



ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
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Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a peaceful Christmas and Happy New Year. On behalf of all of the staff, thank you for your end of term gifts and well wishes, they were very much enjoyed and appreciated.

The children have returned to school bright and happy and eager to learn and the atmosphere in school is hard-working and positive – a great way to start 2024!

Yogi Yoga

As part of our commitment to developing wellbeing amongst the children we have arranged for a Yoga company to visit our school. The children will take part in workshops on Monday 15th January.

Lateness

We are experiencing a large number of children who are persistently 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.

Fire Safety

Members of the Lancashire Fire and Rescue service will visit Year 2 and Year 6 in Thursday to deliver key messages about staying safe in and outside of the home.

Uniform

As always at the start of a new term I would like to reiterate the rules regarding school uniform. Thank you for sending the children back to school looking smart. May we remind parents that children must wear black school shoes and not school trainers. Full PE kit is needed, including black pumps.

Make up including nail varnish, false nails, mascara and false eyelashes are not to be worn in school. This is not part of our school uniform policy. Thank you for your support in enforcing this.

If any parent requires school uniform, please speak to Mrs Harrison-Scott as we have a lot of donated and brand new school uniform available for you to take.

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.

Monday 15 th January	Yogi Yoga
Thursday 18 th January	Lancashire Fires visit Y2 and Y6
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