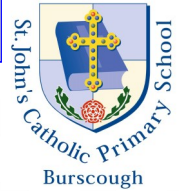


Note from the Head

Thank you for your generous donations towards the food bank appeal, we are now entering the final week before all goods will be collected by the staff from Burscough Methodist Foodbank. If you know of anyone in need this Christmas please get in touch - in confidence - with Mrs Harrison-Scott in the office.

Friday 5th December



Infant Milk

Children under five receive free milk under the Nursery Milk Scheme or School Milk Subsidy Scheme until the Friday before their fifth birthday. We currently only have 8 out of 14 children registered for milk. Register your child using this web address: <https://coolmilk.com/parents/>

Once your child becomes 5 years of age you will need to cancel this subscription or you will be charged.

Fundraising

This has been a busy (and expensive!) time of year for fundraising. We are raising money for:

Food Bank - through the reverse Advent calendar

School - through the raffle and Christmas events. We would like buy extra football nets for the field and a storage shed for Reception Class to store their outdoor toys.

CAFOD - Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Parties

On Thursday 18th December we will be holding Christmas Parties in the hall. There will lots of fun, games and prizes. This will take place within the school day and children may come to school wearing their party clothes that day. There is no cost for this event.

Christmas Raffle

We have a selection of festive Christmas Hampers that we are raffling off to raise money for school. Tickets cost £1 a strip and be purchased from the office, at the infant nativities. These will be drawn out in the last week of term.

Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

Christmas Dinner will be served on Wed 18th December in the school hall and is always a lovely event. The children enjoy being served by staff with a traditional roast dinner with crackers and Christmas Music. To book your child on to this, please return the letter to school. Children that are already registered for a school dinner are already booked in for one. If you child would like to wear their Christmas Jumper, we ask for £1 donation (per family) to go to CAFOD world gifts at Christmas.

Mass times

Sunday 09.00 am Saturday 06.30 pm

07/12/25 Second Sunday of Advent

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:1-12

Notes for Adults

The readings for this week remind us to get ready for Jesus. Isaiah tells of a branch growing from Jesse's stump, a sign of new life and peace. God's promise brings hope to a world that needs healing.

John the Baptist calls us to change our hearts and turn back to God. He says real faith shows in what we do. Paul reminds us that God keeps His promises and wants us to live in peace with one another.

Approaching the Gospel with children

Today we heard a story about John the Baptist. John told everybody that Jesus was coming and that they needed to get ready. John warns the people coming to be baptised that they need to say sorry for the things that they have done wrong and change their lives for the better. This will help them to be ready for Jesus.

Do you think there are things in your life you could do better? Are you always helpful? Do you always share? Do you listen well to others? Do you try to cheer people up when they are sad? Do you let everyone join in your games?

When we say sorry, it means that we will try to do better next time. If we change our own lives for the better and try to do the right things, we can help to make the world a happier place for other people too.

John the Baptist lived at the time of Jesus. He had great faith and set an example for everyone of how to live a good life. Can you think of any other people living today or in history who showed great faith and how to live a good life?

This week, perhaps we can try to be brave like John the Baptist and speak up for what we believe in. We can say sorry when we get things wrong and we can try to do better next time.

How are you going to change your life for the better this Advent? Will you speak up when you see something that is unfair? Will you help others when they are in need? Will you share?

Reverse Advent Calendar

During the season of Advent we shall direct our thoughts in school to those families in need. We would like to run a 'Reverse' Advent Calendar appeal to support the local food bank.

Week 4 (08/12): Toiletries and household products

Posada

Posada is a Mexican festive tradition that we are repeating this year. Posada is a Spanish word that means 'Inn' and we welcome you to host Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus for one night to help us remember the true meaning of Christmas. We have prepared travelling Nativity packs for you and your children to use. The packs contain prayer cards, The Christmas story according to Luke's Gospel, candles, a prayer mat, model figures and a booklet to record your experience. To enable all families to participate in this experience we ask that you keep the Nativity for one night only and return to school the next day for it to continue its journey. Thank you for your participation!

Advent Service

On 10th December I am looking forward to taking the Year 5 and 6 children to the annual Advent Service at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. We will be joining many school across the arch-diocese and I'm sure this event will be a memorable experience.

If you have any new or unused gifts that you do not need, could you consider donating them for the less fortunate of our Archdiocese. The charity being supported is Nugent and they have suggested that the most welcome gifts which they can distribute this year are NEW TOYS and GAMES. Parent are welcome to attend the service which starts at 10:15

Published Admission Number (PAN)

We are seeking to consult and reduce the PAN from 25 to 20. This reduction in PAN will not affect the ethos, values and success of St John's Catholic Primary. Reducing the PAN will assist the school to provide stability in its long-term planning and allow us to continue to secure high quality education for the pupils currently on roll, whilst continuing to provide an appropriate number of places for future pupils in line with local demand. A letter was sent home giving more detail about the consultation. Please ask at the office if you have not received one.

Dates for your Diary

10th December - Class 2 Mass

9th December - EYFS, KS1 Christmas Nativity at 2:15

10th December - EYFS, KS1 Christmas Nativity at 2:15

11th December - KS2 Christmas movie night

16th December - KS2 Christmas Advent service 2pm

17th December - EYFS, Y1, Y2, Y3 Breakfast with Santa

18th December - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

19th December - School closes for Christmas break

6th January - School reopens for the Spring term

The following children have been chosen by the Lunchtime Supervisors for wonderful behaviour!

Class 1: Lola

Class 2: Lottie

Class 3: Fred

Class 4: Esther



Our value for this term is - Love

The following children were awarded certificates by their class teacher for showing Love to others this week.

Class 1: Phoebe

Class 2: Josh, Jacob, Luca and Penny B

Class 3: Esme

Class 4: Toby

