pm**
Wednesday 23rd Nov	**Autumn Term Music Concert 2.30pm**
Mon 28th Nov	**Year 2 Forest School am, Reception Forest school pm**
Mon 28th Nov	**Deadline for bringing in Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes**
Mon 5th Dec	**Year 1 Forest School am, Nursery Forest School pm**
Wed 7th Dec	**EYFS Nativity play 9.15am—10.15am (more info to follow)**
Thur 8th Dec	**Flu vaccinations (for those who have consented online only (or by form for Nursery children).**
Thur 8th Dec	**KS1/2 Christmas Play 1.30pm—3pm and 6.30pm—8pm (more info to follow).**

To help raise funds to support older people in Lancashire, the GIFT Team really need your used postage stamps, so that Age UK Lancashire can turn the used stamps into donations.
If anyone does have any unused stamps, please would you send them into school. We will be collecting them throughout this school year.

Many thanks,

Mrs Taylor & the GIFT Team





To book your place please contact us on **01282 470707**.

Please note there are limited places available.



All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a free lunch under the Government's Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme (UIFSM) . However you may also be entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) if you receive any of the following;

- **Universal Credit with a household income of less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)**
- **Income-Based Jobseekers' Allowance**
- **Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Child Tax Credit, not entitled to Working Tax Credit and household income less than £16,190**

If you are eligible, your child will receive free meals once they reach year 3 and beyond. They will also be entitled to free milk, free school meal vouchers in the holidays and access to free holiday clubs. School will also receive additional funding for your child. For more information or to apply, please visit the following link—
https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/