ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RCP SCHOOL

Headteacher's Note

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 3rd April 2020



Dear Parents,

Next week we step closer to the end of our Lenten journey as we begin Holy Week. I have never experienced a Holy week where the children are not here in school to mark the most important part of the Church calendar. It is very apt that we are called to prayer during Holy week and never has our globe needed our prayers more than it does right now. It would be lovely if your family could unite in prayer each day next week as we pray for healing across the nations.

HOME LEARNING

I hope that you are all well and coping with the many changes that are being enforced upon us in this difficult time.

Now that we are at the end of week two I hope that you are beginning to settle into a routine with the home learning modules. I appreciate that this is new to us all is challenging all of our ICT skills.

I have had a number of emails from parents sharing their gratitude to the teachers for the work they are setting and for the valued feedback that they are receiving. These messages were most gratefully received and shared with the staff, who are working incredibly hard during this difficult time.

Please note that the learning that is being set by the teachers is **not optional** or a distraction to fill the days. It is planned work to ensure that the children continue to build upon their knowledge and keep developing key skills. It is really important that you monitor the children's daily activities and submit the work to their class teacher once completed. A number of children are beginning to fall behind their peers and the teachers are chasing these children up. Please could you ensure that these children utilise the Easter holidays to catch up.

Please note that we officially begin our Easter Holiday on Friday 10th of April and no work will be set by the class teachers until the new term which begins on Monday 27th April. Also I am asking all the teachers turn off their emails during the holiday period to allow them to rest and recharge for the term ahead.

During the Easter holidays the school building will remain open for key worker families who require emergency childcare. This will be manned by staff on a rota basis.

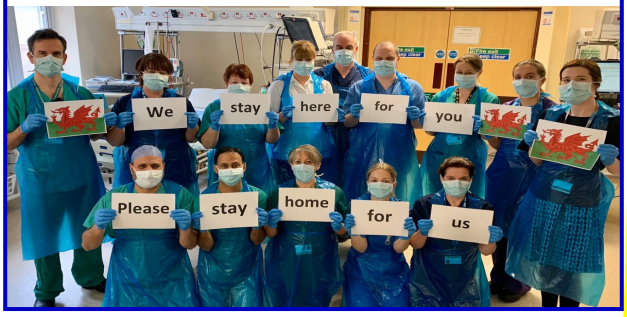


I was delighted that we were able to support the NHS this week in a practical way. We heard from a consultant anaesthetist that they were running out of paper towels. In response to this a number of our local schools searched through our cleaning stores to find excess supplies that could be donated to Blackburn Hospital. These were collected and delivered to Blackburn Hospital and within the hour they were on the wards being used straight away.

At times like this we must all pull together and help where we can.

I hope you were all able to join in the 8pm round of applause for the NHS last night. Please get the children to join in and explain why it is so important to show our appreciation for the NHS workers at this time.







Teacher Email Contact Details to submit your child's daily work

NurseryB_Home@st-john.lancs.sch.uk	Mrs Barker
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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
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Top Blogger

Yr 1 Kai Southern
Yr 2 Jack Little
Yr 3 Freeman Kowalski
Yr 4 Oliver Sharples
Yr 5 Georgie Mae Davis
Yr 6 Evie Goulding



Home Learning Award

Yr N Sicily-Kate Strahan
Yr R Henry Pate
Yr 1 Ava Tattersall
Yr 2 Jenson Frost
Yr 3 Holly Mackey
Yr 4 Logan Brown
Yr 5 Kainen Cumming
Yr 6 Megan Brodie

Free School Meals (Pupil Premium Funding)

Lancashire County Council have being try to cater for those children who are eligible for Free School Meals. In the last two weeks food bags have been created for families and these have been distributed by school. This was extremely challenging and required a lot of man power to coordinate. We are now moving to a voucher system and for ease we are actually printing the vouchers off for you and they will be available from the school office on Monday morning for collection. Please note a text will be sent to you to confirm when they are ready. If you want someone else to collect the voucher or vouchers on you behalf then you must please inform school via the answering machine or email to office@st-john.lancs.sch.uk

Each child who is currently on free school meals will receive a **voucher for £15 each week** which can be spent in Tesco, Asda, Morrison's or M&S.

If you think you are actually eligible for Free school Meals and yet you have never claimed before please call 01254 220710 All you need is your national insurance number to check. Please refer to our school website for further information. You will find Pupil Premium in the key information section on our school website.







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