

Note from the Head

As we come to the end of the Spring term, next week is shaping up to be a busy one, please take a look at the calendar for events.

We were delighted to showcase the talents from Burscough's best rockers - the RockSteady band - on Wednesday who have been working hard with Cohen to learn to sing, read and perform musical pieces - well done to everyone!

Good Shepherd Stalls

In the season of Lent we are thinking about how we can do more for others. On Tuesday 24th March, Class 4 will be running their annual Good Shepherd stalls to raise money for Nugent Care. The older children are using their enterprise skills to plan and manage activities for the whole school to engage in, for example: Treasure Hunt, Guess the sweets in the jar, sweet stall, Beat the goalie, Sponge a Sixer, obstacle course and many more!

There are prizes to be won and this is always a great event that the children love. Children will need to bring money to take part in the activities - every stall will cost 20p and the event will take place on Tuesday afternoon.

To support this event we are asking for donations and in particular are looking for:

- Football x 2 for prizes
- Sweets

If you are able to make a donation for this event it would be much appreciated. Please send your child with money to school on Tuesday so that they can enjoy the stalls - it is 20p for every activity so loose change and not notes would be preferred.

Easter Bonnet Parade

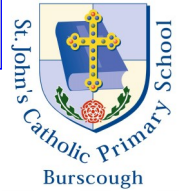
This ever popular event is at 2:30 on Thursday- you are all welcome to come along and watch the children from Nursery, Reception and Year One.

Whole school Mass

To mark the end of term, the whole school will attend Mass at 9am on Wednesday. You are all welcome to join us to celebrate Mass with Father O'Shea before we break up for Easter.



Friday 20th March



Mass times

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

Sunday 09.00 am Saturday 06.30 pm

22/03/26 5th Sunday of Lent

Gospel Reading: John 11:1-45

The Gospel for the 5th Sunday of Lent helps us remember that Jesus brings life and hope. Even when things seem lost, Jesus has power over death. He cares about our pain and stays close to us. Lent is a time to trust in Him more. We can turn to Him with our sadness and know He walks with us

Approaching the Gospel with children

Unfortunately, sometimes, just like Lazarus in today's gospel, people do get sick. When this happens, they go to the hospital where doctors and nurses work hard to care for them and try to make them better.

It can be very sad and worrying when someone we love is sick or dies. Jesus knows how we feel. He cried for his friend Lazarus who he loved.

Not everyone gets to see a doctor when they need to. It can be a long way to go to the nearest hospital or they might not be able to pay for their medicine.

Some people find it hard to stay healthy because they do not have enough food to eat or safe water to drink.

When Pope Francis died, he asked that his Pope-mobile be transformed into a mobile clinic for children in Gaza who are injured, malnourished or don't have access to healthcare. It is hoped that this new mobile clinic will be able to enter Gaza and start helping people soon.

God gives life to us all. God created us and wants every single one of us to live a happy life, with all the things that we need to grow and be the best people we can be.

And Jesus came to show us how to live, how to treat others. This Lent we can look at our own lives and think about the changes that we can make so that everyone can live their lives to the full. Just like Pope Francis, we can share what we have to help others who are in need. What will you do?

Parents evening

Parents evening is on Wednesday 25th March in the school hall. Letters have been sent out for you to book your appointment.

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.

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.

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 very welcome to come along and listen to their performance.

Dates for your Diary

Week beginning 23rd March - Y5 Bikeability

Mon 23rd March Infant Easter musical 2:45

Mon 23rd March Parent Forum 2:30

Tues 24th March - Y6 Good Shepherd stalls

Wednesday 25th March - Parents evening

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

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

Mon 13th April - School reopens for the
Summer term

Mon 13th April - Class 3 resume swimming
lessons

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: Bobby

Class 2: Sam

Class 3:: Donovan

Class 4: Ava and Esther



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

Class 1: Arlo

Class 2: Arla

Class 3: Sophia

Class 4: Scarlett S

