WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
FRIDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER



MENU

Monday	BBQ Chicken Melt/ Vegetarian Brunch/Ham Grab Bag/Jacket
Tuesday	Fish Finger Wrap/Chicken Korma/Cheese Grab Bag/ Jacket
Wednesday	Roast Pork/Tomato Pasta/ Tuna Grab Bag/Jacket
Thursday	Burger in a Bun/Cheese Whirl/Ham Grab/ Jacket
Friday	Fish Goujons/Pizza/ Cheese Grab Bag/Jacket

Please ensure payments are made weekly for school meals, via ParentPay, where possible.

Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to free school meals.

There has been no VIP or Writer of the Week this week.

The school calendar will be coming home next week, could you please make sure we have an up-to-date email address.

Thank you

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 10th September 8.55am

School opens for Reception & Nursery

Friday 13th September 2.30 pm

Golden Book

Monday 16th September 6pm

Blessed Trinity Meeting at St. John's for Yr5/6 parents

Tuesday 1st October 7.00pm

Prospective Parents Meeting at St. John the Baptist



Thursday 3rd October 6.30pm

St. Augustine's, Billington Open Evening

Thursday 10th October 6pm

Blessed Trinity Open Evening

OFFICE NEWS

We are currently recruiting for a new School Business Manager and the closing date is Wednesday 18th September at 12.00 pm.

Until a new appointment is made we have Mrs Lisa Eatough working temporarily in the office. Please make Mrs Eatough feel welcome.

WELCOME BACK

It has been lovely to catch up with the children and welcome them back into school. The children look really smart and have made a very positive start to the new year.

As usual the teachers have prepared their welcome meeting to give out special messages and share new routines and expectations. It is very important that parents make every effort to attend these sessions as it's the beginning of a new journey and a chance for you to get to know your child's teacher better. Each welcome meeting will be held after the school day and will start as soon as the teacher has dismissed their class and got back to the classroom. The welcome meetings unfortunately cannot be repeated and are a one off meeting. During the meeting the class timetables, routines, expectations and key dates for the year will be shared with parents. All welcome meetings will last only 30 minutes and will start at 3.20 pm. The are as follows:

Monday 9th September - Year 5

Tuesday 10th September - Year 1

Wednesday 11th September - Year 6

Thursday 12th September - Year 3

Monday 16th September - Year 2

Tuesday 17th September - Reception

Thursday 19th September - Year 4

UNIFORM

We have noticed that a number of children are not adhering fully to our school uniform policy.

PE kit - indoor PE kit should be plain black shorts and a plain white t-shirt

outdoor PE kit should be plain black or navy tracksuit bottoms and a plain white t-shirt with a plain navy or black tracksuit top or hoody

Please note our policy does not include culottes or shorts for girls.

There are a number of children currently wearing earrings with plasters over them. If the child's ears are not ready to be free of earrings I will allow clear acrylic earrings/retainers which are cheaper and safer than bulky plasters.

STAFF CHANGES

There are minimal changes to staffing this year. All teachers have remained with the year group they taught in last year for continuity as we embed new changes to the curriculum.

We wish Mrs Byrom all the best for the commencement of her early retirement.

Mrs Miskell is now leading and delivering the teaching of Modern Foreign Languages, she is also continuing to support our Associate SENCo Mrs Farrington carrying out all administration work each Friday.

Mr Steele has now taken over the running of school sports and is being supported by Mr Kelly and Miss Earnshaw as well as Mr Taylor who is teaching some of our PE lessons through our Burnley Sports Partnership involvement.

Miss Kidd will be teaching some Year 1 lessons.

Miss Armstrong will be pursuing her teaching vocation this year and will be completing her PGCE, she will be based here in school for 2 terms. We wish her all the best.

HEALTHY LUNCHES

Could I please remind you that we are a Healthy School and as such lunches should be healthy. There should be no sweets or chocolates in children's packed lunch bags and they should be drinking either milk or water.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Have you taken part in the library reading challenge? If so, please bring your certificate into school asap. If you haven't there's still time, the closing date is 28th September.

COLOUR TEAMS

This year we have decided to split into colour teams for things like sports day, PTA calendar etc. As soon as our new Reception children come into school next week, we will be splitting the children into their team colours. So the children are easily identified within their colour team, we would appreciate it if you would be able to buy your child a plain coloured t-shirt that they can wear during the course of the year, please bear in mind that it will still have to fit them for sports day towards the end of the year. More information about this will follow shortly. Our school calendar photo's this year will be taken with the children in their plain coloured t-shirt on Thursday 26th September. As your child what colour team they are in.



The statue of our new Our Lady is now taking pride of place in the school entrance.

As an added surprise, one of our parents, Mrs Brelsford, kindly gifted beautiful flower arrangement, which has been put on display with Our Lady.

The GIFT Team would like to thank Mrs Brelsford for her generosity and are appreciative of her kindness.

NEW CHILDREN JOINING ST JOHN'S

Next week we look forward to welcoming our new Reception and Nursery children. As the reception children begin to settle and their characters emerge, they will be appointed their gardener and our Year 6 are really looking forward to meeting their seed and beginning their adventure together.

WIDER OPPORTUNITIES 'WOPS'

Year 4 and 5 children will continue to receive WOPS lessons each Wednesday afternoon, they are doing Samba this year.

Lancashire Music Service continues to offer weekly instrumental lessons for woodwind, strings, brass and keyboard in order to inspire a lifelong love of music. If you wish your child to learn an instrument through this service, please apply online at: www.lancashiremusichub.co.uk/enrol

Children can have individual or group lessons starting from £6.50 per lesson. If you have any problems with accessing the website please contact the school office for support or see Mrs Jones our Music Co-ordinator.