

Note from the Head

We had a visit from our school advisor Mrs Monaghan this week who took some time to speak to the children in small groups about their experience of St John's. She spoke with happiness and joy and some quotes from the children were:

'We love coming to school', 'we love learning', 'all the teachers are smiley', 'the library is great and you get to go every week', 'everyone knows my name and I know everyone's name too', 'everyone plays with friends, we don't just play in classes', 'we make great bonds with everyone', 'there's lots of new children coming to our school because it so amazing'.

I really couldn't ask for more than that. It's great to have such glowing feedback from the most important people - the pupils!

Parking

We have received complaints from local residents over their driveways being blocked by school parents at pick up and drop off. Please be mindful of others when parking and avoid parking outside of the school gates.

Online safety

We have not had many people register interest in the online safety workshop. It will be delivered in school by consultants from the Lancashire Education service and looks at how you can protect your child from toxic influences and give support in developing online safety at home. If you would like to book a place on can you please respond via the Google form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/21Ume97DdU>



or scan the QR code

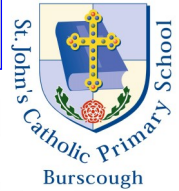
Online safety

Attached to this weeks email is a parent guide on supporting parents of toddlers with screen time

Live learning

Class 4 had a fantastic topic on Darwin's Delights in the first half of Autumn term. Abe in Year 5 has a grandparent currently holidaying in the Galapagos Islands and he is providing a wealth of information to the tour group based on what he has learned in class. Today Class 4 have looked at the pictures that Abe has been sent and have been able to write their own questions to send over to be answered. Absolutely great examples of working in collaboration with others and ensuring a deeper level of understanding is secured. Thanks Abe!

Friday 30th January



Mass times

Mon 8:30, Wed 9am, Fri 10am
Sunday 09.00 am Saturday 06.30 pm

01/02/26 4th Sunday in Ordinary time

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12a

The readings for this week remind us to seek God with humility. The first reading tells us that God protects those who are humble and follow His ways. The psalm praises God for caring for the weak and needy. The second reading says that God chooses the lowly to show His greatness. The gospel gives us the Beatitudes, where Jesus tells us who is truly blessed. These are the people who trust in God, show mercy, seek justice, and endure hardship for their faith.

We are called to live in a way that is different from the world. The Beatitudes show us that true blessing comes from following Jesus, not from wealth or power. God blesses those who are humble, kind, and faithful.

Approaching the Gospel with children

Jesus teaches his disciples about the way he would like people to be treated and how he sees some types of people as extra special. He says that they will be happy or blessed. We are all part of one global family and we are called by God to care for the other members of that family, wherever they are in the world. We can try to help Jesus' words to come alive today.

*What could you do to help someone who is sad?
What could you do to help someone who is hungry or thirsty?*

What could you do to help someone who is being laughed at or picked on for standing up for what they believe in?

By doing these things we can help to build a better world. A world where all people have what they need to live happy and healthy lives.

By doing these things we will also be following Jesus. We can help to make the words he spoke to his disciples a reality. God can work through us to bring comfort, mercy and happiness to others.

What will you do this week to help Jesus' words to come alive in our world?

Forest School

Class 1 and 2 have Forest School on Tuesday next week. Children may wear their own outdoor clothes that day.

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 this week giving more detail about the consultation. Please ask at the office if you have not received one.

Dates for your Diary

Parent Forum for parents that are new to the school e.g.

Reception class and new starters Tues 10th Feb 2:30

Wednesday 11th February - KS2 Valentines Disco

Thurs 12th Feb - Half term achievement assembly 9am

Thurs 12th February - Nursery & KS1 Valentines Disco

Friday 13th February - School closes for half term week

Monday 23rd February - School closed for INSET

Tuesday 24th February - School reopens

Monday 2nd March - Class 3 Swimming lessons begin

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

Friday 6th - Sunday 8th March Y5/6 Residential trip

Week beginning 9th Mar - British Values themed week

Thursday 12th March - Mothers Day assembly 2:30

Friday 20th March - Easter Bingo

Week beginning 23rd March - Y5 Bikeability

Monday 23rd March Parent Forum 2:30

Tuesday 24th March - Y6 Good Shepherd fundraising

Wednesday 25th March - Parents evening

Thursday 26th March KS1 Easter Bonnet parade @ 2:30

Friday 27th March - School close for Easter at 1:15

Forest School

Each class will attend Forest School on a rota this term

Class 1: 03/02, 25/02

Class 2: 03/02, 25/02

Class 3: 09/02, 03/03

Class 4: 12/02, 11/03

On these days, children may come to school wearing their own clothes and suitable footwear in case it is wet outside. As we are outdoors it is likely to be muddy so scruffy clothes are the best!



Class Mass.

Children will attend 9 am mass on alternate Wednesdays with their class on the following dates. You are very welcome to come along and join us.

Class 1: 04/02, 11/03

Class 2: 28/01, 04/03

Class 3: 21/01, 25/02,

Class 4: 14/01, 11/02, 18/03

Our value for this half term is - Courage

The following children were awarded certificates by their class teacher for showing courage this week. Well Done!

Class 1: Edward

Class 2: Arla and Josh

Class 3: Sky

Class 4: Jamie



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

Class 1: Edward

Class 2: Bertie

Class 3: Eleanor

Class 4: Zofia

