ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RCP SCHOOL

Headteacher's Note

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 10th September 2021



Dear Parents/Carers



Welcome back!, we have now completed our first full week in school and the children have adapted quickly to their new classrooms, teachers and routines.
School is finally feeling more like normal now that the bubbles have dissolved and it is so lovely to be able to let the year groups interact with each other once more.



Most of our Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted, however we are keeping to the morning and home routines that we introduced last year as these are much preferred. We are also keeping to a staggered lunch time which reduces numbers of the pupils in the hall and on the yard at one time.
We are actively following the new guidance from the DFE regarding the management of positive Covid-19 cases and have already had positive cases within days of returning to school. As explained in last week's letter schools will no longer be closing bubbles for children to self isolate but parents will be informed if there has been a positive case within a class so that parents can be more vigilant and even undertake a test if they wish to do so. Parents must continue to inform school immediately if their child tests positive for Covid-19.
School attendance for primary and secondary school attendance is once again compulsory and unauthorised absences may result in penalty notices being issued by the Local Authority.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES
School Assemblies have now resumed and whilst we are delighted to gather as a whole school family we are not yet ready to open the doors to parents. All children recognised in assemblies for awards and achievements will continue to be announced on the school newsletter.



SEEDS AND GARDENERS
One tradition that I am delighted to reintroduce is our Seeds and Gardeners programme and our Year 6 and Reception Staff are already beginning to work on pairing the children together. Parents will be informed shortly of details for the Seeds and Gardeners Liturgy which we are planning to hold on Friday 1st October at 9.15am.

WELCOME TO YOUR NEW CLASS
Our teachers are currently busy preparing a slide show to outline the routines, expectations, timetable of their class. These will be shared on their class pages of our school website for your information.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

God Bless
Mrs McKeating

School Uniform

I just wanted to personally thank you all for returning the children to school in full uniform and the children look incredibly smart.



Please remember that earrings are not permitted in school and must be removed prior to attending school each morning.

Exceptions will be made for a short period of time if ears are recently pierced. 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.

Welcome to EYFS



We are have been welcoming the new Reception and Nursery children back to school over the week and look forward to seeing our new Reception children into school, full time from Monday. We are so excited!

Any medication being brought into school should be done via the school office and the correct forms be completed in full.





Welcome

It has been lovely to welcome Mrs Katie Slattery to our office team. Please introduce yourself to Mrs Slattery and make her feel welcome. She is rapidly getting up to speed with our school systems and is beginning to get to know people. We hope that Katie will be very happy at St John's.

VIPS THIS WEEK

Congratulations to our first VIP children of the year

Year 1	Emma Lynch
Year 2	Georgia Ramshead
Year 3	Alexus Mortimer-Maguire
Year 4	Joshua Franklin
Year 5	Will Harrison
Year 6	Lucas Potter



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

Choosing a secondary school for your child

Both St. Augustine's RC High School and Blessed Trinity Roman Catholic College will be visiting St. John's to provide a presentation for our parents on what their school has to offer. Parents from years 5 and 6 are invited to attend both of these sessions.

Blessed Trinity Presentation
Monday 13th September 6.00pm

St Augustine's, Billington Presentation
Tuesday 28th September 6.30pm

Both presentations are at St John's school

Join the PTA!



PTA Meeting
23rd September
Molly Rigby's,
Mill Street,
Padiham
7.30pm



Due to lockdown restrictions our PTA have not been able to meet or carry out any of their normal fundraising events. We currently have very few members and are desperate to welcome new parents to our team so that we can support the school and enable school to run extra events/treats, celebrations that the school budget can't support.

Please feel free to attend the first meeting to find out more. Attendance at the meeting holds no commitment and any support that you can offer will be welcomed.

Contact Lianne Bradford or the school office



