WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Monday 16th September 2019

Dear Parent/carer

As a Catholic School we are inundated with requests to raise money for various charities throughout the year. Obviously we are not able to support all requests and we try hard to space them out during the year and get the balance right in teaching our children to be kind and give practical help to our brothers and sisters in both our local and global world. We think it is important to join in with high profile national events as well as choosing special charities to support at different times of the year. We also like to support charities who have helped our families in school to say thank you for being there when they were needed.



Charity Events this half term will be:

Friday 20th September Jeans for Genes - the children may come to school wearing a pair of Jeans with their uniform and donate £1

Friday 27th September our Chaplaincy gift team have organised a coffee morning to raise money for Macmillan Cancer charity.

Friday 4th October Harvest Fast Day - bring an item of food to donate to the local food bank.

Monday 7th October Operation Christmas Child, fill a shoe box to send overseas.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 16th September 6.00 pm

Blessed Trinity Presentation Evening at St John's for Year 5 and 6 Parents

Tuesday 17th September

Year 6 Evacuee Day

Tuesday 1st October

PTA Calendar Photo's (children to wear their team coloured t-shirt)

Friday 27th September 2.30 pm

Year 4 Class Assembly



Tuesday 1st October 7.00 pm

St Augustine's Presentation Evening at St John's Y5 & 6 parents

Thursday 3rd October 6.30 pm

St Augustine's Open Evening



VIP

w/b Monday 9th September



Y1	Poppy Leaver
Y2	Ayda-Rose Naylor
Y3	Harley McNamara
Y4	George Gardner
Y5	Miley-Jo Storer
Y6	Alfie Jeffrey

MENU

Monday	Fish Burger/Tomato Pasta/Ham Grab Bag/ Jacket
Tuesday	Meatballs/Sausage & Onion Gravy/Cheese Grab Bag/Jacket
Wednesday	Roast Beef/Tuna Grab Bag/Jacket
Thursday	Chicken Tikka/Lasagne & Garlic Bread/Ham Grab Bag/Jacket
Friday	Fish Fingers/Pizza/Cheese Grab Bag/Jacket

BEHAVIOUR IN SCHOOL

We are very proud of the behaviour of our children, yet there are certain times within the school day where the teachers and the children have recognised that good behaviour slips. We have therefore decided to focus on improving behaviour at lunchtimes, during assemblies and when the children are moving around the school. You may notice an increase in both positive and negative dojo's given at this time.





GUIDE DOG IN SCHOOL



Earlier this year I let you know that we would be having a guide dog on the school grounds to assist one of our parents. I can now confirm the dog will be on the school grounds on Thursday 26th September.

This dog is a training dog and will be wearing a harness. When you see the dog, please **DO NOT** approach it as it will be too distracting and may disturb the training.

If you could explain this reason to your child in advance it would be appreciated.





We have now welcomed our 30 new Reception children into school. They have had a very first positive week with Mrs Collins, Mrs Taylor and Miss Collins and have settled in really well. In the weeks ahead we are looking forward to introducing them to their Gardeners. The Seeds and Gardeners Liturgy is on;

Friday 4th October at 9.15am



Writer of the Week

Monday 9th Septemb



YEAR 1 Oliver Potrykus

YEAR 2 Jenson Frost

YEAR 3 Bexsley Caine

YEAR 4 Jessica Kelly

YEAR 5 Sophie-Mai Cunningham

YEAR 6 Oliver Mannion

MRS HALL

We wish Mrs Hall a speedy recovery from her broken ankle. She is at home with her foot up at the moment and will be for a few weeks. We are all missing her and look forward to seeing her when she is better.



PTA WELCOME MEETING



Our wonderful PTA will be meeting on Thursday 19th September at 7.00 pm at Molly Rigby's. They are desperately looking for new members to join them and help out at events. If you would like to know more about what they do and how you can help, please feel free to go to the meeting on Thursday, everybody is welcome.



I am sure you will have noticed the changes and investment we have made to the EYFs Outdoor Classroom in the last year. Over the summer the teachers were in school, further enhancing the areas and adding a stage, dinosaur small world and a texture area. Sadly we have already had damage done to one of the pallets used in the stage area, caused by an older child jumping on it. Could we please ask that you supervise your children when gathering before and after school and remind them and other children using the school hall to be respectful in this vital learning area?



EYFS ROLE PLAY REQUESTS

If anyone has any adult hats (straw, sun, wedding, caps etc), or sarongs, shawls or small baby clothes (0-3mths) that they no longer need we would be grateful for donations!

We would also welcome "real" saucepans, colanders, sieves, teapots and cups and saucers for our role play kitchen. Thank you

This week we welcomed nine new starters to our Nursery Class. We would like to say a big thank you to their parents for welcoming us during their home visits and for getting the children ready to start. They all looked beautiful in their Nursery clothes.

Our older children who stayed with us from the summer term have also made a marvellous start to the term and are doing a great job of making friends with the new children and showing them the ropes.

Should you have a 2 year old who requires a Nursery place once they are three, we will have two more intakes for Nursery in January and April 2020. Application forms are in the office. Please try and get forms back to us the term before they are due to start as we contact people and organise welcome meetings in the months before.

Chaplaincy Gift Team Celebration Day

On Wednesday 2nd October we will be welcoming all the Chaplaincy Gift teams from the Catholic Schools in Burnley and Pendle. Throughout the day we will be reflecting on their special role in supporting the faith life of their school. At 1.30pm there will be a special Mass in St Johns Church to bless all the Chaplains and commission the new ones. Bishop John Arnold will lead this service and all parents are welcome to join us.

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At the end of the service we are inviting Bishop John into the school to bless our new statue of Our Lady and our small school chapel.

Please pray for all of our children who are volunteering to serve their school in this special way.

Year 6 Parents

Throughout September and October there will be various open evenings at various secondary schools to support you in choosing the right secondary school for your child. Year 5 parents are advised to start looking now and attend these sessions too. At St Johns we are in a unique position of feeding into two Catholic High Schools who we work closely with. Please ensure you take advantage of this choice and attend both presentation evenings held here at school. Blessed Trinity are presenting tonight at 6pm and St Augustine's will be here on Tuesday 1st October at 7pm