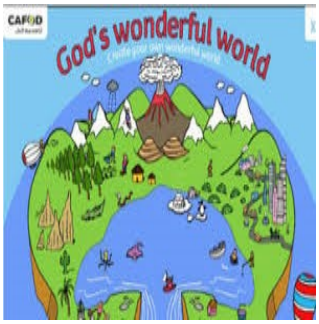
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RCP SCHOOL

Headteacher's Note

Weekly Newsletter
Wednesday 21st October 2020



Dear Parents,

Our Year 6 pupils have been isolating since last week due to news of our first positive case. We apologise for the disruption this has caused and look forward to welcoming our lovely Year 6 children back to school after half term.

Covid-19 has certainly added interest and stress to the academic year so far and is keeping us all on our toes. It is a challenge to maintain and safeguard the normal routines of school life that makes St John's such a happy place to learn.

I was delighted to see the children enjoying our themed week so much last week and you could hear, see and even feel the excitement around school.

A special thank you to all the teachers who arranged the special activities and even online visitors to provide the extra excitement to the children's learning and highlight how truly wonderful the world we live in is.

Due to the Covid restrictions, we will not be able to hold Parent's Evening - however teachers are preparing reports to be issued in November.

Half term has finally arrived and I wish you all a peaceful week.

I know that Covid-19 restrictions are affecting all of our plans for the week, however I hope that you all manage some quality, family time together.

I look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 2nd November.

Stay safe!

Mrs McKeating



Book Bags

Book bags can be brought back into school when we return after half term!

If you need a new book bag - these can be ordered and paid for via ParentPay.

Key Stage 1 book bags are £5.50
Key Stage 2 book bags are £8.00

***Reception Children*: Your free first book bag will be automatically given to you after half term, subsequent bags must be ordered and paid for.**

Key Stage 1 bags:



Key Stage 2 bags:



Water Bottles

School water bottles are now in stock and can be ordered and paid for using ParentPay.
Water bottles cost £1.50



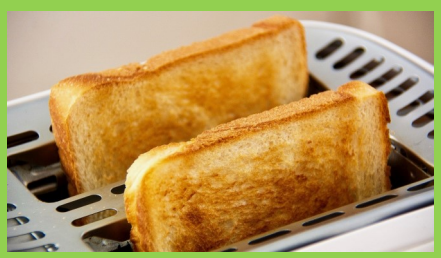
TOAST

Toast is returning to school!!

It will recommence Monday 2nd November when we return from the half term break. It MUST be booked and paid for via Parentpay for the whole of the remaining term up to Christmas.

This will cost £7.00 in total.

Toast must be booked and paid for by 30th October 2020



ParentPay


Writer of the Week
Week Ending Friday 16th October
Reception: Robyn Southall
Year 1: Martha Inkle
Year 2: Elliott O'Leary
Year 3: Ruby Thompson
Year 4: Charlie Maudsley
Year 5: George Gardner
Year 6: Gracie Earrey
Writing Wizard


VIP of the Week
Week Ending Friday 16th October
Reception: Harvey Banks
Year 1: Jay Willott
Year 2: Olivia Blanchard
Year 3: Joseph Franklin
Year 4: Max Mannion
Year 5: Erin-Grace Whittle


Writer of the Week
Week Ending Wed 21st October
Reception: Harvey Banks
Year 1: Arlie Pilling
Year 2: Kai Southern
Year 3: Helaina Beresford
Year 4: Sophie Metcalfe
Year 5: Leighton Greenall
Writing Wizard


VIP of the Week
Congratulations to _____
Week Ending Wed 21st October
Reception: Mason Brittain
Year 1: Phoebe Bridge
Year 2: Ava Tattersall
Year 3: Ava Hepper
Year 4: Ruby-Mae Marsden
Year 5: Logan Brown

Collect extra Children's University credits during the October holiday by completing this challenge. Each activity is worth 1 credit, when you take evidence of you activity to your teacher.
Please also check the Children's University on Twitter and Facebook as there are things on these sites to complete too!



LANCASHIRE children's UNIVERSITY

October half term Challenge 2020

Activity 1

A terrifying tale or a rotten rhyme!

Create your own spooky story or petrifying poem. Write it down and read it out to someone using your best scary voice! Send a video or picture of your story / rhyme.

Activity 2

Pumpkin Picking!

Go pumpkin picking at a local farm. Decide on your creation and then, with the help of a grown up, carve your pumpkin and send a picture of the end result.

Activity 3

Autumn Art work!

Go on a walk in the local area and collect Autumn leaves, twigs, conkers etc. Use the twigs to create a "frame" and then arrange everything else inside the frame to make your art work and take a picture

Activity 4

Tasty Treats!

Use Autumn as inspiration and cook a warming teatime treat such as:
vegetable soup, apple crumble, ginger cake or hot chocolate.
Don't forget to write your ingredients and method

Activity 5

Book onto a magical live Chemistry event run by Talking Science on 28th October at 10.30am.
Find out about weird water, see "airmazing" levitation and watch fire appear and disappear!
Book on at:

https://ukri.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_S_JY5yV9R36M8lHhOztN7w

Activity 6

Look to the Skies!

Venture outside once it is dark and look up.... What can you see? Why not ask an adult to download a free App such as SkySafari or SkyWalk2 to help you locate the moon, planets, stars and constellations. Draw or write about everything you spot.

Activity 7

Autumn Wordsearch!

Draw a 10x10 grid so you have 100 boxes. Think of 10 words relating to autumn. Write the words forwards, vertically or diagonally and then fill all of the empty boxes with random letters. Challenge a family member to find all 10 words.....can they do it?



Menu - Week Commencing 2nd November

Bonfire Night is on the Thursday of this week and so we will be having bonfire themed food!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Choice 1				
Sausage and creamy mashed potato with fresh broccoli, carrots and gravy	Meatballs in tomato sauce, spaghetti and homemade garlic balls	Roast beef, roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	BONFIRE NIGHT - Campfire hot dog with chips and corn on the cob	Chunky fish fingers and chips with garden peas
Hot Choice 2				
Chicken korma, boiled rice and naan bread	Meat and Potato pie, garden peas and gravy	Homemade cheese omelette, potato wedges and baked beans	BONFIRE NIGHT - Cheesy Catherine Wheel Whirls with chips and baked beans	Homemade pizza with chips and baked beans
Jacket Potato				
Jacket potato with cheese and side salad	Jacket potato with baked beans and side salad	Jacket potato with tuna mayonnaise and side salad	BONFIRE NIGHT - Jumpin' Jack Jacket potato with cheese and side salad	Jacket potato, baked beans and cheese with side salad
Dessert Choices				
Chosen at lunchtime from Homemade biscuit, fruit or jelly	Chosen at lunchtime from Homemade muffin, homemade biscuit or fruit pot	Chosen at lunchtime from homemade syrup sponge and custard or fresh fruit	Choice of Bonfire themed desserts	Dessert of the day

ParentPay

As you are aware, we became a cashless school in September, and we appreciate your support in this. Many of you have mastered the system and are booking and paying for your lunches via the ParentPay system.

Please be aware that after half term we will be expecting **all payable lunches** to be booked and paid for in this way. This will ensure you are not creating a debt with school, as the system will not allow you to book unpaid meals.

Pupil Premium and Free School Meal children coming to school without a packed lunch will be able to continue to select a school meal at registration if it has not been pre-booked.

Parents of ***all other children*** coming to school without a packed lunch or a pre-booked school meal will receive a telephone call to request a packed lunch is provided. Only in emergencies will school organise a school meal. In the event of this being agreed, the school meal must be paid for within 24 hours via the ParentPay system. Please contact the school office if you are struggling to use ParentPay.

All classes will have the opportunity to enter the Christmas Card Competition set by our MP, Antony Higginbottom.
Please ensure all entries are received before the deadline so they can be included.



God's Wonderful World Themed Week







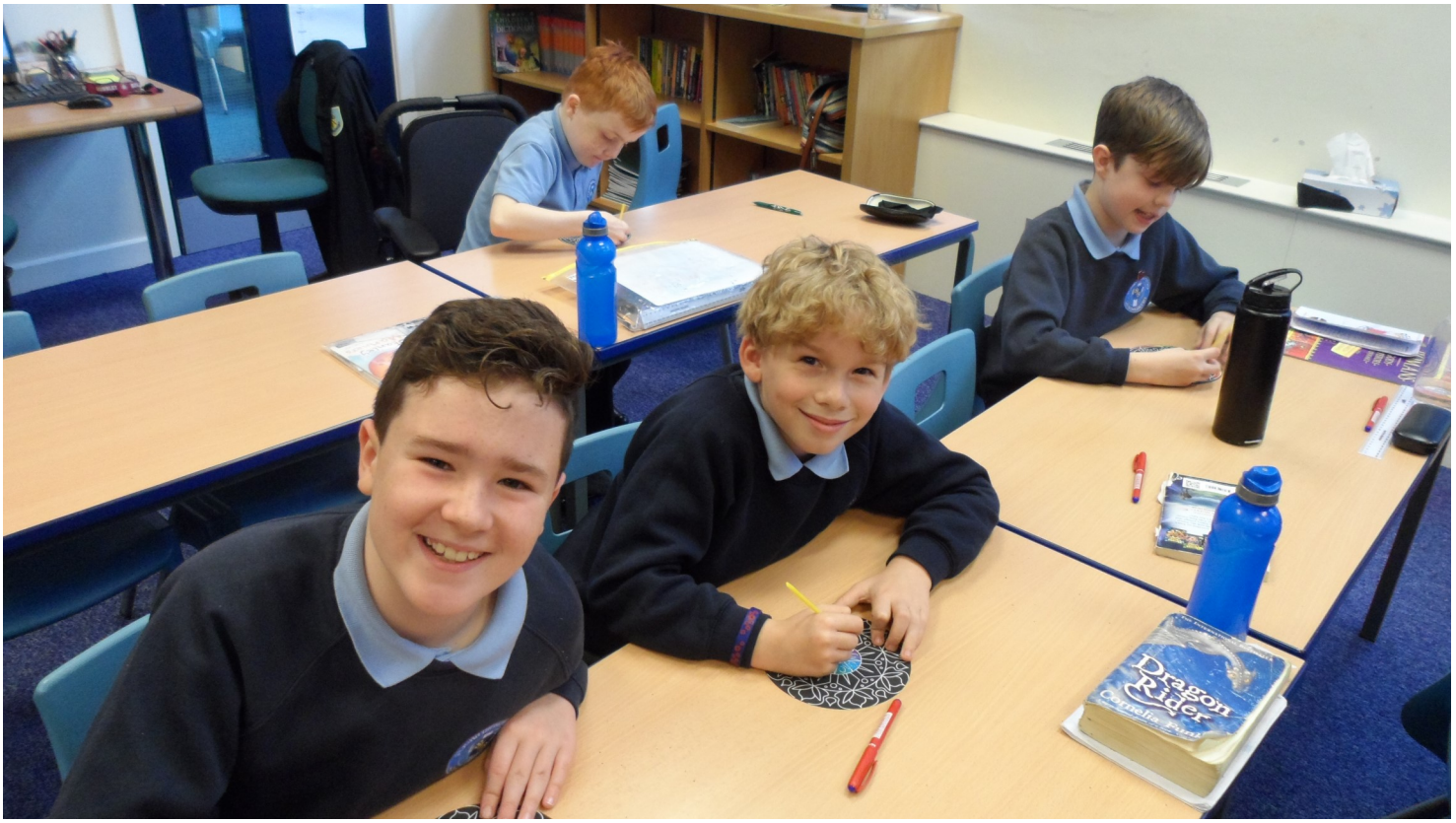


During our special themed week our children really enjoyed being creative in the secret garden.








Dragon Rider




Garden birds















Firework Code

Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service



DO's & Don'ts

Always supervise young children

Light sparklers one at a time

Keep pets indoors

Keep them in a closed box

Follow all instructions carefully

Stand well back

Never return to a lit firework

Don't give sparklers to under 5's

Don't set fireworks off after 11pm

Never put them in your pocket

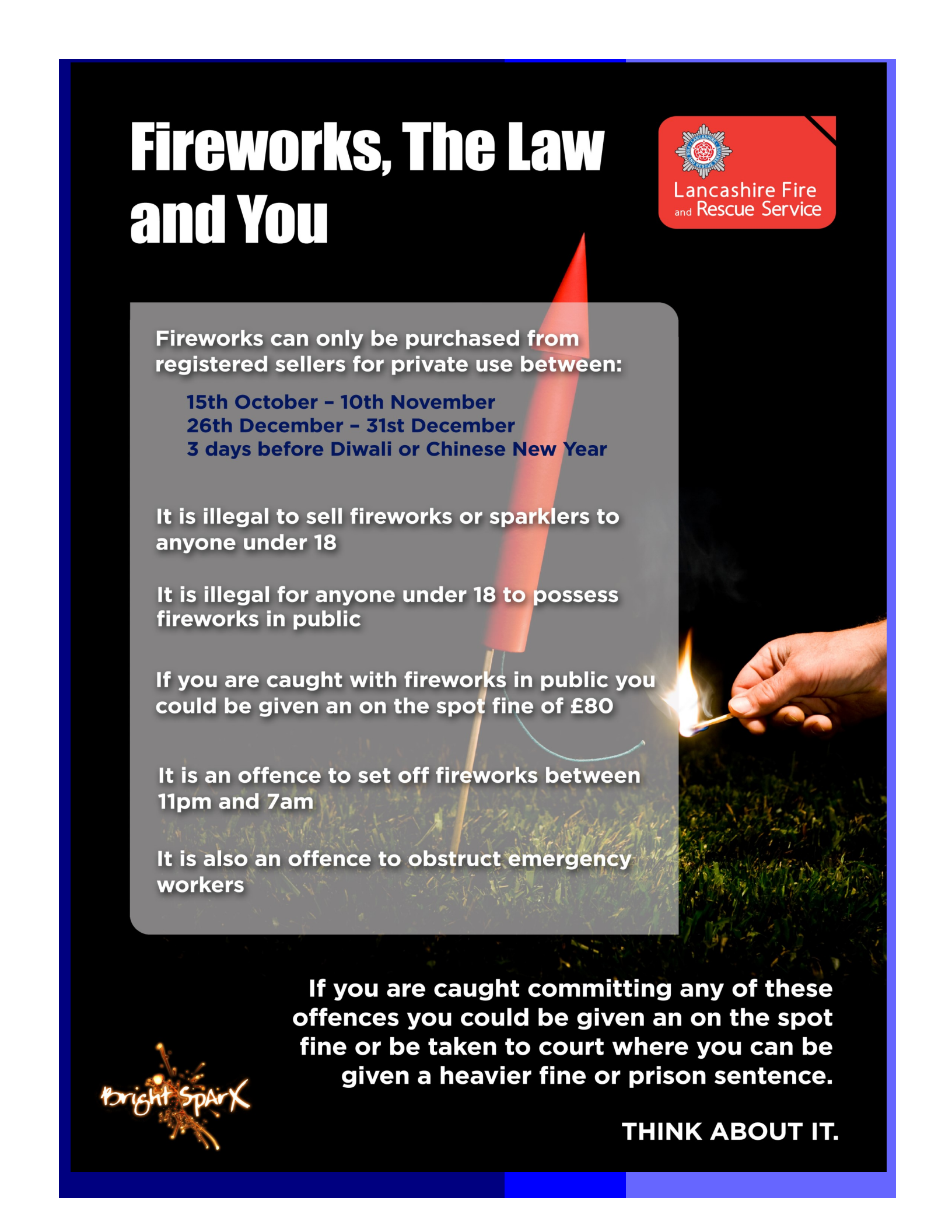
Never throw them

Bright Sparx

For more information visit:
www.lancsfireresc ue.org.uk/bonfires-and-fireworks.aspx

Fireworks, The Law and You

Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service



Fireworks can only be purchased from registered sellers for private use between:

15th October – 10th November
26th December – 31st December
3 days before Diwali or Chinese New Year

It is illegal to sell fireworks or sparklers to anyone under 18

It is illegal for anyone under 18 to possess fireworks in public

If you are caught with fireworks in public you could be given an on the spot fine of £80

It is an offence to set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am

It is also an offence to obstruct emergency workers

If you are caught committing any of these offences you could be given an on the spot fine or be taken to court where you can be given a heavier fine or prison sentence.

THINK ABOUT IT.

Bright SparX