ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RCP SCHOOL

Headteacher's Note

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 8th January 2021



Dear Parents,

This week has certainly been an interesting one and at times I was expecting that surely Ant and Dec, Harry Hill or Jeremy Beadle would be hiding around the corner. Surprisingly they were not! However, we have survived the week with the challenges of power cuts, 3 days of heating issues, websites crashing, no Wi Fi, no phones and so much more. Never have I been as glad to see a Friday in my whole career!

One thing that has been so lovely this week amongst all the fog and haze has been the lovely comments I have received from very grateful Parents. Your gratitude, especially at this time is so very much appreciated.

We are all working at full steam in school to respond to the changes however some details are yet to be released to us in their entirety, such as arrangements for Free School Meals, Milk orders and daily fruit. I will of course update you on these as soon as I have them.

I wish you all a very Happy New Year and look forward to a calmness and normality descending on us all in the very near future.

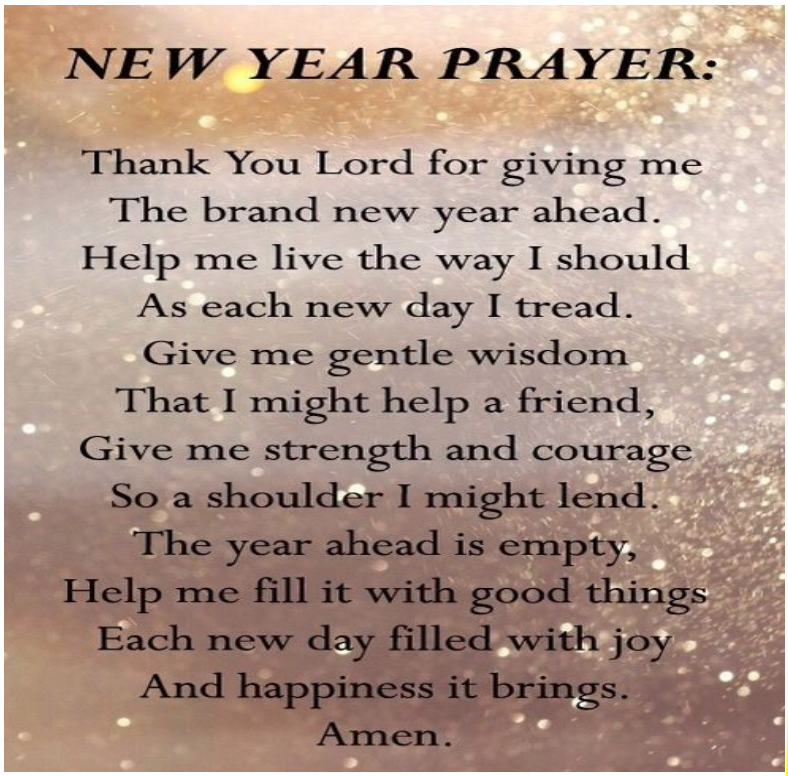
Mrs McKeating



Learners of the week

Like we did in the previous school closure, we will be recognising the efforts and hard work of children by awarding a Home Learner of the Week. Not forgetting the children who are working equally as hard at home, we will also be awarding a School Learner of the Week. This will start from next week so make sure you try your best, work hard and send all your work to your teacher.

Let's see who will impress their teacher and win the first awards of 2021.



LAPTOPS



We have now loaned over 80 laptops out to children in order for them to complete their home learning. This means we now have a very limited amount of laptops left in school. As the numbers of children in school remains quite high with key worker and vulnerable children, we need to ensure we have some laptops left for them to work on. We are therefore unable to loan out anymore laptops. Please contact Mrs McKeating if this is an issue.

WARM CLOTHES FOR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL.



The doors and windows (whatever the weather) need to remain open during the school day to ensure the classrooms are well ventilated. Especially with the current cold, icy weather, please ensure children are correctly dressed and wear a vest/under layer under their uniform. They also need a warm coat and sensible footwear to wear outside.

Bingo! 21 Day Activity Challenge

The Bingo – 21 Day Activity Challenge is a fun and simple resource designed to give you ideas, activities and challenges that will keep children active.

Aim to complete all 21 activity squares between 11th January and 5th February and be in with a chance of winning prizes! Simply Jot down the numbers 1-21 on a small piece of paper, fold them up and pop them in a jar. Each day for 21 days, pull out 1 piece of paper and complete that activity from your bingo card or why not log onto **Burnley SSP** Facebook or Twitter each weekday and see which bingo number is called for that day by one of our Wonderful Burnley Primary School teachers!

There are 3 types of activity (some activities appear more than once!), simply find the resource card in the pack for full activity details and ideas!



Fitness based - these will get your heart rate



Outdoor Activities – Aimed to get you active outdoors



Sports/skill-based activities

Simply cross of a square after you have completed the activity and post photos on social media,

Each photo and video of children taking part will represent one entry, all entries will go into a prize draw!

Twitter/Facebook @BurnleySSP - Use the #activitybingo #active21

Please see the Class Pages section on the school website for more information.

Home reading during school closure.

We are delighted to be using a website called GETEPIC to ensure children are still able to read at home during the school closure. This website is an online reading platform and has hundreds of books for children to choose from. Teachers can also assign books to children and children will be notified of this when they log in to the website. Teachers can also monitor what books children have read. All children need to log in is their class code which has been given to children through the class blog or email. If you have not yet received this, please contact your child's teacher.

- Go to the website www.getepic.com
- Click on Class Code and enter the class code given by your teacher
- Find your initials and click on your profile
- Choose your books and read away!



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Laudato Si Logo Competition

The Diocese of Salford is home to the Laudato Si Centre, which, when open, will welcome visitors to learn about protecting our planet, and will encourage us all to share actions and ideas 'to protect our common home' following on from the letter that Pope Francis wrote to every person on the planet – 'Laudato Si'. Laudato Si' is an encyclical written by Pope Francis, it was published on the 18 June 2015. Encyclicals are open letters written by the pope.

As part of this exciting project, a new website is being created to give regular updates and provide a source of information for all who would like to visit the centre – and we need your help. We would like **you** to take on the important task of designing our new 'Laudato Si Centre' logo.

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- Key Stage 1
- Key Stage 2

What: We would like you to draw a logo based on what the Laudato Si Centre means to you.
How: We would like you to paint/draw/ colour what you think our new logo should look like. Please note that this should not be produced digitally.
What next: The winning design will be transformed into a digital design which will be front and centre at our Laudato Si Centre.

PLEASE SEND YOUR FINISHED DESGINS TO YOUR TEACHER BY WEDNESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY.







For Primary places, please ensure you complete all three choices as you cannot be guaranteed your first choice and would be allocated any available school, not the nearest! DEADLINE is 15th JANUARY

Calling all parents of three year olds
Apply now for your child's school place for September 2021

