ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RCP SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 26th February 2021



Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to start the new half term with some positive news of the schools being able to open once more from the 8th March. I have sent a separate letter to you all earlier today to clarify some of our plans we have put in place to ensure that we have a positive start with all children back in school. Please contact either the class teacher or myself If you have any particular worries that school need to know about in order to support your child's transition back into school.
Have a great weekend.
God Bless

Mrs McKeating





Please inform us If there have been any changes to your child's medication or their medical information needs updating.

Inhalers in school are being checked to ensure that they are still in date and a text will be sent if a replacement is needed.

Please be aware that tree pollen is high at the moment. For those pupils who suffer from allergies please ensure that their anti histamines are readily available.

Help to get ready for the Full Return to school on Monday 8th March 2021

Some things to consider in preparing your children for a return to school:

1.Do the following items still fit?

- **school shoes (black shoes not trainers)**
- **school uniform skirt/ pinafore/ trousers/ shorts/ polo shirt and sweatshirt)**
- **PE kit and Indoor pumps (white t-shirt & black shorts for all)**

****All children will be expected to return to school in full uniform ****

2. Getting organised and reducing stress

The sooner that school routines and expectations are established, the sooner we will be able to get the children ready to learn. We want to reduce children's worries by making sure they are dressed appropriately and have their bags and water bottles each day. I appreciate that shops in town are not open at the moment and this will mean that you will need to be a little bit more organised than usual and order new items online.

3. Where can I get uniform from?

- **Whitakers have an online shop and offer a 3-5 day delivery service (See next page)**
- **School shoes are available from many shops online eg M & S, Clarks, Sport's Direct, Next, Matalan and at Burnley Supermarkets– Asda, Sainsbury's and Tesco.**

4. Support from school

We are fully anticipating that some children may be anxious and will find it difficult to return to school and we are building in some recovery time and additional therapeutic type activities that will help them to readjust to school life and support them during this period. We also have an abundance of spare uniform so if anyone is struggling financially please do get in touch next week and we will do our best to help.

5. Checklist: The children will need to bring these in on the first day back -

reading books water bottles book bags class learning packs

School laptops – if you borrowed one ** PE KITS **

WHITTAKERS SCHOOLWEAR ONLINE SHOP



www.whittakersschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/burnley/st-john-the-baptist-rc-school-padiham/



WELCOME!



Congratulations to Monika and Karol on the safe arrival of their new baby brother Michael, who arrived safely just before half term.



Congratulations to new Big Sister Elsie who also has a new brother. Jude Alexander was born on 23th February 2021.

We send our love and congratulations to both families - Mums, Dads and all involved. It's lovely to be able to share your wonderful news!

AWARDS OF THE WEEK

HOME LEARNER OF THE WEEK

REC	Ella Atkinson
YR 1	Henry Pate
YR 2	Alexus Mortimer-McGuire
YR 3	Jenson Frost
YR 4	Phoebe Ormerod
YR 5	Alfie Morley
YR 6	Charlie Ford



SCHOOL LEARNER OF THE WEEK

REC	Mason Brittain
YR 1	Noah Harrison
YR 2	Daisy Mae Grace
YR 3	Hannah Ramshead
YR 4	William Honeyman
YR 5	Harvey Savage
YR 6	Theo Thompson

Nursery Applications



We are now looking at applications for Easter and September 2021.

Parents who have already applied for their children to start in April will be hearing from us next week.

All our induction information can be found in the Parents section on the school website www.st-john.lancs.sch.uk/eyfs-induction

If you have a child who will have their 3rd Birthday before 31st August 2021 then they are eligible for 15 hours of free Nursery Provision from September.



Some parents may also be eligible for an extra 15 hours funded provision under the Government's 30 hours scheme for working parents. Please look at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk for further details of funded childcare for children 0-16.



We also offer the option of a full time Nursery place at a cost of £12 per day (9am-3.30pm term time only) for parents who do not qualify for the additional funded hours.

Let us pray

Please remember our wider school community in your prayers.

We know of many families who have relatives in hospital at the moment and we appreciate that this is especially difficult for them with restrictions on visiting. We send our love to them.



Please continue your prayers for baby Caleb Morgan who is getting stronger in hospital and for all families with new babies at this time.



LENT



The three main things people focus on during Lent are Prayer, Fasting (abstaining from something to reduce distractions and focus more on God) and Giving, or charity.

Prayer during Lent focuses on our need for God's forgiveness. It's also about repenting (turning away from our sins) and receiving God's mercy and love.

Fasting or giving something up, is a very common practice during Lent. The idea is that giving up something that's a regular part of life, like eating biscuits or scrolling through Facebook, can be a reminder of Jesus' sacrifice. That time can also be replaced with more time connecting with God.

Giving money or doing something good for others is a way to respond to God's grace, generosity and love. For example, some people spend time volunteering or they donate money they would normally use to buy something, like a take away or sweets.

Most classes have now decided on their Lent Charity Initiatives and they are busy planning their fundraising events. Further details can be found on the next two pages...

LENT CHARITY WORK N-Y2

Nursery have chosen Padiham Food Bank so they can help people in the local area. They will have a donation box on the Nursery steps for your weekly donations of any tins, packets and treats that families can afford to give. We will sort these out in class and keep you posted for what we need..

Reception will be doing a 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 joining forces and organising a Sponsored Bunny Hop to raise much needed funds for Pendleside Hospice. Details to be confirmed soon and sponsor forms will follow…..





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. To raise money, we will be working on a fitness challenge! The children will be practising every day with lots of different exercises, working towards a big challenge in a few weeks. We will be asking for sponsorship to encourage the children to work extra hard! Sponsorship forms will be on the website to download so you can start straight away!



Y4 will be 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 will be '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.



Y6 are still in the planning and discussion process and will be finalising their charity in the next few days and will announce their fundraising next week...watch this space!



Keeping Everyone Safe



If a member of your household tests positive or shows symptoms of Covid 19 then all members of that household should isolate.



If a pupil at St Johns School shows symptoms or tests positive, their parent/carer should keep them off school AND notify school immediately so that appropriate advice from Public Health England can be sought and action can be taken to safeguard the staff and children they may have had direct contact with.



Please remember that we all have a duty of care to each other and our loved ones at home. Until the vaccines have been given to all groups we need to continue to follow the guidelines and act responsibly.





REMINDER—PARENTS EVENING FOR RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 PUPILS

Each year we have our annual Parent's evening during the week beginning the 15th March. As the children have not been in school since December it seems inappropriate to keep to same timings and I feel it would be more beneficial to delay this to a later date when we have the children back in school.

REMINDER—PARENTS EVENING NURSERY

As you are well aware our Nursery was not included in the National Lockdown and has remained fully open since September 2020. As the children are in school everyday we will be keeping to our normal reporting timetable and parents will be invited to attend a meeting with their Nursery Teachers during the week beginning the 15th March. We will be in touch soon with details of how to book your appointment and in what format the meeting will take place.

RAPID COVID TESTING FOR EMPLOYEES



BURNLEY'S LATERAL FLOW TESTING STATIONS

Burnley Boys' and Girls' Club
Barden Lane
Mon/ Thurs 9am-4pm

Gannow Community Centre
Adamson Street
Tues/Fri 9am-4pm

Central Methodist Church
Wed (9am-4pm)/
Sat (9am-3pm)

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The stations operate on a walk-in basis - no need for an appointment - and test results are available within around half an hour (no need to wait, the results will be sent to your phone).

Lateral flow tests are only available to those workers who cannot work from home. **The tests are for people without symptoms and should be repeated every 3-5 days** to quickly identify and isolate those who may not know they are infectious. Up to a third of people who test positive for Covid-19 have no symptoms at all, so it's important to test people without symptoms to identify these cases.

If the test result comes back **positive** then you must self-isolate for 10 days and follow Government guidelines - information is available at **www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/**

If the test is **NOT positive** then **you must continue to follow Government guidelines** on social distancing and wearing masks etc to protect yourself and others.

The testing stations are being managed by Burnley Council and are being run by fully trained staff. They are supporting other methods of Covid-19 testing that are being made available at other locations around the borough.

Anyone with symptoms (a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste) should book a test via: **www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test**

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