# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RCP SCHOOL

## Headteacher's Note

**Weekly Newsletter**
**Friday 25th September 2020**

Dear Parents,

Time seems to be speeding up and we have now come to the end of the 4th week in school and the children are now well settled into their new routines. The children have adapted so well to the changes that have been implemented and school remains calm and focussed.




**YEAR 4 ASSEMBLY**

In planning for the academic year we planned dates for all of our normal celebrations in the hope that these events would be able to take place. On our calendar for this Friday was Year 4 Class Assembly. Instead of cancelling this event we have put our thinking caps on and still been able to hold the assembly virtually. We have met together via teams this afternoon to pray together as a school and introduce Year 4's Assembly. We have then watched the assembly in our classrooms and then gone back onto teams to congratulate the children. You can also view the assembly via our school website.

It can be found in the Children Section' - Class Pages - Year 4 - Assembly.

Well done to Year 4 on leading the way in providing our first class assembly of the year.

Mrs McKeating

**Home time arrangements for picking up the Children**




The new routines in the main have worked very well. However we are experiencing a lot of difficulties in dismissing the children in Year 1. These children are being dismissed from the main entrance and as we are sending the children out, families are walking in between to pass to exit the premises at the top gate. As you can imagine it is difficult keeping your eyes on thirty children in a busy place to make sure they find the right adult. Please assist us and only Year 1 Parents should be on the tarmac area outside the main entrance.

Can all parents avoid using this gate - the official exit is via the Church yard and in an evening you can also exit via the small double gates directly onto the pedestrian crossing. Thank you.




We have now recruited two new Teaching Assistants to support teaching and learning. On Monday, Mrs Parker and Miss Davis will join our staff team and will be working in Years 3 and 4. We hope that they will be very happy here.










## Calling all Year 6 parents…Secondary School Admissions

## Application Deadline 31st October 2020

***Please put 3 choices down as no-one can guarantee you will get your first choice***. St John's is very lucky to be a feeder school to two Catholic High Schools. Usually at this time of year we would invite both schools into St John's to do a presentation for our Year 6 parents to help them in making their final choice of secondary school for their child and to assist them with the process of application. As both St Augustine's and Blessed Trinity are Catholic schools you will **need to submit a supplementary faith form to both schools in addition to completing your online application.**

### ST Augustine's Billington

Please use the link below to navigate you to St Augustine's website. Here you will find information about admission arrangements for this year as well as the supplementary form which can also be completed and returned electronically. The website will be updated shortly with further virtual open evening resources.

https://www.sarchs.com/parents/admissions

### Blessed Trinity College, Burnley

Please use the link for our Blessed Trinity's Admissions section

http://www.btrcc.lancs.sch.uk/index.php/admission-arrangements

There is also a virtual tour of the school on the following link https://blessed-trinity-rc-college--a-voluntary-academy.vr-360-tour.com/e/NgUBcsMrMhA/e?hidelive=true&show_thumbnails=true

The website will be updated with further details of the our virtual open evening in due course.

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

Calling all parents of three year olds

Apply now for your child's school place for September 2021



## COVID UPDATE

Over the past few weeks we have had 11 children undergo Covid Tests. I am delighted to say that we have not yet received a positive result.

We are awaiting a further 2 results from pupils over the next few days. We ask that parents please email in a screen shot of the results asap to head@st-john.lancs.sch.uk.

In the event of a positive test please inform us immediately and don't wait until the next school day in case we need to inform children not to come to school.

May I remind you that children with a cough or a temperature Must not come to school.

In addition to this a few of our staff have also undergone testing and also had to self isolate while members of their family undergone testing. Thankfully these too have had negative tests.

I have come to realise that this is the new normal and each day we need to be prepared for a bubble closure at a moments notice. Lots of surrounding schools have already had to do this. Please discuss this with your family and have a back up plan in place in case of this eventuality.

We still have additional cleaning going on during the school day with all toilets in the building cleaned at least twice daily. We have also purchased a disinfectant fogger to allow us to completely disinfect a room after normal cleaning has taken place.

Please note that if you are contacted via Test, Track and Trace and asked to self isolate we would like

## Mass Times

Sunday Masses are still suspended at this time due to COVID-19 restrictions.

**Fr Allen is now doing some week day masses for Parishioners**




St John the Baptist RC Church
**Tuesday 29th September at 6pm**
**Friday 2nd October 10am**

St Augustine's RC Church
**Wednesday 30th September 6pm**

St Mary Magdalene's RC Church
Thursday 1st October at 7pm



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# WHAT MAKES ME A CONTACT?

**The NHS Test Track and Trace programme is a central part of the government's coronavirus recovery strategy. Anyone with symptoms will be tested and their close contacts will be traced. If you have been in close contact with someone who tests positive you must isolate for 14 days even if you have no symptoms.**

CONTACT



Face-to-face contact with someone who is **LESS THAN TWO METRES** away from you for more than 15 minutes wearing a mask only

NO CONTACT



Staggering of breaks with no sharing of any communal condiments and remaining **MORE THAN TWO METRES** apart

CONTACT



Face-to-face contact with a person **WHO TALKS/SPITS/COUGHS** into your face whilst wearing a mask only

NO CONTACT



Face-to-face contact with someone who was **TWO METRES OR MORE** away wearing a mask

CONTACT



Face-to-face contact with someone who is **LESS THAN ONE METRE** away from you for more than a minute whilst wearing a mask only

NO CONTACT



Face-to-face contact wearing **FULL PPE FOR ANY PERIOD OF TIME** and at any distance

CONTACT



Travelling in a small vehicle with someone **WITHOUT FULL PPE**