



ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

This week in RE we have studied other faiths and our focus for this week has been Islam. In Class 2 the children learned about how prayer and worship are developed at home. In Class 3 the children looked at special books and how the Qur'an is used. In Class 4 the children looked at the five pillars of Islam and the guidance they give on how to live. A huge thank you to Grace for coming into Class 4 and speaking to them about faith and belief.

Knitting and Crochet appeal

I am appealing to anyone who has craft skills and is able to knit or crochet figures for my Christmas collective worship groups. Please speak to me – Miss Smith!

Reverse Advent Calendar

During the season of Advent we shall direct our thoughts in school to those less fortunate than us. We would like to run a 'Reverse' Advent Calendar appeal for families in need. Each week in December we will have a focus for donations:

Week 1: Tins

Week 2: Packets

Week 3: Perishables and treats

We know that Christmas is an expensive time of year, but if you are able to, could you please send in an item each week for us to build Christmas Hampers. Surplus items will be donated to the Methodist Food Bank.

If you are in need, or if you know of a local family in need then please get in touch – in confidence – to Mrs Harrison-Scott in the office.

Parents Group

In the New Year we would like to try and establish a group for parents who would like to meet, support and chat with each other in the Parish Hall once a month, giving you a safe space to meet and talk with others. If this is something that you may be interested in then please pass your details to Mrs Harrison-Scott.

Uniform Sale

We have a huge amount of preloved school uniform in excellent condition. We shall hold a uniform sale on Friday 8th December between 9 and 10am.

Admissions - Applications for Primary and High School places

For families who will require a primary place in September 2024 the means of application is via Lancashire's on-line system at:-

<https://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 2024 are at 11.59 pm on:-

Primary school applications –15th January 2024

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/>

Diary Dates

Thursday 23rd November: Class 2 at Mass 9am

Wednesday 13th November KS1 Nativity 1:30

Friday 8th December: Uniform Sale, 9- 10am.

Thursday 14th December KS1 Nativity 1:30

Tuesday 19th KS1 and Y3 Breakfast with Santa 8am

Tuesday 19th December KS2 Advent service 2:15

Wednesday 20th December Christmas Jumper day for CAFOD and Christmas Movie night

School closes at on Friday 22nd December for Christmas Holiday and reopens on Tuesday 9th January

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Smith