# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RCP SCHOOL

## Headteacher's Note

**Weekly Newsletter**
**Friday 17th September 2021**

Dear Parents/Carers

**SERENITY GARDEN**

This week there has been a hive of activity on the main school playground as we have had contractors into school to redesign our serenity garden. This is now being converted into an outside classroom area that is designated for dance/keep fit sessions, outdoor learning. We are hoping that this will be open for use next week but in the meantime the children have enjoyed watching the transformation.

**SEEDS AND GARDENERS**

This afternoon the excitement bubbling from our EYFS area has been tangible. A much awaited piece of post Covid magic was reignited as we introduced our Year 6 Gardeners to their Seeds. What a magical afternoon they have all had. It has been so lovely to see our oldest children playing with our new Reception children.

I was super impressed with the tender care and love that our Year 6 children showed to their seeds, they are more than ready for this role and I am really proud of them all. Well done children!



**NEW SCHOOL YEAR MASS**

This morning our junior children attended church to celebrate Mass together to mark the beginning of the new school year. It was lovely to be gathered together once more in our beautiful church. A special thanks to Fr Allan and Mrs Baird for preparing such a lovely Mass to bless our journey into the new school year.

**SCHOOL COUNCILLORS**

Our children in each class have been busy nominating and voting for their class councillors and these will be announced in the assembly on Monday morning.

**LUNCH AND AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS**

Start earning your learning points



| | Lunch Time | After School Club |
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| Monday | Homework Club<br>Years 4,5,6 12.15pm | |
| Tuesday | Homework Club<br>Years 3 12.15pm | Year 2 Multi Skills Club<br>3.15 - 4.15pm |
| Wednesday | Homework Club<br>Years 4,5,6 12.15pm | Year 5/6 boys football—Mr Kelly<br>Year 5/6 girls football—Miss Earnshaw<br>3.15 - 4.15pm |
| Thursday | Homework Club<br>Years 4,5,6 12.15pm | |
| Friday | Recorder Club Year 2<br>12.45 pm | |

## School Uniform




Last Friday a reminder was placed in the newsletter regarding earrings. On Monday there were still a large number of children wearing them ant there are a few children wearing plastic retainer earrings. I have allowed these in the past. However, the local baths are not allowing the children to swim with them. So as to be fair to all children across school plastic retainers are not allowed.

If your child's ears are still healing after a recent piercing then an exception will be made for a short period of time. However, parents must cover earrings with plasters or micro pore tape each day.

We ask that piercings only take place at the beginning of a the summer holiday.

## Seeds and Gardeners

It was wonderful this afternoon as our Year 6 children were introduced to their Seeds. They spent a lot of time getting to know one another by unpacking their Seed's special boxes. We were so sorry we couldn't have Seeds and Gardeners last year as we know how much it is loved by the children and the staff. The afternoon felt like the old St John's and brought a much needed sense of normality back to school life! We look forward to our special Seeds and Gardeners Liturgy where we can bless the bonds of friendship that have begun today.





## VIPS THIS WEEK

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| Year R | Nola Man |
| Year 1 | Scarlet Morris |
| Year 2 | Spencer Gardner |
| Year 3 | Ruby McWilliam |
| Year 4 | Beatrix Caine |
| Year 5 | Alexander Graham |
| Year 6 | Oliver Sharples |







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| Year 1 | Rocco Storer |
| Year 2 | Aaliya Barry |
| Year 3 | Brooklyn Thompson |
| Year 4 | Milo Campbell |
| Year 5 | Oscar Clarke |
| Year 6 | Lacey Morgan |

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

**Thank you to everyone who attended the presentation from Blessed Trinity that took place on Monday.**

**Just a reminder …**

**St Augustine's will be visiting school to give a presentation to Year 5 and Year 6 pupils and parents on;**

Tuesday 28th September 6.30pm

# SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Due to the Covid pandemic our current Year 4 children were not able to begin their sacramental journey, which normally takes place in Year 3. The plan is that Year 3 and Year 4 will join this year to complete their sacramental journey together. The children will follow 'The Heart Speaks to Heart' programme and this will be led by the parish and supported by school. Further information will follow soon.



# CLASS DOJO WINNERS




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| Year 1 | Daisy Duckworth, Pippa Beresford, Eryn Brelsford, Arianna Duffy, Fox Bennett |
| Year 2 | Aaliya Barry, Jay Willott, Spencer Gardner, Martha Inckle, Felicity Baker, Oliver Williams. |
| Year 3 | Ava-Rose Ramsbottom, Emily Baines, Poppy Leaver, Ellie Mackey, Louisa Little |
| Year 4 | Helaina Beresford, Jenson Frost, Alfie Breslford, Ruby Thompson, Shay Greenwood |
| Year 5 | Holly Mackey, Harry Atkinson, Sophie Metcalfe,Harley Willott, Phoebe Ormerod, Theo Fort. |
| Year 6 | Leo Earnshaw, Keevah Wallace, Alfie Morley, Ayden Taylor, Lacey Morgan |