ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RCP SCHOOL

Headteacher's Note

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 1st October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Contact with Class Teachers

Since we have returned to school we are noticing a huge increase in parents requesting direct contact with class teachers. Whilst we want to continue to promote our open door policy, this is beginning to cause a problem as staff are giving up their precious breaks and preparation time or leaving their classes to accommodate these requests, which is having a detrimental impact on our pupils.

We are now reinstating our pre Covid routine of class teachers being available during Monday and Wednesday morning assembly time via face to face or telephone appointments that can be made via the school office.

Obviously there are always exceptional circumstances that require more urgent attention, where exceptions can be made.

There has been so much disruption to education over the past two years, we are working very hard in school to maximise on all learning time to make up for this.

Thank you for your continued support.

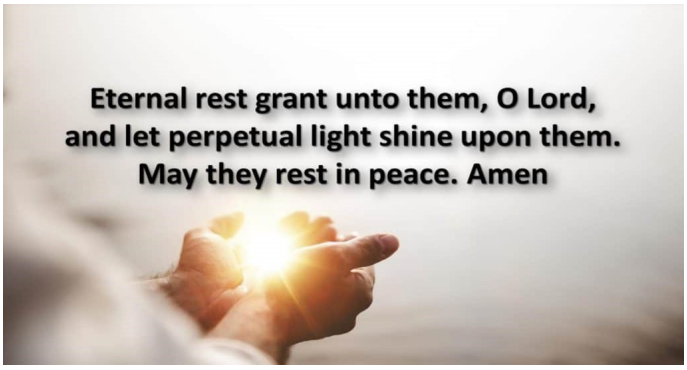
Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

God Bless
Mrs McKeating



One of our past pupils David Brown sadly passed away two weeks ago on the 17th September. David is remembered fondly by many of our staff and our love and prayers go out to all of his family. David's funeral is due to take place next Wednesday. Please keep the Brown family in your prayers at this sad time.

We also pray for Mark Harrison who sadly lost his battle with bowel cancer on the 17th September. Mark's funeral took place yesterday. We pray for Joshua his son and wife Lindsey and all of his extended family at this sad time.



Seeds and Gardeners Liturgy



It was lovely to welcome parents into school this morning for our Seeds and Gardeners liturgy. To reduce numbers in the school hall, half of our classes watched the assembly via TEAMS. Thank you also to the parents who came in to school wearing masks.

Please pray for our seeds as they journey through their first year at school. We pray also for our gardeners as they take on the responsibility of nurturing and guiding their seed.

The children's seed prayers will shortly be displayed in the rightful place at the front entrance over the next week so they can be shared with the school community throughout the year.



Congratulations!

VIPS THIS WEEK

Year R	Clara Pilling
Year 1	Pippa Walmsley
Year 2	Rosie Jarman
Year 3	Kendal Kennedy
Year 4	Alfie Brelsford
Year 5	Mason Pomfret
Year 6	Keevah Wallace

Writer of the Week

Year R	Eden Cameron
Year 1	Arianna Duffy
Year 2	Marko Reeves
Year 3	Sonny Merchant
Year 4	Kian Judge
Year 5	Toby Harter
Year 6	Theo Edwards

1Decision

Rainbow Smart



During our PSHE lessons, we use a company called 1Decision who provide interactive resources to support our lessons and teaching. 1Decision have a new app available to download called Rainbow Smart. Children will be able to see the links to lessons from the classroom when using the app.

To download the app, please visit;
https://www.1decision.co.uk/about/our-app



Our school council members have had their second meeting today and are settling into their new roles and getting to know one another. All the children have fed back about things they like about school and things that they feel need improvement.

Some of our council members are due to meet with our senior leadership team soon to talk about their ideas.



CLASS DOJO WINNERS



Year 1	**Rocco Storer, Pippa Walmsley,Eryn Brelsford, Robyn Southall, Sophia Davenport**
Year 2	**Luke Cavanagh,Felicity Baker, Rosie Jarman, Phoebe Bridge, Lochlann Lamb**
Year 3	**Dalton McGough, Alexus Mortimer-McGuire, Ava Tattersall, Elliot O'Leary, Skyla Wilkinson**
Year 4	**Kian Judge, Matilda Jackson, Milo Campbell, Jenson Frost, Ayda-Rose Naylor**
Year 5	**Mason Pomfret, Lee Saddington, Holly Mackey, Rowan Bradford, Bexsley Caine**
Year 6	**Lucas Potter, Scarlet-Rose Murphy, Jayden Sinclair, Leo Earnshaw, Jessica Kelly**

Please note that due to delivery issues, our special menu on the 7th October has been simplified. Options be booked via Parent Pay. Thank you for your continued support.



Calling all parents of three and ten year olds
Apply now for your child's school place for September 2022

For Secondary and Primary places, please ensure you complete all three choices as you cannot be guaranteed your first choice and would then be allocated any available school, not the nearest!

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

Apply for a school place

Apply online

The deadline to apply for a school place for September 2022 is:

- 15 January 2022 for primary schools
- 31 October 2021 for secondary schools

Please note that you will required to complete a supplementary faith form for faith schools

SERENITY GARDEN

Over the past few weeks some exciting work has been happening to turn our Serenity Garden into an extended learning area for our children.



