ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RCP SCHOOL

Headteacher's Note

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 25th March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have come to the end of another half term and we are two thirds of the way through the school year. As restrictions have lifted school has come to life once more and got busier and busier.

Our Easter holidays are slightly out of sync with some of our neighboring schools. This is so that we can be in school during Holy Week as we lead up to the most important season of the church year. Rest assured that all schools attend school for the same amount of time across the year, which is 190 days.

Enjoy the holidays and I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 11th April.

Reconciliation

Our year 3 and 4 children received the sacrament of Reconciliation this week. Both services were extremely reverent and moving. The children's behaviour was exemplary and they were clearly ready to receive this sacrament.

A special thank you to Mrs Schofield who has prepared our pupils so well and given freely of her time. Thank you also to Mr Steele and Miss Armstrong for supporting the children and to Fr Allan for leading such a beautiful celebration. Please keep these children in your prayers as they now prepare to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion in June.





First Holy Communion dates

Year 3— Tuesday 14th June at 6pm

Year 4—Tuesday 21st June at 6pm

Both services will be held at St John The Baptist Church.

RECEPTION ASSEMBLY

Our reception children did a wonderful class assembly today for the rest of the school. This will be uploaded to the videos section on our school website.

DATES TO REMEMBER

25th March	School Closes
11th April	School Re-opens
!2 April	End of Lent Mass
15th April	Good Friday—school closed
18th April	Easter Monday—school closed
22nd April	Class Photo's

Congratulations!

VIPS THIS WEEK

Year R Ollie Smedley

Year 1 Sicily-Kate Strahan

Year 2 Holly Savage

Year 3 Emilia Lockett

Year 4 Hannah Ramshead

Year 5 Charlie Brown-Maudsley

Year 6 Finlay Clarke



Writer of the Week



Year R Layla Macdonald

Year 1 Isla Barry

Year 2 Daniel Gargan

Year 3 Niall Duffy

Year 4 Jaymieleigh Brooks

Year 5 Theo Fort

Year 6 Erin-Grace Whittle

Achievements!

A big well done to the following children for their achievements out of school;

Heidi M - dance and gymnastics

Ellie M - dancing

Theo L - Cricket

Rosie J - dancing

Martha I - dancing



CLASS DOJO WINNERS

Year 1 Emma Lynch, Harvey Banks, Colby Edwards, Rocco Storer, Arianna Duffy

Year 2 Aaliya Barry, Phoebe Bridge, Rosie Jarman, Harriet Entwistle, Miley Stowe

Year 3 Ava Tattersall, Ava-Rose Ramsbottom, Ellie Mackey, Emilia Lockett, Ruby McWilliam

Year 4 Tom Sturdy, Darcey Blackledge, Henry-Jack Crossley, Rafael Pinto, William Lord-Fallows

Year 5 Oscar Clarke, Sophie Metcalfe, Holly Mackey, Rowan Bradford, Bexsley Caine, Oliver Hesmondhalgh

Year 6 Noah Johnson, Grace Woodcock, Theo Edwards, Erin-Grace Whittle, Jessica Kelly

UKRAINE CRISIS

Our TV screens continue to display the most horrific scenes of this continuing crisis. As a school it has been so important to teach and guide our children how to respond to such a crisis. I am incredibly proud of how the children have responded and the generosity shown by them and their families.

In a matter of weeks, two car loads of items have been collected and sent to the heart of the crisis and a total of **£734** has been raised so far. We are still selling £1 and £2 angels from the school office.

IF YOU LIVE IN LANCASHIRE AND NEED SUPPORT TO BRING UKRAINE RELATIVES OVER TO THE UK, LANCASHIRE REFUGEE INTEGRATION TEAM WILL ASSIST WITH ACCESS TO FREE LEGAL ADVICE AND ONGOING SUPPORT. PLEASE EMAIL RITTEAM@LANCASHIRE.GOV.UK WITH YOUR CONTACT DETAILS AND WE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITHIN 24 HOURS.

Lancashire County Council



A prayer for Ukraine

Loving God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.

Amen







BLACK HAT ASSEMBLY

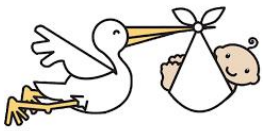
The black hat Grand Draw will be held on Thursday 14th April. All children who have been top 5 dojo winners for their class are entered into the raffle. In addition to this, children who are seen to be following our Mission Statement are also entered. Mrs McKeating will purchase prizes over the holidays and display them during Holy Week.

NURSERY STAY AND PLAY

This week was our last Stay and Play session in nursery for this term. Due to our End of Lent Mass and our new starters joining us the week after, Stay and Play will start again on **Tuesday 26th April, 9am—10.15am.**

STAFF NEWS

Mrs Sethi has now left school to begin her maternity leave. We look forward to hearing the news of baby Sethi's safe arrival in the weeks ahead. Good luck Mrs Sethi!



We look forward to welcoming Miss Stephanie Wale to the team as she will be taking over Mrs Sethi's teaching duties.

CHOIR UPDATE

Mrs Sethi's mother has agreed to take over leading the choir in Mrs Sethi's absence. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Townson, who is a recently retired secondary school music teacher.

Choir rehearsals will be held during Holy Week on Tuesday 12th April 3.15—4.15pm.

Thank you Mrs Townson and welcome to St John's.

TOAST

Toast for over the Summer term is now available to order on Parent Pay. This is for Tuesday 19th April up to Wednesday 20th July. The charge for this is £12.40 (20p per day) and needs to be ordered by **13th April**.

Please note, we will not be able to accept any more orders once this date has passed.

Please contact the office if you're unable to access Parent Pay.



Thank you.

RED NOSE DAY—Total amount raised last week was **£255.86.** Thank you to everyone who donated.

Cross Country

Congratulations to our 4 finalists and the Cross Country boys team who came 2nd overall on the evening.





SUMMER MUSIC CONCERT

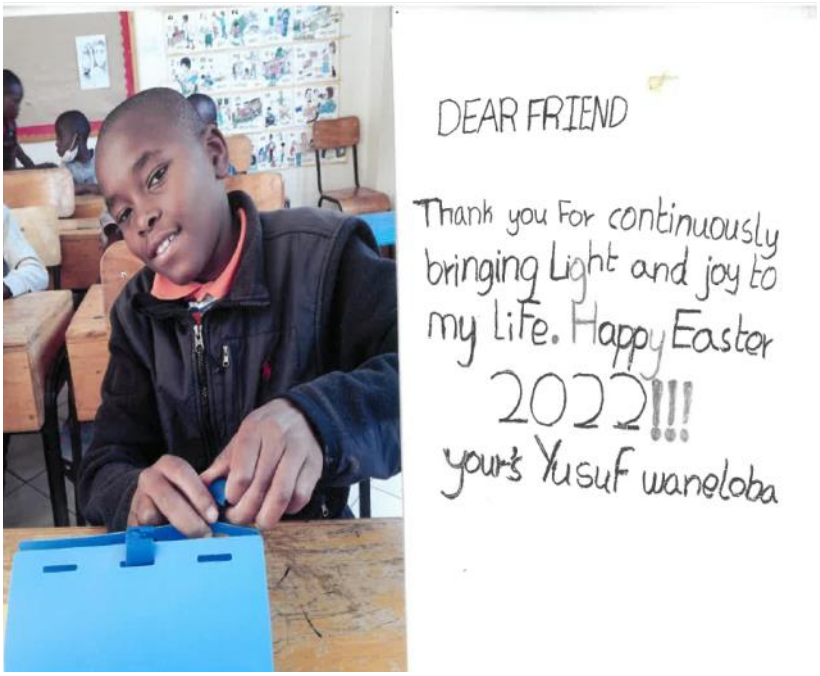


On Wednesday afternoon the school was treated to some fabulous musical performances that were the highlight of the week. There was nearly half of the school on the stage ready to entertain us with their developing skill and talents.

Thank you to all of our wonderful musicians and Mrs Miskell, Mrs Jones, Mrs Sethi, Miss Rosborough and Mrs Catley for preparing the children so well. Well done!

NEWS FROM KENYA

We are absolutely thrilled to receive this lovely Easter card from Yusuf, who we were able to sponsor through Mission Possible thanks to the money raised by our GIFT TEAM at the end of last year. Yusuf had previously missed 2 whole terms of school as his mother was unable to afford the fees. Thanks to the money raised, Yusuf now has his school fees paid for the entire year and is provided with all the resources he needs.







HEALTH UPDATE

Whilst COVID cases are low across the school, we have confirmed cased in Nursery, Year 3 and Year 4.

In addition, we also have had a confirmed case of scarlet fever.

The first signs of scarlet fever can be flu-like symptoms, including a high temperature, a sore throat and swollen neck glands (a large lump on the side of your neck).

A rash appears 12 to 48 hours later. It looks like small, raised bumps and starts on the chest and tummy, then spreads. The rash makes your skin feel rough, like sandpaper.

Scarlet fever is treated with antibiotics and children can return to school 24 hours after starting treatment if they feel well enough.

Summer Uniform option—

Girls may wear their blue and white summer dresses with white socks (not tights) after the holiday.
Blue polo shirts and skirts may also be worn if you prefer.
Boys may wear their grey shorts.
Please make sure all uniform items are NAMED. Thank you.

HYNDBURN HAF
FUN WITH FOOD & FRIENDS

All you need to know!



The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is funded by the Department for Education to provide free activities and meals during the school summer & christmas holidays.

If your child is aged 4 to 16 and eligible for benefits related free school meals, you will be able to access free holiday provision through Fun with Food and Friends.

The programme is a great opportunity for children and young people to get out and about and get active.

We are working with local providers to form a borough wide offer to ensure there is a variety of diverse provision available throughout the Summer and Christmas holidays.

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