



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 Judaism. In Class 2 the children learned about how Jewish families reflect on the creation of the world during Shabbat every weekend. In Class 3 the children looked at special books and how the Torah is used and protected. In Class 4 the children looked at the Jewish festival of Rosh Hashanah. A huge thank you to Mrs Harrison-Scott for baking Challah Bread for the children to sample.

Football Team

We are so proud of the Year 5 and 6 Football who have played not One, but Two football tournaments this week On Wednesday the team were with Liverpool FC for the Premier League Schools competition and we are so incredibly proud to announce that Ava in Year 6 was awarded a medal for Player of the Tournament. Well done to Ava and the whole team!!

After School club

To organise staffing we need to know in advance if you wish to use this service. You can book your child into After School Club using the SCOPAY App. We have had many children recently who have not been booked in but are arriving after school expecting a place – if children are not booked in we will not be able to accept them and you will need to come to school to collect them.

Uniform

Our school uniform policy states that children are to wear school shoes and **not trainers**. Hair accessories should be small and discreet – large multi coloured bows and hair bands are not permitted. Children may wear a wrist watch and stud earrings only are permitted. For PE children must be able to removed their earrings and if not, they could be covered with surgical tape – which is available in class. This is line with the West Lancashire Sports Partnership and our own risk assessment.

Accounts

There are a number of school accounts whose balances have not been settled from last academic year. These include Breakfast Club, After School Club and Dinner money. Could you please log in to your SCOPAY and account balance is brought up to date as soon as possible. If this continues to be in arrears we may have to refuse access to these facilities until the account is settled.

****If your child regularly used breakfast club, After School club or has a School Dinner and you are not regularly making payments to top the account up the please rectify this as soon as possible by topping up your account****

If you are struggling to make these payments then please speak in confidence to either Mrs Harrison-Scott or Miss Smith.

Admissions - Applications for Primary and High School places

For families who will require a primary or secondary school 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

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.

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

Wednesday 15th November: Class 3 trip to Ribchester

Thursday 16th November: Class 3 at Mass 9am

Thursday 23rd November: Class 2 at Mass 9am

Wednesday 13th November KS1 Nativity 1:30

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 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