ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RCP SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 19th March 2021



Dear Parents,

We have come to the end of our second week and it almost feels like the children have never been away. It is so lovely to hear the hustle and bustle of school and have the classrooms full once more.

The disruption of periods of lockdown has clearly had an impact on the children and some children are finding settling back into school routines difficult.

We are also beginning to see some poor behaviour across the school. We have been reinforcing our expectations about good behaviour, manners and how important it is to show respect towards all of our adults in school at all times. I appreciate that our children are coming out of a period of disruption but **poor behaviour and manners will not be tolerated.** Can you please talk to your children over the weekend and show your full support regarding this.

For those children who are not following our rules and school Mission Statement, sanctions will issued appropriately.

One other area that has slipped since this time last year is the handing in of homework on the children's set day. All children will be required to submit homework each week and for those children who do not have it, they will need to attend homework club to complete it.

In reinforcing our school routines, expectations and good behaviour, we will also reinforce normality for our children.

Have a great weekend

God Bless

Mrs McKeating

REMINDER

Please could everyone wear Brightly Coloured or Odd Socks on Monday 22nd March to raise awareness of Down syndrome and show support for The #LotsOfSocks campaign



PLEASE WEAR A FACE MASK WHEN YOU ARE WITHIN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

National day of Reflection and Prayer

On **Tuesday 23rd March**, the Government have declared a day of reflection to mark the anniversary of the first coronavirus lockdown. The Bishops of England have asked that the day be observed as a 'day of prayer'.

We pray for those who have lost their lives to the virus and for the family members who mourn their loved ones.
We also will remember those who have suffered during the pandemic whether through illness, stress, financial disaster or family tensions. We pray for their ongoing resilience, courage and healing for us all.
Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer



Parking Issues & Child safety when travelling to and from school



It has come to our attention that some parents are taking unnecessary risks with safety at drop off and home times.

Please do not obstruct people's driveways, or park on the zig zag lines or next to the safety railings.

Some children are also exiting cars and being let into them on the road side, which is extremely concerning when St John's Road is so busy at school times.

Could we also take this opportunity to remind parents that according to the GOV.UK website:

- **Children must normally use a child car seat until they're 12 years old or 135 centimetres tall, whichever comes first.**
- **You should choose a child car seat based on your child's height or weight.**

There have been some cases of some of our very youngest children being driven away from school without restraints and some even standing up in a moving car. Please do take care and lets avoid serious injuries where we can.

CONGRATULATIONS

VIPS THIS WEEK

REC	Heidi Meehan
YR 1	Roman Schillaci
YR 2	Niall Duffy
YR 3	Shay Greenwood
YR 4	Will Harrison
YR 5	Lucas Potter
YR 6	Dylan Morris

Thank you and Well Done....
to our
Nursery class for their enthusiastic story telling assembly which is available to watch via the school website.

We loved watching it today!

https://stjohn-the-baptist-rc.primarysite.media/playlist/videos-for-nursery-2020-21

WRITER OF THE WEEK

REC	Sophia Davenport
YR 1	Georgia Ramshead
YR 2	Faith Morris
YR 3	Thomas Sturdy
YR 4	Harvey Boswell
YR 5	Blake Large
YR 6	Giuseppe Vozzolo

Diary Dates

NEXT WEEK	
Monday 22nd March	Wear bright or odd socks to help raise awareness of Down syndrome #LotsOfSocks campaign
Tuesday 23rd March	National Day Of Prayer
Friday 26th March	Reception Assembly available online
HOLY WEEK	
Sunday 28th March	Palm Sunday (remember clocks go forward 1hr)
Thursday 1st April	Holy Thursday School breaks up for Easter Holidays at 3.15pm
EASTER HOLIDAYS 2nd-18th April 2021	
Friday 2nd April	Good Friday
Sunday 4th April	Easter Sunday
SUMMER 1 TERM 19th April– 28th May 2021	
Monday 19th April	School re-opens for Summer Term at 8.55am Welcome meetings for new Nursery children
Tuesday 20th April	Welcome meetings for new Nursery children
Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday—school closed
Friday 7th May	Y1 Assembly available online
Wed 26th & Thur 27th May	Provisional Date for Online Parents Evening Reception-Y6
Friday 28th May	School breaks up for Half Term

UPDATES ON LENT CHARITY WORK N-Y2

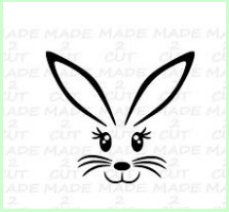
Nursery are busy collecting donations for Padiham Food Bank so they can help people in the local area. They have a donation box on the Nursery steps for this week's donations of tins, packets, rice, pasta, cereal and treats that families can afford to give.

Reception have organised their sponsored Teddy Toddle For The Trussell Trust. The charity is founded on Christian principles and supports a nationwide network of foodbanks. Its aim is to reduce the amount of foodbanks in the UK.

Year 1 & Year 2 are organising a Sponsored Bunny Hop to raise much needed funds for Pendleside Hospice. Sponsor forms available.







UPDATES ON LENT CHARITY WORK IN KS2



Y3 are raising money for our Mission Possible Charity. This is to help the families in Africa and support our sister school. They are busy working on a fitness challenge and are practising every day with lots of different exercises, working towards their BIG challenge. Sponsorship forms are circulating!

Y4 are walking as much as possible as a class, in and outside of school to raise money for CAFOD's Walk for Water. "Walk for Water is the only Lent challenge you need: 10,000 steps a day - done your way. Every day. For 40 days."

Y5 have chosen Muscular Dystrophy UK and are 'going bright for the fight.' Children will wear their most brilliant and brightest clothes and will be taking part in Go Bright activities. This will take place on **Friday 26th March** and children will bring in a donation to take part. This will help to find better treatments and cures for muscle-wasting conditions.

Down's Syndrome Association
A Registered Charity No. 1061474

Y6 are fundraising for The Down's Syndrome Association. This is another charity close to our school.

The Down's Syndrome Association (DSA) is the only charity in the UK dealing with all aspects of Down's syndrome. Its aim is to help people who have Down's syndrome live full and rewarding lives. Y6 are organising a 100 minute challenge which will be a sponsored event.