

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school and they have all returned looking so incredibly smart, full of enthusiasm for the year ahead – Thank you!

We have been working hard to enhance and widen our curriculum offer and during the course of the year we will be inviting more visitors into school as well as extending learning beyond the classroom. During the course of the year we group aim to talk all pupils on a trip on a train to various destinations on the Northern line and we will be extending our walks in the local area too.

Parents evenings are planned to be face to face and we look forward to welcoming parents fully back into school for award and class assemblies.

We look forward to the new year ahead and supporting your children as they blossom throughout the year.

Please note that we have contractors on site at the moment who will be installing a brand new boiler in the junior plant room. They are due to complete their installation mid October. Please be careful at the front of the building where they have installed a small welfare/office unit.

Kind regards

K.McKeating



- Please remember Fr Jennings in your prayers. Fr Jennings was the parish priest here at St John's for many years and he sadly passed away at the beginning of the summer holidays.
- Please remember Mrs Bracken in your prayers who has recently lost her husband.
- Please remember Betty Brown and her family in your prayers. Betty was one of our school dinner ladies in the late 1990's.

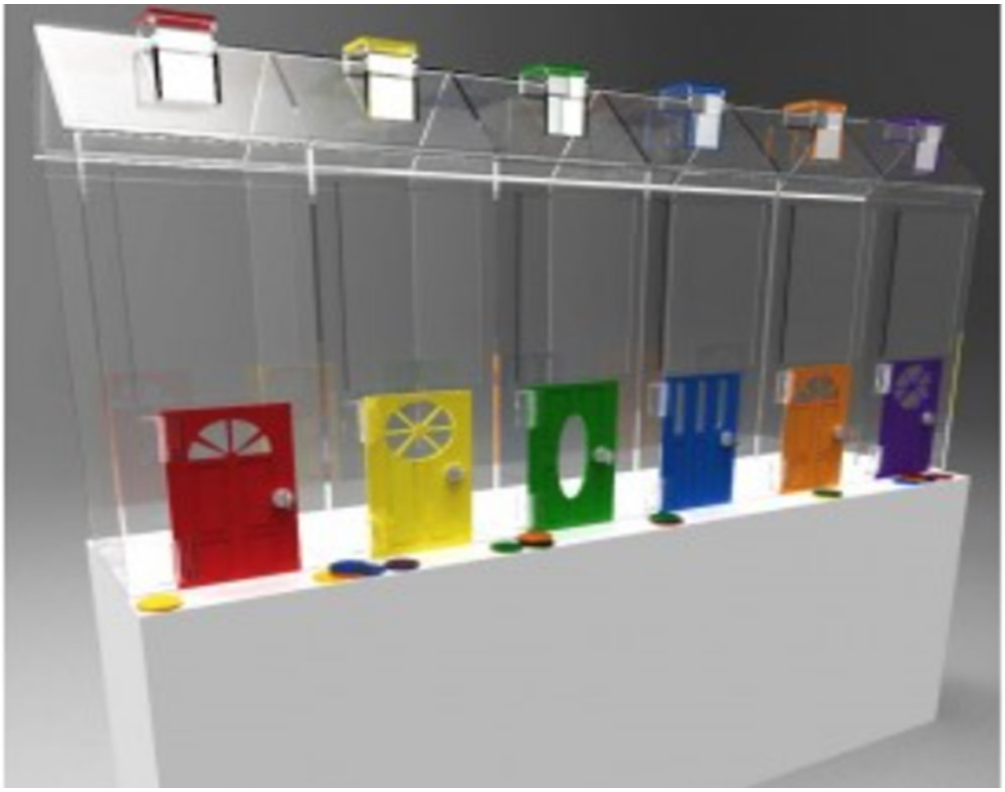






Our Teams across school have now been allocated a special Saint to inspire them in their daily lives. The children will be discovering why these Saints have been chosen in the weeks to come. The children are very excited about our new team point collector where you can post coloured balls down the chimney of each house.





Introducing forest school adventures in the Secret Garden

This year we have recruited the support of Hedgehog Woodland Adventures to work with our children to give them a forest school experience. Each class with have three sessions in the autumn term. On the children's allocated days they need to ensure they have sturdy shoes or wellingtons and their outdoor PE kit or tracksuit. If they are on a morning session they should come wearing their forest school clothes and bring their school uniform to get changed into. We have purchased full waterproof sets for the children to wear but if you would prefer for your child to wear their own this is ok. I am confident that the children will love these sessions and they will be given the opportunities to earn special hedgehog award along the way. Please note that there will be no charge for these sessions. Please note the dates for each year group below.

DATE	AM	PM
12th Sept	Year 5	Year 3
19th Sept	Year 6	Year 4
26th Sept	Year 2	Reception
3rd Oct	Year 1	Nursery
10th Oct	Year 6	Year 3
17th Oct	Year 5	Year 4
HALF TERM	HALF TERM	HALF TERM
31st Oct	Year 2	Reception
7th Nov	Year 1	Nursery
14th Nov	Year 6	Year 3
21st Nov	Year 5	Year 4
28th Nov	Year 2	Reception
5th Dec	Year 1	Nursery

Behaviour Focus

This year we will be focussing on developing positive behaviour in school, reflecting on the attributes and sills needs to develop positive behaviours. These behaviours are linked to our class dojos and each half term will have a new focus. Please support us on developing these attributes with your child whilst at home.

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As part of our review on Behaviour, we have devised a our own scheme of work to teach attributes of behaviour. This will be implemented throughout the year. This can be viewed on our school website: [St John the Baptist School Curriculum 2022-2023 | St John the Baptist RC Primary School (st-john.lancs.sch.uk)]

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST BEHAVIOUR CURRICULUM

- LOVE ONE ANOTHER
- AUTUMN 1 BE A GOOD FRIEND
- AUTUMN 2 BE KIND AND LOVING
- SPRING 1 BE HELPFUL AND GIVING
- SPRING 2 BE POLITE AND WELL MANNERED
- SUMMER 1 BE FORGIVING
- SUMMER 2 BE TRUTHFUL AND A PEACEMAKER



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All year groups will be following this scheme from September to ensure consistency across school.

Our Class Dojos are now also directly linked to each behaviour theme to reinforce the focus on particular behaviours. The children will continue to receive both red and green dojos linked to their behaviour.

Our Friday lunchtime detention session has now changed too. For those children in receipt of three red dojo's within a week they will now complete a behaviour think sheet. They will be supported in reflecting on how they can personally improve their behaviour.