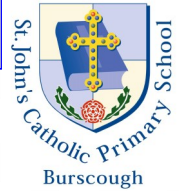


Note from the Head

Our first Parent Forum is on Tuesday at 2:30pm in school. This is for parents that are new to the school as I would like to get some feedback on what we did well and what could be improved in creating a smooth start for all children and families (both those children who move to us from other schools as well as the new reception class). Since December, we have welcomed seven new children into different year groups and it is wonderful to see our St John's family grow.

Friday 6th February



Mass times

Mon 8:30, Wed 9am, Fri 10am

Sunday 09.00 am Saturday 06.30 pm

08/02/26 5th Sunday in Ordinary time

***Gospel Reading:* Matthew 5:13-16**

Apologies, but I have has to change some dates/times for next week.

Forest School
Class 3 has Forest school on Tuesday next week NOT Monday as previously posted. Class 4 have Forest School on Wednesday NOT Thursday. Children may come to school wearing their own clothes on these days.

Half term achievement assembly

Our half term achievement assembly has changed times to 2:30 on Thursday in the school hall. You are all welcome to come along as we share some of our best work with you.

First Holy Communion

Next week the children in Year 4 who are due to make their First Holy Communion will begin their preparation sessions. These will take place in school and will be delivered by myself and Mrs Harrison-Scott. The date for the First Holy Communion is 14th June. An essential part of this programme is completion of the sacrament of Reconciliation, This has already been completed in school but if your child has missed this then please speak to the office and we can arrange another time for them to complete this important step.

World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement celebrated annually on the first Friday of March. In 2026, this falls on Friday, March 6. The theme for this year is: "I will give you rest," and is prepared by the women of Nigeria. This year, our church will be holding a service including prayer and song in which everyone from Burscough and the wider community is invited. The service highlights the need for peace, solace, and solidarity, and is part of a worldwide movement of prayer in over 120 countries.

The children of Class 3 and some of Class 4 are preparing for this event by learning songs and sign language – led by parishioner Mrs Margaret Dutton. The children will be able to share this with you on Friday 6th March in church at 2pm. Please put the date in your diary as it will be a wonderful event to be a part of.

Valentines Disco

The juniors is on Wednesday and the Infants and Nursery have theirs on Thursday 3:30 - 4:30 . Children will be dismissed from the office door. You can still book this event through SCOPAY

The readings for this Sunday remind us to help others and share our faith. The first reading tells us to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and care for those in need. When we do this, our lives will be filled with light. The second reading says we should rely on Jesus, not on our own wisdom. The gospel calls us to be like salt and light. Salt adds flavour, and light helps people see. In the same way, we should live in a way that brings goodness to the world and points others to God. We cannot keep our faith hidden. Jesus tells us to let our light shine by doing good works. When we help others, we show God's love. This is how the world can see Christ through us. If we ignore those in need, we are like salt that has lost its taste. Faith is not just words; it is action. We should ask ourselves if we are bringing light to the world or keeping it to ourselves. This week, we can look for ways to share God's love with others

Approaching the Gospel with children

In the reading today, Jesus tells us that we are like light to the world. What do you think this means?

We are asked to do good things – to help others and live as God wants us to. In this way, we can let our light shine in people's sight. When they see our good works, they will praise God. Through the things that we do, other people will know how good God is.

God loves everybody, no matter where in the world they are from, whether they are rich or poor. God asks us to do the same because we are all members of the same global family. What do you think we can do to show other people that we care about them?

If we love other people and do what we can to help them, then other people will see how great God's love is. We will be like the light that shines and is not covered up, so that everyone can see.

How will you be like a shining light this week?

Nursery

As you will be aware Sunbeams Nursery has operated in school in for 13 years. The school are now consulting to run our own nursery. The benefits of bringing the Nursery under the St John's leadership and management is that we will be able to provides a seamless, high-quality early education experience that bridges home and primary education, significantly easing the transition to Reception.

We will be able to align both curriculum and pedagogy for the very youngest of our pupils and have shared expectations and staff expertise between nursery and reception to ensure a consistent, high-quality learning approach, particularly in literacy and numeracy.

A letter has been sent out today to explain the process and we invite any feedback you may have.

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: 10/02, 03/03

Class 4: 11/02, 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!



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 11th February - KS2 Valentines Disco

Thurs 12th Feb - Half term achievement assembly 2:30

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

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 2: Perrin

Class 3: Michael M

Class 4: Scarlett S and Rose



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

Class 1: Bobby

Class 2: Bertie

Class 3: Alfie

Class 4: Rose

