ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RCP SCHOOL

Headteacher's Note

Weekly Newsletter
Thursday 21st October 2021



HALF TERM



We are closed to the children tomorrow (Friday 22nd November) for INSET and next week for our half term break. We hope you all have a wonderful break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 1st November.

The children have had a wonderful time breaking the rules today! We have had some crazy coloured hairstyles and the glitter tattoo's have been very popular! Thank you to everyone who has taken part and contributed to our PTFA fundraising day. We have managed to raise over **£460.00!!**



EYFS and KS1 Liturgy



On Friday 15th October, our wonderful GIFT Team led a beautiful Liturgy for our infants all about God's creation and how we can look after our world and each other. They read the creation story to the children, said some prayers and finished the Liturgy with a lovely hymn 'If I were a butterfly' which all the children and teachers enjoyed singing and dancing to! After the Liturgy, our GIFT Team made the children a creation colouring worksheet for the children to complete to help them reflect on God's wonderful world and how we can all respect it. They had great fun getting to know the children and sharing their knowledge of the creation story and how we can follow in God's footsteps.









Congratulations!

VIPS THIS WEEK

Year R	Reggie Bradford
Year 1	Iris Beck
Year 2	Oliver Williams
Year 3	Ellie Mackey
Year 4	Rafael Pinto
Year 5	Oliver Hesmondhalgh
Year 6	Erin-Grace Whittle



Writer of the Week

Year R	Lyla McBreen
Year 1	Elsie Mcevoy
Year 2	Martha Inckle
Year 3	Daisy Grace
Year 4	Helaina Beresford
Year 5	Ruby Marsden
Year 6	Lucas Potter

CLASS DOJO WINNERS

Year 1	Sicily-Kate, Sienna, Zoltan, Heidi, Pippa
Year 2	Alastair, Phoebe, Noah, Seth, Heidi
Year 3	Alexus, Brooklyn, Louisa, Ellie, Ruby, Vincent
Year 4	Tom, Rafael, Joshua, Darcy W, Jenson
Year 5	Holly, Max, Alexander, Amelia Harry
Year 6	Leo, Mollie, Freya, Keevah, William

A Remembrance tree for Covid.



Holly and Max from Year 5 represented our school today, at a tree planting on the Greenway. The Rev. Canon Mark Jones held the service to dedicate the tree and commemorate all the people who have been affected by Covid. It was a beautiful sunny day and the children planted daffodil bulbs at the base of the Cherry Blossom tree. We are very proud of our children representing our school so well.

Mrs Catley





LANCASHIRE children's UNIVERSITY

October half term Challenge 2021

Activity 1

Active Challenge

Design a circuit of 6 different activities (eg shuttle runs, star jumps, balances, keepy ups etc.) Ideas here Circuit Training (primaryresources.co.uk) Time yourself for 1 minute per activity and count how many reps you can do. Have a breather and go again! Can you beat you score? Take photos and send them in.

Activity 2

Pumpkin Picking!

Go pumpkin picking at your local farm/shop. Decide on your creation - lots of ideas here 15 Pumpkin Carving Ideas for Kids (thesprucecrafts.com) and then with the help of a grown-up carve your pumpkin and send us a picture of the end result.

Activity 3

Photography project – 'Autumn'

Using a camera, phone or tablet take a photograph that captures Autumn. Eg leaves, trees, wildlife, weather, sunset, the colours of autumn (the list is endless) You can click this link for inspiration if you like Autumn Photography: Tips to Photographing the Colors of Autumn (capturelandscapes.com)

Activity 4

Bake up an Autumn treat!

Try something yummy and comforting like sticky plum flapjacks, toffee apple cookies or pumpkin cupcakes. You can click here for recipes or find your own Autumn baking projects for kids - BBC Good Food

Don't forget to write your ingredients and method and take a photo before you eat them!

Activity 5

Family film night

1. Choose a film to watch
2. Create a snack menu
3. Design a poster to advertise your film night to your family
4. Watch the film (and eat your snacks!)
5. Write a short review- what did you like/dislike?

To gain your credit you need to complete each step and send in your evidence!

Activity 6

Experimenting with Autumn!

If science is your thing, why not click this link and try one of these autumn inspired experiments? 19 Fall Science Activities for Autumn Fun | Science Buddies Blog

Eg 'turmeric invisible ink', 'make a weather station', 'rock candy crystals' or 'shadow puppets' remember to write what you did and take a picture as evidence

Activity 7

Forestry England Autumn activities!

Children's University have teamed up with Forestry England to produce activities that can be completed in any park, woodland or forest. Follow this link to see the activities **https://www.forestryengland.uk/childrens-university-autumn-activities**

From observations, to artwork, to sensory exploration in the outdoors. Follow the instructions and send your evidence to learning.england@forestryengland.uk to get proof of your credits



Collect extra Children's University credits during the October holiday by completing this challenge. Each activity is worth 1 credit (unless otherwise stated) when you take evidence of your activity to your teacher or send it to your local Children's University. Send it to louise.waller@elevate-ebp.co.uk

NURSERY STAY AND PLAY SESSIONS

Last week we re-introduced our stay and play sessions on a Tuesday morning and we have been thrilled with the turn out. Thank you to everyone who has attended so far. We have had two lovely sessions playing with the children and watching them explore our nursery. It has been wonderful to meet so many of you and we can't wait to see you again soon!

Our Stay and Play sessions will resume after half term. These are every Tuesday morning 9am—10.15am. All 2 and 3 year olds welcome to attend with their parents/carers or grandparents.



YEAR 6 PARENTS

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLYING FOR YOUR CHILD'S HIGH SCHOOL PLACE IS 31st OCTOBER.

You can apply using the following link;

https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/

****Please note—for faith schools you will have to complete a supplementary faith form****

POPPIES

After half term, we will be selling poppies and other items in school to raise money for the Royal British Legion. Please see below for the items that will be on sale.



There will also be some poppy pin badges on sale for £2.00.

