ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RCP SCHOOL

Headteacher's Note

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 7th October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

SEEDS AND GARDENERS

Today we had our Seeds and Gardeners Liturgy and we were thrilled to be able to have so many parents, carers and family members join us. Thank you to Fr Allan for joining us this morning and giving our children a special blessing. Our Year 6 Gardeners have written prayers for their seeds. These are now all on display near our front entrance, alongside pictures of the Gardener's with their seeds. These will remain on display for the rest of the academic year.



Our annual theme week is quickly approaching. Every year we choose a new theme to engage and excite our children with new experiences. This year we are doing **Badge Week.** They will learn be given opportunities to learn a range of new skills throughout the week and gain badge stamps for their efforts along the way.



We have booked special visitors wo support our objectives:

Monday	**Forrest Schools** for Years 4 and 5
Tuesday	**First Aid trainers** are coming in to provide first aid training to KS2 pupils.
Wednesday	**Circus Workshops** where they can have a go a things like juggling, walking on stilts, tightropes and riding unicycles.
Thursday	Super Learning Day, The children will spend the day with their House Saints and will visit each teacher to complete a range of activities.

This is certainly not a week to be missed! Please can we kindly ask for a £2 donation to be sent in during the week to help support the cost of the activities.

Unfortunately, this does clash with our proposed 'Break the Rules' Day. Don't worry this is not cancelled it's just postponed to a later date.



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Absolute will once again be holding a holiday club in our school hall during the October half term week. They will be speaking to the children on Wednesday morning next week to tell them all about this. Forms will then be sent home with all the information on if you would like to sign up.

VIPS THIS WEEK

Year R	Harrison Sudders
Year 1	Jasmine Beck
Year 2	Mason Brittain
Year 3	Hollie Melling
Year 4	Kai Southern
Year 5	Monika Poranska
Year 6	Alana Riding



Year R	Noah Baines
Year 1	Aurora Pilling
Year 2	Heidi Meehan
Year 3	Sonny Ramsay
Year 4	Owen Veitch
Year 5	Kian Judge
Year 6	Holly Mackey

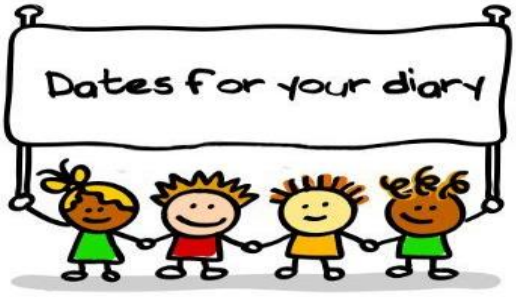
Applications for Secondary School

Secondary School Applications in Lancashire are now open. Please follow the link below: www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-secondary-school/

The deadline for secondary place admissions is **31st October 2022**. If you are applying for a place for either Blessed Trinity or St Augustine's, Billington you will need to complete a supplementary faith form **in addition to your online Local authority application**.







Mon 10th Oct	**Yr 6 Forest School am, Yr 3 Forest School pm**
Wed 12th Oct	**Blessed Trinity Open Evening 6pm—8pm.**
Fri 14th Oct	**Year 3 class assembly 2.30pm (parents welcome)**
Mon 17th Oct	**Yr 5 Forest School am, Yr 4 Forest school pm**
Mon 17th Oct—Thur 20th Oct	**THEME WEEK! Badge Week**
Thur 20th Oct	**PTA Break the Rules Day—POSTPONED**
Thur 20th Oct	**School closes for Half Term**
Mon 31st Oct	**School re-opens**
Mon 31st Oct	**Deadline for applying for Secondary School place.**
Mon 31st Oct	**Yr 2 Forest school am, Reception Forest school pm**
Tue 1st Nov	**Whole School Mass—All Saints 9.15am—10.15am.**
Thur 3rd Nov	**PTA Spooky Disco**

SPORTS LEADERS

We are very pleased to introduce our new Sports Leaders for this year. Our Sports Leaders help organise sports activities during lunchtimes for KS1 and KS2. They also assist Mr Steele with PE in school. We wish them well in their new roles and we know that they will do an amazing job of being good role models to their younger peers.



SOCIAL MEDIA COMMENTS



Our Mission Statement of Love One Another is one that we hope doesn't just stop at the school gate but continues into our Parish community and beyond. We are becoming increasingly concerned about the number of negative messages that are being posted online about members of staff at St John's either on Facebook or What's App groups. More often than not, we do get to see these messages and unfairly are not given the opportunity to comment on them. Our staff work tirelessly for your children, both at school and at home and negative and personal comments are disrespectful and also upsetting. If your child does come home disgruntled, please come and speak to a member of staff and we will do our upmost to resolve any issues you may have. We will always treat every parent with the greatest respect, and we ask you to do the same.