ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RCP SCHOOL

Headteacher's Note

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 4th December 2020



Dear Parents,

Christmas is fast approaching and life in school seems to have accelerated as we are preparing to celebrate Christmas is a different way this year.
Covid-19 continues to impact on school life and following a positive Covid-19 case in Year 4, sadly our Year 4 pupils and TA's are now in isolation.
We also have had a number of staff whose own children who have been sent home from their schools to isolate which means a lot of staff have been juggling child care. However, with news of an approved vaccine we have hope for a brighter future.

Please continue to observe social distancing, I have noticed that this week home time and drop off time in the morning is beginning to slip once again in terms of parents mixing with other families and not observing 2m distances. We all need to be extra vigilant to ensure that we are not having to self isolate over the festive season.
Best wishes to you all.
Mrs McKeating



CHRISTMAS CARDS AND GIFTS

The PTA gift orders are now being distributed with a few orders still to be delivered.

Christmas Cards.

The children may send Christmas cards to their peers in their own class only.
They can bring them in between Monday 30th November and Friday 11th December.
All cards will be quarantined before being given out in the last week of term.









We will be joining in the fun for Christmas jumper day and the children may come to school in a festive top in support of the charity, Save the Children. Save the Date. Optional £1 donation to Save the Children.



A special thank you to Mrs Brelsford for donating this year's Advent Wreath



Two Weeks to go..... Quick Reminders of main events

CLASS PARTIES

On the children's class party day they can wear their party outfit all day. Please make sure that they are warm and dressed for the weather. *The Class teachers will let the children know which is their individual party day.*

Thursday 10th Dec	**OUTDOOR CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**
Friday 11th Dec	**CHRISTMAS LUNCH & CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**
Monday 14th Dec	**MONDAY ASSEMBLY- ADVENT**
Tuesday 15th Dec	**A SURPRISE VISITOR**
Wednesday 16th Dec	**FANCY DRESS DAY WEAR A CHRISTMAS OUTFIT OF YOUR CHOICE—PLEASE DON'T GO TO ANY EXPENSE—BE CREATIVE!**
Thursday 17th Dec	**END OF ADVENT MASS 9.15AM TBC (VIA TEAMS)**
Friday 18th Dec	**CHRISTMAS READ AROUND 2.30PM (VIA TEAMS)** **BREAK UP**

COLLECTION WEEK has now arrived!

Please ensure that all items / shoeboxes are in school by **FRIDAY NEXT WEEK** to ensure they can be collected and make a difference to another child.



Thank you to all of the families who have been able to support this wonderful charity, Our pile of donations is now growing.

Last week one kind family in Year 1 donated so many items that we were able to divide the contents into 8 boxes, Thank you!

Don't forget to order your Christmas Dinner

The menus have now been updated on ParentPay and include Christmas dinner, which will be on **Friday 11th December.**
You may order a hot meal for one day even if you usually bring a packed lunch.





The Wonderful St John's Christmas Raffle Lives on

(Pictures to follow next week)

The tickets for the Christmas Raffle are available for £1.00 each via Parentpay.
The closing date to purchase is Tuesday 15th December. The draw will then take place on Wednesday 16th December in Assembly.

MAMAMargaret's







Over the past few weeks the children have been promoting and selling handmade Christmas crafts made by the Mamas. They are doing an amazing job and today we banked **£375.30** from sales. I was speechless, well done everyone and thank you!

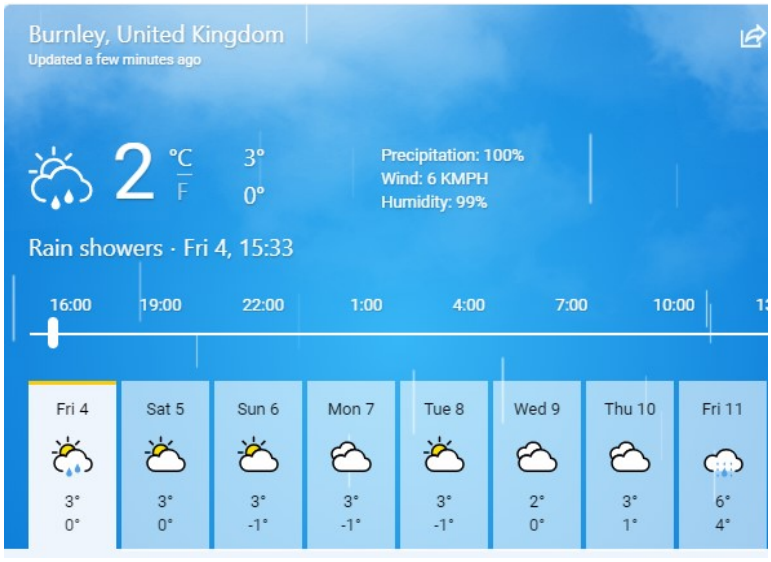
This money will go a long way in Dagoretti £150 pays for a child's school fees for a whole year!
£30 pays for a Mamas wage for a month. This money will be shortly transferred to Sr Purity in Kenya to keep the project sustainable.

The children have been asking can they buy items that other classes are promoting and the answer is yes! I have sent the Christmas Catalogue via text to parents this afternoon so that they can see the items available they can either order items directly through myself or their class teacher.



It's beginning to look at lot like Christmas

This morning we saw snow on our surrounding hills and it has tried to snow all day. This has filled the children with excitement and the parents with dread.
As the temperatures have dropped please ensure that the children are wearing their winter clothes and have hats, scarves and gloves to keep them warm.



Personalised Books For Sale



A Large set of these brand new books have been donated to school for us to sell and raise money for charity. They usually retail at £3.99 and we are selling them for £3 each. Simply write your child's name and class on an envelope with the name of the personalised book you would like to purchased.

We will give these out on a first come first served basis.

If we have the name you require it will be placed in an A5 envelope and sent home with your child. If we don't have your selected name then your envelope will be returned.



Please note all envelopes will be quarantined for 72 hours before dealing with any order requests.

There are some books that are not specific to a name.





The money raised from any book sales will be donated to Mission Possible who are trying to support the Sisters in Kenya in distributing food and a small gift for the children for Christmas.



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



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY

EAST

Do you have a child starting primary school in September 2021 and living in Lancashire?

APPLY NOW!

WWW.LANCASHIRE.GOV.UK/SCHOOLS

or give us a call on 01254 220747

CLOSING DATE: 15 JANUARY 2021

You **must** apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with you to make sure admission arrangements meet future needs. To find out more please visit **www.lancashire.gov.uk** and search **'School Admission Policies'**.

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