

Note from the Head

It was wonderful to be able to enjoy last weekend with the children from Year 5 and 6 on their annual residential to Dobroyd Castle in Todmorden. They demonstrated not only great behaviour, but a really positive mind-set as they tackled many physical challenges and in doing so, conquered their own fears. We are so incredibly proud of each and every pupil who were excellent ambassadors for their school.

Easter Bingo

This ever popular event is on Friday 20th March from 3:30 - 4:30 in the school hall. The entrance price is £5 per family which includes 2 books of tickets. All children must be accompanied by an adult. If you would like to purchase any additional books, these can be purchased at a cost of £1.00 per book in the SCOPay app. The minimum amount is set to £5 (entrance price and 2 books). If you are wanting to buy any additional books, you will also need to pay £1 per extra book. This will show as an overpayment on your account.

A raffle will also be held on the night for Easter hampers - tickets can be bought on the night or in advance from the office if you are unable to attend but would still like a raffle ticket. We are raising money for new playground equipment.

Parents evening

Parents evening is on Wednesday Letters have been sent out for you to choose a suitable time to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher.

Parent Forum

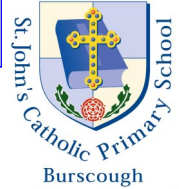
The next one is on Monday 23rd March at 2:30 with a focus on Curriculum. We are keen to get your views on: what drives our curriculum, what do we do well at St. John's and how can we improve our curriculum.

School Choir - infants

We are part of the school singing programme which is run by the Archdiocese and aims to develop singing skills in school. Our chorister is Libby Morris who has been working with the infant children on Monday afternoons. This term the children have been working on a series of songs to help develop their understanding of the Easter story.

The children will be singing their songs in a mini concert on Monday 23rd March at 2:45 in the hall. You are more than welcome to come along and listen to their performance.

Friday 13th March



Mass times

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

Sunday 09.00 am Saturday 06.30 pm

13/03/26 4th Sunday of Lent

Gospel Reading: John 9:1-41

The Gospel for this week tells how Jesus heals a man who was born blind. The people around him do not believe it. They ask many questions and argue about what happened. The Pharisees are upset because Jesus healed on the Sabbath. But the man who was healed believes in Jesus and worships Him.

This Sunday helps us think about spiritual blindness. Some people saw the miracle but still did not believe. Others, like the blind man, could see the truth. Lent is a time to ask Jesus to help us see clearly. We can pray for faith and for open eyes to see God working in our lives.

Approaching the Gospel with children

Jesus tells the Pharisees that they are blind because they cannot see that he is the Son of God. While there is nothing wrong with their eyes, the Pharisees do not open their hearts to see the truth of who Jesus is. While the blind man is able to see and to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

God has given us five senses to learn about the world around us. As well as our five senses, we also need to open our hearts, so that we can feel God's love for us and see the truth about the world around us.

Sometimes there are problems or things that are not right in this world. We can take notice of these problems and try to make them better.

God calls us to use our gifts and not to ignore the problems that we see. We can try instead to make a difference, to care for our earth, and to work together with our global brothers and sisters to build a better world.

A better world needs all of us to play our part. So this week, look out for all the good things that you can see. If you see anything that is wrong or unfair, think about what you could do to help change it.

Feedback from new parent questionnaire

Thank you to those parents new to the school who took the time to complete the survey about how we can improve the transition arrangements for new pupils. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive with some constructive advice given. One recommendation was that we make it clearer for new parents to understand the terminology associated with the organisation of classes within the school. Here is a guide to the structure of the school

EYFS: Early Years Foundation Stage <u>Nursery</u> <u>Class 1</u> - Reception children	Key Stage 1: Infants <u>Class 2:</u> Year 1 and Year 2	Key stage 2: Juniors <u>Class 3:</u> Year 3, Year 4, <u>Class 4:</u> Year 5 and Year 6
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A plea for resources!

Learning through play and exploration is a fundamental part of the Early Years education and to enhance our provision, we are looking to improve our outdoor resources for the youngest members of the St John's family – Nursery and Reception class. You may have things at home or in the workplace that could be upcycled and given a new lease of life as part of outdoor play!

In particular, we are looking for:

- Milk crates
- Wooden planks of wood - any length
- Cardboard tubes
- Egg boxes
- Picture frame
- Cable reels
- Old pots and pans
- Metal kitchen utensils
- Sand pit
- Water tray
- Plastic storage stackers
- Balls of wool



If you have anything you think may be reusable please get in touch and help to make our outdoor area a valuable environment for learning!

Thank you



Parent Workshops

Research shows that involving parents and carers in their children's learning is the most important factor in enabling some children to do well regardless of background.

I have planned a series of workshops to help you to support your child in their learning over several different areas. It would be great to have parents attend - if the dates and times do not suit then please let me know and I can put dates on outside of school hours as well.

The first two focus on Maths;

Maths 1- 16th April at 2:15

This will demonstrate and explain the different methods used in school for teaching addition and subtraction in order to help you support your child in their learning both in school and at home.

Maths 2 - 30th April at 2:15

This will demonstrate and explain the different methods used in school for teaching multiplication and division in order to help you support your child in their learning both in school and at home.

Rock Steady concert

On Wednesday 18th March the children who take part in music lessons with Rocksteady will be showcasing their skills in a concert for parents and the whole school at 2pm in the hall

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 provide a seamless, high-quality early education experience that bridges home and primary education, significantly easing the transition to Reception. A letter has been sent out to explain the process and we invite any feedback you may have.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 18th March - Rocksteady concert 2pm

Friday 20th March - Easter Bingo

Week beginning 23rd March - Y5 Bikeability

Monday 23rd March Infant Easter concert 2:45

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

Class 1: 17/03

Class 2: 17/03

On these days, children may come to school wearing their own clothes and suitable footwear in case it is wet outside.



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 4: 18/03

Whole school : 25/03



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: Jacob

Class 3:: Quinn

Class 4: Robinwood children



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

Class 1: Phoebe

Class 2: Savannah

Class 3: Tamara

Class 4: Madeline

