ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RCP SCHOOL

Headteacher's Note

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 17th July 2020

Dear Parents

We have finally made it to the end of the academic year. This will certainly be a year that we will all remember and will feature in the history books.

Despite all the challenges of this global pandemic I am incredibly proud of how much learning has been achieved this term. Some children have really embraced home learning and have submitted high quality work every day, evidencing how hard they have been working. I salute you all for your efforts and positive attitude that you have maintained during this difficult time. I also thank the teachers for making the home learning activities so interesting and varied and for embracing new technologies to ensure maintained communication with you all.

This has been an incredibly challenging year and we thank God for keeping our school community safe and for all of the unexpected blessings that we have received during the Lockdown period.

I very much look forward to opening the school to all pupils in September even though school will be very different, we will all be together again once more. I will send some further details outlining some of the changes to expect in September nearer towards the end of the holidays.

Until then I wish you and your families all the very best for the summer holidays and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Keep Safe and God Bless

Mrs McKeating

Top Blogger/Emailer



YR 1	Kai Southern
YR 2	Darcey Blackledge
YR 3	Amelia Cumming
YR 4	Libby Mount
YR 5	Bethany Redfern
YR 6	Leo Duckworth



Home Learning Award

NUR	Eryn Brelsford
REC	Aaliya Barry
YR 1	Vincent Wigley
YR 2	Monika Poranska
YR 3	Holly Mackey
YR 4	William Melling
YR 5	Gracey Earrey
YR 6	Martha Wilds



Thank you!

A special thank you to

Mrs Joleen Ashworth

&

Mrs Susan Brodie

for all their help with the PTA throughout their children's time at St John's. Their help has been invaluable they both will be greatly missed!





Let us Pray.....

Please continue to pray for one of our parents who has been battling COVID-19 since April. He has now regained consciousness and has shown significant signs of progress yet still has a way to go on his recovery before he can be reunited with his family.

We remember all the people who are battling this illness and the many people who have lost their lives to this virus. We ask God our Father to comfort those who are mourning the loss of a loved one.



Remember Miss Townson in your prayers as she prepares to receive the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Thursday 23rd July . We pray that their marriage will be blessed and wish them lots of luck as they begin their married life together.



REMINDER:

Our school goes cashless in September. Remember to activate your ParentPay account!

ParentPay
COUNT ON US

The School lunch menu is live on ParentPay for you to choose and pay for meals for September. Meals must be chosen by 4pm on the day before and are paid for when choosing.

A full guide and FAQ section is located on the ParentPay page of the school website.



Good Luck Miss Townson

Miss Townson will be getting married next Thursday. We wish her all the best for her special day and look forward to welcoming her back as Mrs Sethi on our return to school in September.

Congratulations Miss Marshall

Congratulations to Miss Marshall who was married earlier in the year and will be changing her name to Mrs Duerden in September.

Classroom Organisation September 2020



Nursery:- Miss Barker, Mrs Clough, Miss Barnes

Reception:- Mrs Collins, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Coan

Year 1:- Miss Armstrong, Mrs Glynn

Year 2:- Miss Dewhurst, Mrs Catley

Year 3:- Mrs Sethi, Mrs Duerden

Year 4:- Mr Steele, Miss McBreen and Mrs Miskell

Year 5:- Miss Hartley, Mrs Dowson, Mrs Townley, Mr Kelly

Year 6:- Mrs Jones, Mrs Baird, Miss Earnshaw

Our Year group teams are looking forward to welcoming their new children in September. The teachers have been liaising with their present teacher to hand over all information to ensure a smooth transition. Each teacher has prepared welcome messages and a slideshow for the children. These can be found on the child's current class page on our website.



Nursery Leavers

A big well done to all the Nursery Leavers who will be moving up to Reception. Miss Kidd, Mrs Barker and Miss Barnes are very proud of all the hard work they have done in their Nursery Year. You are going to be just fabulous!

Sienna Sicily Kate Arianna Colby
Rocco Iris Heidi Max
Toby Mason Hailey Scarlet
Emily Ria Eryn Ella Mae
Emma Pippa

Farewell Miss Kidd



We are also saying farewell to Miss Kidd as she leaves to join her new school nearer to her home in Liverpool. We thank her for all the joy, creativity and hard work she has brought to our school in the last two years. We wish her all the best for the future and will miss her greatly. Goodbye and Good luck!



Year 6 Farewell

On Thursday we said farewell to our wonderful Year 6 cohort. All the children received leavers hoodies and many special gifts from school to mark their leaving and provide keepsakes for the future. The children all received a beautiful photograph album of their time in Year 6. Despite the global pandemic the Year 6 still had a special liturgy (in two parts), a talent show and a year 6 leavers assembly. Have a look on the children's Pages /School videos section of our school website to see the children sharing their various talents, it is a real treat!

We wish year 6 all the very best for the future and particularly their start to High School in September. **Goodbye and Good luck!**

Bishop John's Homily for the End of School Year



Well, what a strange time we are living in and on this occasion we want to look back over the school year and we need to be thankful for all that has been good. But all those sorts of strange things, the lockdown of schools which has not happened for generations, and we've been having to learn from home. I've been delighted to hear of the sort of projects that have gone on to keep pupils engaged with their work, with activities, and different projects going on in schools even though there has been a lockdown.

It must be very strange – particularly for those pupils who are in year 6, 13 and11 – who are probably leaving their school now. Because normally at this time there is a sense of completion, finishing the school we've been in and looking forward to what's coming next – the next step. And that has all been lost this year.

But let's be positive. Let's look to see what we may have learnt through this pandemic. Different ways of studying, of disciplining our lives and of learning. These are all things that can bring us a great opportunity.

I think there's a phrase which is very important which St John Henry, Cardinal Newman, has left for us in his meditation, which begins: God created me to do him some definite purpose. He has committed some work to me that he has not committed to another. I have my Mission. And I believe that each and every one of us can say that. Each and every one of us has a definite purpose and Mission, unlike anybody else's. And it's for us to be discovering what God is asking of us. Because whatever he is asking of us, he is certainly giving us the gifts and talents we need to complete everything that He may require. So nothing is lost in these last weeks and I hope that it's not been too difficult to make those adjustments.

But let's look to the future and being ambassadors for Christ in all that we do. To set out and to bring Christ's love to those around us.

And just finally, in that Gospel reading there are just four words that for years I didn't really notice. 'Remain in my love.' Because sometimes I think that we have an idea of God that we have to work hard to be loved by God and if we make a mess of things, God stops loving us. No, remain in my love. We can only remain in God's love if we are already there. God loves us and he wants to be with us and he wants faith in Him to be important in all we do. So God bless you as we finish this year. It has been very strange but you have managed so well. Thank you, and let's look forward to the next step, whatever your next step may be, so that we are doing our definite purpose and that we're remaining in God's love so that we can be ambassadors for Christ. And that little diocesan prayer remains very important for us wherever we are.

Stay with us Lord, on our journey.

God bless you all.

Sacramental Programme 2020

Bishop John has recorded '**A message for the parents and the children who were due to receive First Holy Communion in 2020'**. This can be found

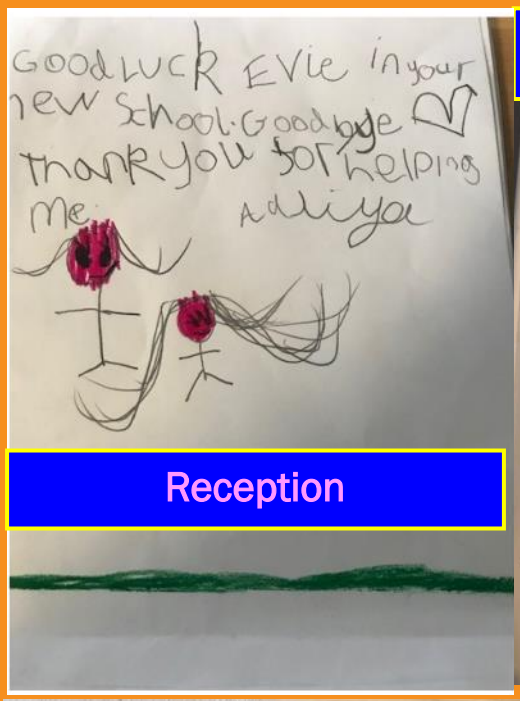
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Nursery



PICTURES OF THE WEEK!



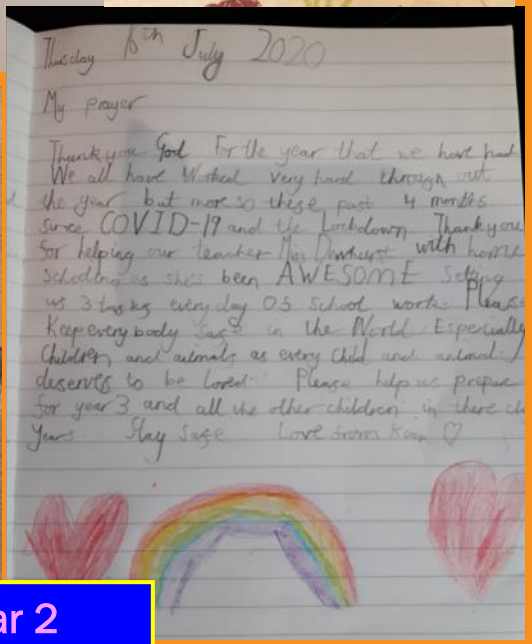
Reception

Year 1









Year 2

Year 3 Prayer July 13th

Dear God,

Thank you for all the memories year 3.

Thanks for my amazing teachers

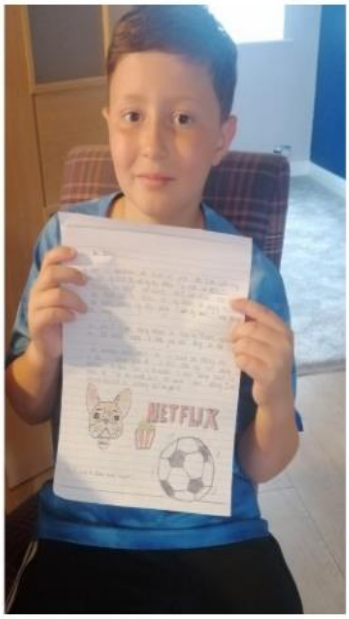
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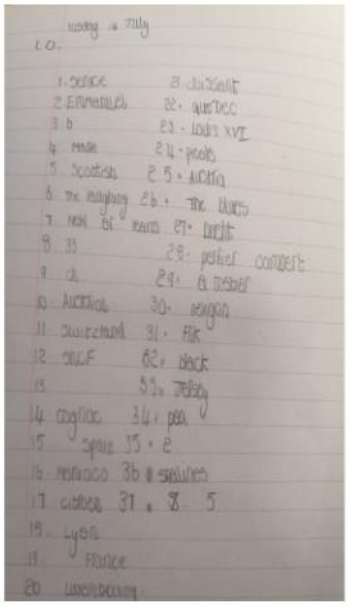
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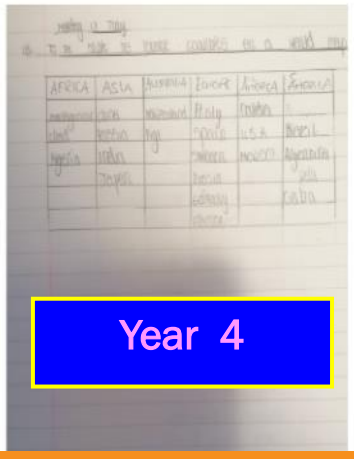
My favourite memory of this year is when we learned about different types of rocks.

Amen.

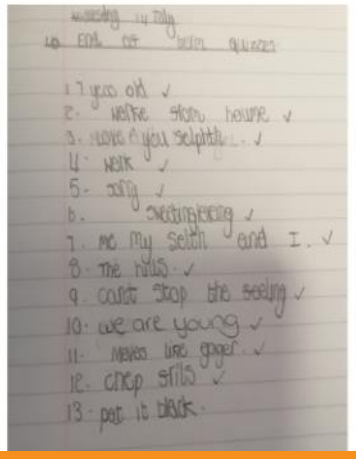
Year 3







Year 4



This year has been so fantastic and in Year 5 we have all done so much. I really enjoyed year 5 and it has been a pleasure working in it.

My favourite topics this year have been different to every year. Usually I don't like English but this year I have enjoyed reading all of the books that we read before the lock down like Viking Boy and Harry Potter not forgetting Kensuke's Kingdom. I have also enjoyed maths when working out sums that are impossible to do sometimes. One of my other favorite lessons is PE. I always like to get up from my seat and do some athletics.

Like I said a minute ago, I enjoyed reading all of the books in English and you have probably already figured out that my favorite book was Kensuke's Kingdom. I started loving this book since I read the cover, the book kept changing and it was always building tension. In the book, Kensuke changes from nice to horrible and back again. It was always confusing and I loved how everything changed at once.

My favorite memory in Year 5 is bikeability. I liked this because it was fun to go on the road with different people and experience doing the different techniques that we did. I also loved doing the games on the last afternoon.

In Year 5, I have progressed on a lot of things. I have progressed in English and learnt about different things and in history I have learnt about the victorians that I didn't know anything about.

Year 5



Year 6