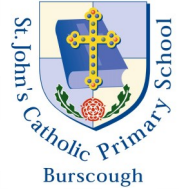


Note from the Head

Another great week in school, the summer weather has lingered which has meant for some great playtimes on the field. A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Infants fundraising with their Macmillan Coffee morning. It was lovely to see the children with their families and friends whilst raising money for a very worthy charity.

Friday 20th September



Notes for next week

Forest School

As Forest School leader, I plan to reintroduce more sessions in the outdoors for children to develop their learning across the curriculum. I will be sending out medical forms for you to fill in this week for your children, please send them back as soon as possible as without them, I am unable to take children out to the Forest.

Cycle to School Week

23-27 September is National Cycle to School Week. It would be great to see less cars on the road and more children using their bikes to get to school!

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Class 2 Apple and Blackberry picking

Class 2 will be heading over to Forest School on Wednesday for a session led by Dr Watt and staff from the Lancashire Wildlife Trust. The children will learn about the origins of apples before they collect their own fruits to use in class. Children need to come to school in their own clothes for this day with suitable footwear for the walk over.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

KS2 will host the coffee morning on Friday 27th September. Please bake or buy cakes and send into school by Friday. If you are able to help on the cake stall it would be much appreciated

Mass times

Sunday 09.00 am

Mon - Fri 09.00 am

Saturday 06.30 pm

25th Sunday in Ordinary time

22nd September

Gospel Reading - Mark 9:30-37

This Sunday's Gospel reading, tells of the apostles arguing about who is the greatest. Jesus teaches them that true greatness comes from being humble and serving others. He uses a child to illustrate that we must welcome and care for those who are seen as least important.

This passage shows that comparing ourselves to others leads to jealousy and ambition. Instead, we should appreciate our own unique gifts and use them to serve God and others. Humility helps us value ourselves and others without competition.

In our assemblies over the next few weeks we will be focusing on the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and how we can live these out for the good of others. When we serve the least ones among us we serve Jesus himself and this theme is one that we will be exploring in more detail.

Head Boy and Head Girl

It was very difficult to choose, but after staff discussions, we have George Dickinson and Georgia Peel to be Head Boy and Head Girl this year. Both have been chosen for their kindness, caring nature, the way in which they model excellent behaviour and for their impeccable manners. I am sure they will represent the school well.

Harvest Festival

This year we will be supporting the Burscough Methodist Food Bank who support vulnerable local people with the years Harvest Collection. We will be collecting donations of dried food goods (packets, boxes, tins and jars) and other non-perishable items from Monday 30th September - Friday 11th October. We understand that times are tighter than ever for our families who may be struggling themselves. Donations are voluntary and we appreciate any item, large or small.

Bikeability

The West Lancashire Sports team will be in school week beginning 30th September to deliver Cycling Proficiency to the Year 5 children. Children may come to school in their own clothes for these sessions and must bring their bicycle and helmet to school. Bikes can be stored overnight in the school hall to avoid you having to transport them to and from school.

Admissions - Applications for Primary and High School places

For families who will require a primary or secondary school place in September 2025 the means of application is via Lancashire's on-line system at:- www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/

You must apply even if you already have siblings at your preferred school. If you live in Lancashire, you can include out of area preferences on your on-line application. Alternatively call 01772 532191

The closing dates for applications for September 2025 are at 11.59 pm on:-

Secondary school applications – 31st October 2024 Primary school applications –15th January 2024

For those applying to Catholic schools you must also complete a supplementary form and return to school with proof of Nationality (e.g. birth certificate or passport) and proof of Baptism of any denomination.

****THE SUPPLEMENTARY FAITH FORM MUST BE HANDED IN ALONG WITH BAPTISM CERTIFICATE TO THE OFFICE AT ST BEDE'S OTHERWISE YOUR CHILD **MAY NOT** GET A PLACE. EVERY YEAR CHILDREN FROM FEEDER PRIMARY SCHOOLS MISS OUT ON THEIR PLACE AS THIS FORM HAS NOT BEEN HANDED IN****

Free School meals

Your child may be able to get free school meals. Please follow the link below for more information

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/>

School Levy

As you are aware St. John's is a Catholic Voluntary Aided school. This means that while the Government provides money for staff wages, books and equipment, the building costs and repairs are paid for by the Archdiocese of Liverpool. All Catholic schools in the diocese are requested to pay an equal share of money towards the building fund. Therefore we respectfully request parents to pay a voluntary contribution of £10.00 per year per child, or per family if you have more than one child. You can make your contribution via your Scopay account. Thank you for your generosity.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 20th September - Nursery and KS1 Macmillan coffee morning at 09:15 in school hall

Wednesday 25th September - Class 2 at Forest School

Friday 27th September KS2 Macmillan coffee morning at 09:15 in school hall

Monday 30th September, Thursday 3rd October, Friday 4th October Year 5 Bikeability

Thursday 3rd October - Whole school Mass at 9am

Wednesday 9th October - Harvest assembly, all invited at 14:30 in the school hall

Thursday 10th October - Class 2 to attend Mass at 9am

Wednesday 16th October Parents evening 14:30 - 18:00 in the school hall

Thursday 17th October - Class 1 to attend Mass at 9am

Thursday 17th October - Half term achievement assembly - all are invited at 14:30 in the school hall

Friday 18th October - Close for Half Term



The following children were awarded certificates by their class teacher for showing Compassion to others this week.

Well Done!!

EYFS: Kendall and Elias

Class 2: Savannah, Bertie, Donovan, Harvey

Class 3: Alfie, Lily-May

Class 4: Darcey, Isla

