ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RCP SCHOOL

Headteacher's Note

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 19th 2020



Dear Parents



This week was our thirteenth week of school closure and it has been a very wet week at St John's! There was a flash flood on Tuesday which has damaged the front entrance to the school and both of our school boilers have sprung a leak depositing large amounts of water under the school. The Junior boiler puzzle has been identified and can now be resolved, however we have not yet located where the infant boiler is leaking, and the search continues. So, unfortunately the infant boiler is out of use at the moment.

On a brighter note the parent of one of our younger children, who is intensive care, on a ventilator is now showing signs of improvement so please keep the prayers going as they are working.

This week we have had many more pupils attending school for childcare as they are either children of key workers or being classed as Vulnerable or have an EHCP. We have been operating in four separate bubbles and we are all adjusting to creating a school that functions with social distancing rules in place. As you can image this is indeed a great challenge to us all. However, the rules and regimes created are necessary to reduce the risk to our staff and pupils and their families.

Our staff have been incredible during this pandemic. They have adapted to all the changes and applied their creativity and determined commitment into ensuring that the pupils still can engage in high quality learning. I would like to also point out to you how amazing our cleaning staff have been. They are simply wonderful, and school has never been this clean! They have deep cleaned all the classrooms and are now doing enhanced daily cleaning in their designated bubbles at lunch time to make the school as safe as possible. In times of crisis like these teams are tested to the limits and our St John's Team has risen to the challenges and shown their true strength. I am incredibly blessed to work with these amazing people every day and the Governors and I are immensely proud of them all. Thank you!



Next week we will begin Phase 1 of our wider opening of school and half of our Year 6 pupils will begin returning on Monday. They have been divided into two groups and they will attend school on alternate weeks which means that they will have two weeks in school in total before we close for the summer. We are all deeply saddened that the pupils end of primary schools days have been so greatly affected by this pandemic but are glad that we are able to allow them to return to offer some closure to them before they leave to begin their high school adventure.

Each week we have been having meetings with the Governing Board to discuss and assess the risks of opening the school to more pupils. We are not yet ready to implement Phase 2 for our Year 1 pupils, but we will continue to discuss and assess the ever-changing situation and will keep you informed of any decisions. One of our biggest challenges is providing separate toilet facilities for the staff and pupils if we move beyond 5 bubbles.
Please rest assured that the safety of our staff and pupils is at the centre of all our discussions and decisions.



Stay safe, best wishes *Mrs McKeating*

Faith in our School

GIFT Team 2019-20

We would like to thank our amazing GIFT Team 2019-20 for all of their brilliant work:

Braidon, Liam, Hayden, Niamh, Annalise, Charlotte, Gracie, Olivia, Zoe, Isabelle, Logan, Mollie, Leo & Freya

They have been an absolute pleasure to work with throughout the year to organise and deliver many different activities and fundraisers to help numerous local and worldwide charities, as well as our own Parish and School.

Their support and dedication to our GIFT Team and school ethos this year has been outstanding and without them, we wouldn't have been able to make such a positive impact on others, both in our school and wider community. (Please see our GIFT Team page on the school website to see all that they accomplished). We are so proud of all that they managed to achieve in a short space of time and we will make sure to celebrate them in the new year. We wish them the very best.

Love Miss Dewhurst, Mrs Taylor and the Staff and Children of St John's.

GIFT TEAM JOB ADVERTISEMENT FOR CURRENT YEAR 3 PUPILS

It's that time of year again where we are recruiting for St John's GIFT Team members for the new school year! We are looking to appoint 8 CHILDREN to join our team!

* **If you are currently in Year 3 and are interested in becoming a GIFT Team member, please see the information and documents that will be put onto your Year 3 class page on our school website on Monday. This will explain all about what the role entails and how to apply.**
* **You will need to email your letters of application to Miss Dewhurst at Year2_home@st-john.lancs.sch.uk Deadline for application letters: Friday 26th June at 3:15pm!**

Thank you! We hope to hear from you soon. Miss Dewhurst and Mrs Taylor x

Let Us Pray…..

◊ **Please keep your prayers going for the Daddy of one of our youngest children. He is still poorly in hospital but there has been some positive news for the family this week.**

◊ **We remember in our prayers all the children across the Salford Diocese and in our own parish who would have been making their sacraments this month but who now await the re-opening of our churches for masses and celebrations. We also send love and prayers to our parish priest Fr Allan.**

◊ **We ask for prayers for those families who are missing loved ones this Fathers Day. We send our love to them.**



Lord in your Mercy

Hear Our Prayer

New Starters September 2020

Reception Starters September 2020



Parents should have been contacted this week to tell them about our new Reception Induction Packs. These are available to collect from the school office or can be delivered/posted if required. They contain essential forms and information about induction and how to get ready for school.

For further information please look at:

https://www.st-john.lancs.sch.uk/eyfs-induction/

Nursery Places September 2020

We have had a great deal of interest for places for September. We will also be welcoming the children who were due to start after Easter but had their start date on hold due to school closures.

If you still have an initial application form please do hand it in this week as our Nursery Induction Packs will be ready by the end of next week. We will contact all parents whose applications are on file to come and collect their pack.



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Virtual Learning at Home

Top Blogger/Emailer

YR 1	Emilia Lockett
YR 2	Helaina Beresford
YR 3	Annaliese Coates
YR 4	Jayden Sinclair
YR 5	Archie Turner
YR 6	Camryn Cumming



Home Learning Award

NUR	Harry Lenton-Davis
REC	Jake Woodcock
YR 1	Ellie Mackey
YR 2	Monika Poranska
YR 3	Oscar Clarke
YR 4	Ayden Taylor
YR 5	Niamh Spence
YR 6	Caitlin Simonds



Wash your hands for 20 secs



Use a tissue for coughs



Avoid touching your face

Teacher Email Contacts

NurseryB_Home@st-john.lancs.sch.uk	Mrs Barker
NurseryJ_Home@st-john.lancs.sch.uk	Miss Kidd
Recp_Home@st-john.lancs.sch.uk	Mrs Collins
Year1_Home@st-john.lancs.sch.uk	Mrs Clough
Year2_Home@st-john.lancs.sch.uk	Miss Dewhurst
Year3_Home@st-john.lancs.sch.uk	Miss Townson
Year4_Home@st-john.lancs.sch.uk	Mr Steele
Year5_Home@st-john.lancs.sch.uk	Miss Hartley
Year6J_Home@st-john.lancs.sch.uk	Mrs Jones
Year6B_Home@st-john.lancs.sch.uk	Mrs Baird

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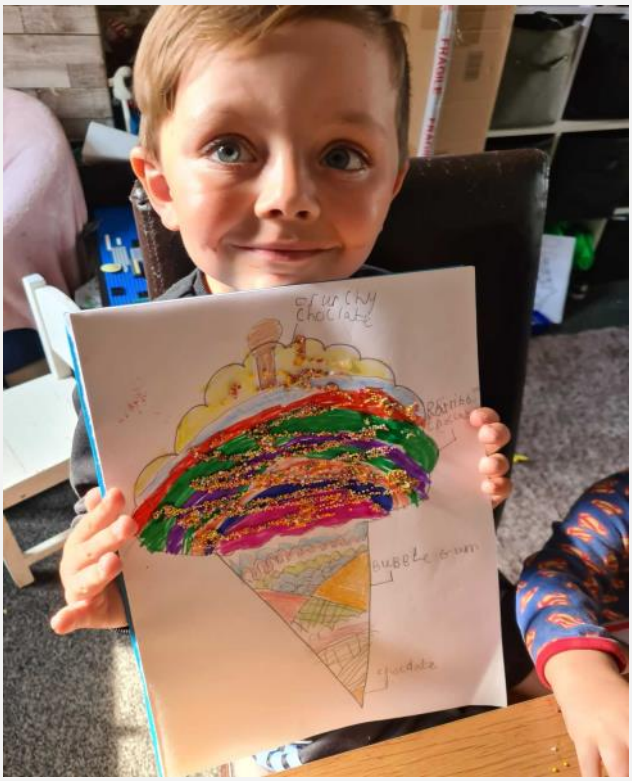
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love OTHERS

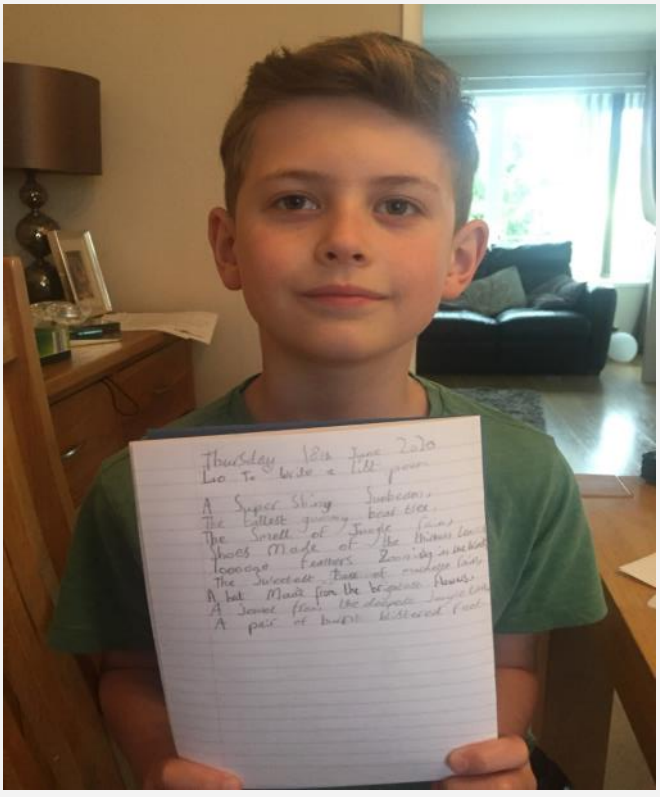
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PICTURES OF THE WEEK!







How smart does this young man look? He got his late Great Grandad's Bow Tie at his Great Grandma's funeral and he now wears it every other day. What a lovely way to remember someone special.....



Happy Fathers Day to all Dads, Step-Dads, Grandads and Great-Grandads wherever they may be.....enjoy your day





NOTICE

In the week beginning

Monday 22nd June 2020

St Johns School
will be open for:

Key Worker Childcare
AND
Y6 Week A

Online learning will be set for all classes Nursery-Y6