ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RCP SCHOOL

Headteacher's Note

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 30th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,



It was lovely to see our whole school community, including our new Nursery and Reception children, join together on Wednesday morning for the first mass of the school year. This was led by our new GIFT team, who did brilliantly. Our new school Council members were also announced during the mass and were blessed by Fr Allan for the upcoming service they will provide to our school. Thank you to Fr Allan for a lovely mass and for blessing us all for the year ahead.

<u>Seeds and Gardeners</u>

Now that our year 6 gardeners have been assigned their seeds from Reception, they have been busy spending time with them and getting to know them. We are very much looking forward to seeing our Reception and Year 6 parents join us next Friday 7th October at 9.15am for our Seeds and Gardeners Liturgy which will take place in the school hall.

<u>Forest School</u>



At the start of the term we welcomed Hedgehogs Woodland Adventures in to school to run Forest School sessions for our children. The children have really enjoyed the sessions they have had so far. If anyone has any old wellies that no longer fit, we would be really grateful if these could be donated to school. Thank you.

KS2 Choir

We still have places left in the Key Stage 2 choir, which runs after school every Tuesday. If your child would like a place, please ask the school office for a letter.

Please keep Blessed Trinity in your thoughts and prayers as they mourn the loss of one of their year 11 pupils, who sadly passed away last Friday.



ATTENDANCE

We are continuing to promote and reward whole class attendance. Each week the class with the highest percentage attendance will receive a token. The class with the most tokens will then be rewarded with a pizza delivery to their class.



Due to the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020 the strict monitoring of attendance and absence ceased. Please note that this is now fully reinstated. As part of our Covid-19 recovery planning, the improvement of attendance is high on our list of priorities.

Each half term a thorough attendance review will be carried out on all pupils. If your child's attendance falls below 94% you will receive a letter to inform you that their attendance has reached a level of concern and they will be closely monitored for the next 4 weeks. These letters are due to go home at the end of the half term

We fully understand that some absences are unavoidable and we do not want children to be in school if they are unwell. Absence from school however directly impacts on the children's academic progress and we therefore have a duty of care to inform you if you child's attendance percentages falls into this category.

Please continue to inform school on the first instance of absence.

Please note that requests for holidays will not be authorised unless exceptional circumstances can be applied. Please note exceptional circumstances does not apply for situations where the holiday is more affordable during term time.

All attendance rules and policy can be found on our website under 'parents'.

VIPS THIS WEEK

Year R	Tilly Wardyn
Year 1	Elyza McGough
Year 2	Emily Wigley
Year 3	Oliver Williams
Year 4	Louisa Little
Year 5	Tom Sturdy
Year 6	Kyan Sharples

Writer of the Week

Year R	Edward Mortimer
Year 1	Lily-Mae Stirzaker
Year 2	Eryn Brelsford
Year 3	Rosie Jarman
Year 4	Emilia Lockett
Year 5	Hannah Ramshead
Year 6	Rowan Bradford

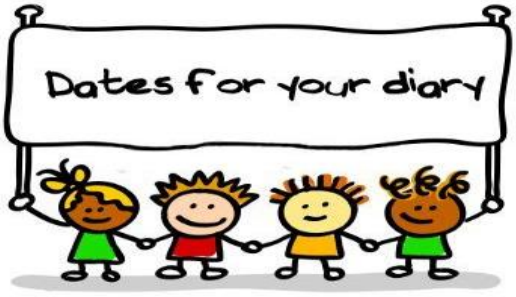
Applications for Secondary School

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 3rd Oct	**Year 1 Forest School am, Nursery Forest School pm**
Thur 6th Oct	**St Augustine's Open Evening 6.30pm—8.30pm**
Fri 7th Oct	**Reception and Yr 6—Seeds and Gardeners Liturgy 9.15am-10.15am**
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**
Mon 17th Oct	**Yr 5 Forest School am, Yr 4 Forest school pm**
Thur 20th Oct	**PTA Break the Rules Day**
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**

Padiham Rotary Club

Winter Coat, Jumper & Blanket Collection

Do you have a good, clean, warm winter coat or jumper that you don't wear anymore?

Maybe you have some spare blankets or throws?

If you have, bring them in a bag to Padiham Lidl or Padiham Tesco and put them in the collection box.

Padiham Rotary Club
Winter Coat, Jumper and Blanket Collection
Monday October 17th - Friday October 28th 2022

We'll make sure they go to someone who really needs them.

CRICKET TRIALS!

A huge well done to Theo and Will from year 5 who have been invited to take part in trials for Lancashire under 10's. We will them both the very best of luck!



Padiham Rotary Dictionary Competition

YEAR 6 ONLY

Rotary Club of Padiham

- Title- Climate Change
- On an A4 sheet of paper write what you know and can find out about **Climate Change.**
- It must be handwritten but artwork can be included (unless there are exceptional circumstances).
- Correct spellings are important as it is a Dictionary competition.
- Your name must be on.
- Rotary will collect the week before half term.

Year 1 and Year 2 Fun Run

A huge well done to some of our children from year 1 and year 2 who attended the Towneley Park Fun Run last week. They all did brilliantly and had lots of fun.





Football

Well done to those who attended the Football event after school on Tuesday! You all represented our school brilliantly!



ACTIVE60 @ PRAIRIE SPORTS VILLAGE

Some of our year 5 and 6 children were chosen to attend the Active60 event at the Prairie Sports Village on Thursday. Everyone did really well and thoroughly enjoyed it.