ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RCP SCHOOL

Headteacher's Note

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 23rd September 2022

New Year Mass

On Wednesday morning we will be celebrating our first Whole School Mass of the Year. Our newly appointed Gift Team will have a key role within the mass and our new School councillors will also receive a special blessing from Father as they begin their new role within school. Please feel free to join us for our special Mass as we pray for God's blessing for the academic year ahead.

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**.

St Augustine's Billington Presentation Evening

Key staff from St Augustine's will be attending St John's on Tuesday 27th September at 6.30pm for any Year 5 or 6 parents who are looking to apply for a place at St Augustines for either 2023 0r 2024.





VIPS THIS WEEK

Year R	Saul Waring
Year 1	Layla Macdonald
Year 2	Colby Edwards
Year 3	Phoebe Bridge
Year 4	Niall Duffy
Year 5	Delilah Dalton
Year 6	Thomas Grace



Year 1	Kaiser Boston
Year 2	Isla Barry
Year 3	Noah Harrison
Year 4	Brooklyn Thompson
Year 5	Darcy Walmsley
Year 6	Sophie Metcalfe



The PTA met last evening for their initial meeting of the year. It was nice to see some new faces. We are actively trying to recruit more new members to develop a team of volunteers who can fundraise to run events that our children will enjoy and make their primary school experience more exciting, enjoyable and memorable. If you were not able to join us last night and feel that you would like to help in any way please let us know. Any offer of support, however regular would be most gratefully received. Lianne Bradford will be available after our Seeds and Gardeners Liturgy on the 7th October for a quick informal meeting if any of our new Reception Parents are interested.

UPCOMING EVENTS (More details to follow)

- Over the next two weeks our children will be designing Christmas cards which you will able to order online and profits from sales will be credited to the PTA bank account.
- 20th October Break the Rules Day in School
- 3rd November Spooky Disco 6.30 to 7.45pm



SEEDS AND GARDENERS

Today our Year 6 pupils were introduced to their Seeds. There was an air of excitement around school as the children were paired and began to build their special friendship bond. Our Year 6 pupil s were ready to burst with excitement and are fully prepared for the duty and honour of being appointed their special seed to nuture and support in their first year of school.



This friendship will be officially blessed in our special liturgy which is on Friday 7th October in the school hall at 9.15am.

Forest School Experience

Our Reception and Year 2 pupils will be having their first forest school experience on Monday. The need a pair or sturdy shoes or wellies for this session that they can changed into so that they are not uncomfortable in class for the remainder of the day. Please remember that water proofs will be available for all year groups.



Over the past few weeks we have been busy updating systems and procedures. Please look at our website for updated policies and information

- School uniform policy
- School uniform information
- School hours
- The curriculum
- Behaviour

Over the past three weeks we have been reflecting on what it means to be a good friend and we will continue to do this for the rest of this half term.



PADIHAM ARCHIVES EXHIBITION

Padiham Archives are holding their Annual Exhibition in the Town Hall Ballroom on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th September from 10.00 am—4.00 pm. There are lots of photos and memorabilia plus interesting things to see about Padiham in the past. Admission is £2 per adult and children are free. Refreshments will be available.



We still have some emergency food items available from our St Johns Food Bank for anyone who may need them. Please speak to a member of staff and we will be happy to arrange a food parcel for you.



Mon 26th Sep	**Yr 2 Forest School am, Reception Forest school pm**
Tue 27th Sep	**Nursery stay and play re-starts—9am—10.15am.**
Tues 27th Sep	**Yr 6—St Augustine's Parents Evening at St Johns 6.30pm**
Wed 28th Sep	**New School Year Mass 9.15am**
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**
Mon 31st Oct	**Deadline for applying for Secondary School place.**
Mon 31st Oct	**Yr 2 Forest school am, Reception Forest school pm**