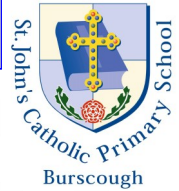


Note from the Head

Welcome back after the half term week, I hope that this sunny weather stays and the children can enjoy playtime on the school field. This is a busy half term as we make preparations to celebrate Lent and the children have lots of trips, activities and events on in school—please keep checking the school calendar.

Friday 28th February



Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 5th March is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of the Season of Lent, the forty days of preparation before Easter Sunday. Father Henry will be saying prayers and distributing ashes for children and adults at 2:45 in the school hall on Wednesday. All parents and families are welcome to join in.

First Holy Communion

The children in Year 4 will make their First Holy Communion at 9am Mass on Sunday 22nd June

Robinwood residential

The children will be leaving school at 9:15 on Friday 7th March. Parents are welcome to stay and wave them off!

Playground Improvements

On Monday work will start to repair and extend the Trim Trail Playground equipment. The School Council have chosen three pieces of equipment to be added to the existing structure. Please do not allow your children on or near it whilst the work is being carried out.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6th March. This year we have decided to go for a themed approach across the school. This year our theme is 'Witches and Wizards'. Teacher will approach this in different ways with books and texts and we have lots of fun activities planned.

Sensory workshop

Twinkle House is a fully inclusive wellness and sensory centre that welcomes families, children, young people and adults. Their facilities are accessible to all, they have incredible facilities and programmes with a sole aim: to improve the health and wellness in the North West.

They have a Sensory/Soft Play Room, Immersive Room, Hydrotherapy Pool and Studio which are all available to hire. These are accessible for all ages and abilities. They are based in Skelmersdale, West Lancashire and welcome visitors from all surrounding areas and districts.

On the next page are details of a new sensory club for children that starts on 4th March

Mass times

Sunday 09.00 am Mon - Fri 09.00 am

Saturday 06.30 pm

28/02/25 **8th Sunday in Ordinary time**

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:39-45

The 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C reminds us to look at our own faults before criticizing others. Jesus teaches that pointing out others' mistakes without seeing our own is hypocritical. We should first remember our own shortcomings and seek reconciliation. Avoid feeling superior and think carefully before speaking. Ensure your words come from a place of love and compassion. Helping others should be done with humility and understanding.

Approaching the Gospel with children

Jesus is talking to the disciples – he talks about seeing a tiny speck of dust in someone else's eye, but not seeing the great wooden log in our own.

Jesus is saying it is much easier to notice the mistakes that others make, than it is to realise when we have made a mistake or done something wrong ourselves.

What does Jesus tell the disciples they must do?

He says they must take the log out of their own eye before they can take the speck out of someone else's. He is saying we must change the way we act before we can expect anyone else to change.

If we cannot be good and do what is right, how can we ask other people to do the same?

The children will reflect on something that they might have done wrong and consider: How could you change that? Could you share more? Be kinder or more helpful to others? Could you stop teasing a brother, sister or friend? Could you keep your room tidy? Or switch off lights when they're not needed?



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Next **Thursday 6th March 9am till 12pm** sees the return of the really successful One Stop Shop at The Family Hub & The Zone in Skelmersdale.

For those of you that don't already know, this is a unique opportunity for families to drop in and speak to all of the services that they need to.

- They offer a "buddy system" where families are greeted at the door and supported to approach the agencies they need.
- No appointment necessary.
- They can offer quiet spaces for those that find the busy environment too difficult.
- Refreshments provided.

Our new Gospel value for this month is - Hope

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

EYFS: Lewis

Class 2: Fred and Jacob

Class 3: Eleanor and Roman

Class 4: Mia and Maxwell



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

Class 1: Thomas **Class 2:** Penny

Class 3: Luke **Class 4:** Darcey



SATs Bootcamp.

The following children are top of the leader board for their points earned in the SATs Bootcamp challenge!



1st = Christopher

2nd = Olivia

3rd Lyla

Dates for your Diary

Wed 5th Mar - Ash Wednesday service in hall
 Thur 6th Mar - World Book Day *Theme to be decided**
 Fri 7th Mar - Class 4 residential to Robinwood
 Thurs 13th Mar - Class 2 at Mass
 Thurs 13th Mar - Maths Day
 Weds 19th Mar KS2 Cathedral visit
 Thurs 20th Mar - Class 4 at Mass
 Thurs 20th Mar - Class 4 at Forest School
 Thurs 20th Mar - KS1 trip to Martin Mere
 Fri 21st March Dress down day for Easter Egg

Dates for your Diary

Wed 26th Mar - Mothers Day gift stall
 Wed 26th Mar - Class 4 at Forest School
 Wed 26th Mar - Parents evening
 Thurs 27th Mar - Class 3 at Mass
 Thurs 27th Mar - Mother's Day assembly 2:30 - all invited
 Mon 31st Mar- Y6 Good Shepherd stalls
 Tues 1st April - Easter Bonnet parade 2:30
 Wed 2nd April - Easter Bingo 3:30
 Thurs 3rd April - Whole school achievement assembly 2:30
 Fri 4th April - School close for Easter at 1:15