ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RCP SCHOOL

Headteacher's Note

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 4th November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back everyone. The first half of our Autumn Term was certainly a busy start to the year and Autumn 2 is also going to busy and fun packed.

This year we are aiming to invite more visitors and organise additional visits into the year to make up for some of the lost experiences during the pandemic.

This week Andrew Larrington from the Dog Trust has been in to school to deliver an assembly and workshops with children from Year 1 to Year 6. He was also accompanied by Duggo the demo dog who was a large teddy.



He has also raised awareness of what a stressful time of year it can be for dogs due to increased use of fireworks during November.



All Saints Feast Day

The whole school joined the parishioners on Tuesday morning to celebrate the Feast Day of All Saints. It was a beautiful Mass and so lovely to share it with so many parents, Grandparents and members of the parish.

BUILDING UPDATE

I am delighted to share with you that we now have had a brand new boiler installed in the Junior boiler house and we are now set for the winter. The school is really warm. We have also had the site compound removed from the front of the building. We will still have some contractors on site over the next few weeks as they complete snagging issues but this will not disturb the children and their learning.

Over half term we also had some high level barge boards replaced and painted above Nursery and Year 1.

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



Please note the date of the individual school photographs has been changed from Thursday 17th November to **Friday 18th November.** As year 6 have a forest school session that morning, can they please ensure they come in full uniform and bring their forest school clothes in a bag to change in to after they have had their photo taken. Thank you.



PARENTS' EVENING

Parents' evening will be held on **Wednesday 9th November 5pm—7pm** and **Thursday 10th November 3.45pm—5.15pm**. 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.

RECEPTION PLAY AND STAY

Just a reminder that Reception play and stay will be held on Tuesday's 2pm—3pm.

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

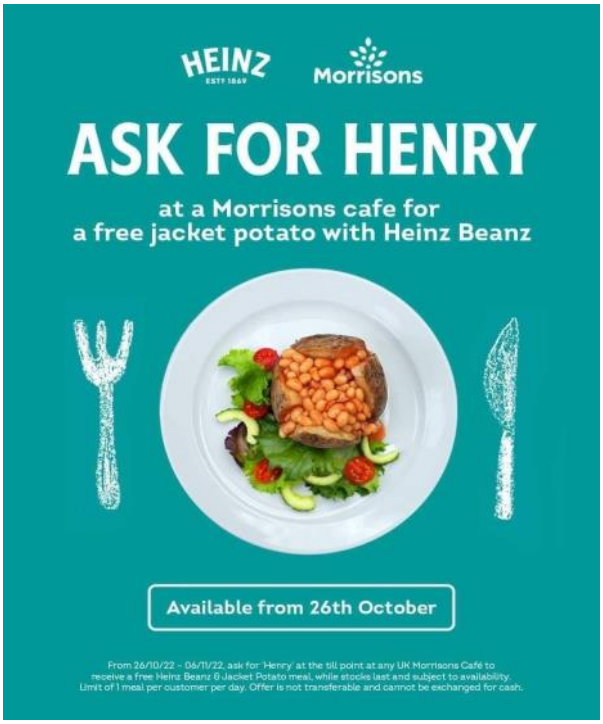


We have been invited once again to enter Antony Higginbotham MP's Christmas Card competition. The winner will receive a special prize from Antony and their design will be printed and sent out by him this Christmas, with their name and school printed on. The cards will be sent far and wide, including 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 18th November.**

For more information, please visit www.antonyhig.co.uk/christmas-card-competition-2022

PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR SOME USEFUL INFO THAT MAY HELP ANYONE STRUGGLING FINANCIALLY …



Curry on the Street Burnley:

It is free to everyone, they can just turn up and get free food, toiletries and other essentials;

Colne (Wednesday 5.30pm) - Unique House, Shed St, BB8 8AH

Nelson (Thursday 6.00pm) Broadway, BB9 9AN

Burnley (Sunday 6.30pm) Keirby Walk

Christians Against Poverty—01274 760720

They can provide support with budgeting, debt, help with food, gas/electric pre-payment metres, support with school uniforms. They can also provide support if you are dealing with bailiffs.

Burnley Community Grocery at Valley Community Centre

https://communitygrocery.org.uk/burnley/

"To sign up to be a member at one of our Community Groceries, all you need to do is visit your nearest store (see our 'Locations' page to find yours) and let one of our team know it's your first time. We will then get you a form to fill in and explain all about how the groceries work.
All you need to do bring £5 for your annual membership fee*, and a couple of shopping bags to put your £4 shop in and then start shopping. It's as simple as that!

Once you're a member you can come along to the Community Grocery up to three times a week and fill up your basket".

Too Good To Go

Too Good To Go is a mobile app that connects customers to restaurants and stores that may have surplus unsold food in their area, which they can then purchase at a discounted rate.



VIPS THIS WEEK

Year R	Caleb Turner
Year 1	Eden Cameron
Year 2	Lucy Robinson
Year 3	Harriett Entwistle
Year 4	Kendal Kennedy
Year 5	Helaina Beresford
Year 6	Sophie Metcalfe



Year R	Jack Mensforth
Year 1	Arlenn Lamb
Year 2	Max Rushton
Year 3	Roman Schillaci
Year 4	Oliver Potrykus
Year 5	Monika Poranska
Year 6	Morgan Veitch

GOLDEN BOOK WINNERS

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Year 6	Phoebe Ormerod, Sophie Metcalfe, Grace Rushton
Year 5	Matilda Jackson, Jaymieleigh Mannan, Thomas Sturdy
Year 4	Kai Southern, Daisy Grace, Vincent Wigley
Year 3	Luke Cavanagh, Daisy Nuttall, Henry Pate
Year 2	Pippa Beresford, Fox Bennett, Isla Barry
Year 1	Jaxon Bernard, Oscar Morris, Layla Macdonald
Year R	Alek Halliwell, Noah Baines, Jaxon-Paul Lomax-Curry

Diary Dates

Mon 7th Nov	**Year 1 Forest School am, Nursery Forest school pm**
Wed 9th Nov and Thur 10th Nov	**Parents' Evening (face to face)**
Mon 14th Nov	**Year 6 Forest school am, Year 3 Forest school pm**
Fri 18th Nov	**New date for individual school photos**
Fri 18th Nov	**Year 6 Forest School am, Year 4 Forest School pm (catch up)**
Fri 18th Nov	**Year 2 class assembly—2.30pm (parents welcome)**
Mon 21st Nov	**Year 5 Forest School am, Year 4 Forest school pm**
Mon 28th Nov	**Year 2 Forest School am, Reception Forest school pm**

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



SPOoOoOKY DISCO!

We had such a brilliant turn out last night for the Spooky Disco and the children had such a wonderful time. There were some fantastic costumes and brilliant dance moves on the dance floor!

We just want to say a massive thank you to the PTA for organising such a fantastic event. Thank you also to the staff who stayed to support the event.



Under 11's LSFA Football Event



On Thursday afternoon we had a football tournament at Burnley College. Our team was made up of Milo, Tom, Thomas, Will, Kyan, Morgan, Rowan and Theo. We played 6 games, won 5 and drew 1. We are now playing in the final in two weeks. Morgan also won a badge for being a team player.

(Written by the team).