



**ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
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Dear Parents,

AS everyone will now know, Mrs Devey has taken the decision to retire at the end of this academic year. Our Chair of Governors, Mr Rimmer and the School Governors will shortly be advertising the position, the outcome of which we will share with you once they have appointed a new Head teacher.

After School club

There are a number of children that are regularly not booked into after school club and turn up unexpectedly after school. We must have children pre-booked so that we can manage the staffing ration for children for health and safety of all. If your child has not been booked in using the online system, we cannot guarantee they will have a place and phone call home will be made for you to collect your child.

Robinwood

Letters have gone out but can we remind you that the final instalment is due by 1st February. Thank you.

Lateness

Since last week's newsletter we have seen an improvement, however, there are still a number of children who are arriving late into school. The doors open at 08:45 and morning work and activities are planned so that lessons may begin at 08:55 promptly. Missing the start of a lesson means that children often miss the input which is when key learning focuses are addressed. Please ensure you bring your child to school in good time so that their learning is not affected.

Just losing 5 minutes a day can result in almost half an hour of learning lost each week.

This week we have 33 children recorded as being late for school. That is a third of the school!

Attendance

Class 1: 95%

Class 2: 92%

Class 3: 94%

Class 4: 93%

Well done to Class 1 for your incredible attendance!

Free School meals

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Universal Credit with a household income of less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income-Based Jobseekers' Allowance
- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, **not** entitled to Working Tax Credit and household income less than £16,190
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Income Support

- Working Tax Credit 'run on' – the payment you receive for a further four weeks after you finish work

Please follow the link below

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

Dates

The calendar on the school website has been updated and will continue to be updated as events are booked in. You can subscribe to this calendar from our school website and the dates will automatically save into your phone or device.

Friday 2 nd February	Candlemas 9am in Church
Monday 5 th – Wednesday 7 th	Y5 Bikeability
Friday 9 th February	9am Star of the Half Term assembly

We close at 15:20 on Friday 9th February for half term week

Monday 19 th February	Class 3 begin their swimming lessons
Thursday 22 nd February	Class 4 visit to Bury Fire Station
Wednesday 6 th March	Mother's Day gift stall
Friday 8 th March	Y5 & Y6 residential trip to Robinwood
Friday 15 th March	Dress down day for Easter egg
Wednesday 20 th March	Easter Bingo 3:30 – 4:30
Thursday 21 st March	Year 6 Good Shepherd fundraising
Friday 22 nd March	Star of the Half term assembly 9am
Tuesday 26 th March	Easter bonnet parade @ 2:30
Wednesday 27 th March	Parents Evening 2:30-6:00
Thursday 28 th March	Whole school mass 9am
Thursday 28 th March	Close for Easter at 1:15

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Smith