



**ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER  
20<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

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Dear Parents,

**Miss Lewis**

Today is Miss Lewis' last day at St John's. We are incredibly grateful for her contributions to the St John's community and she will be greatly missed.

Thank you for all of your hard work Miss Lewis.

**Thank you!**

As you are all aware, all schools are facing incredibly depleted budgets in comparison to previous years. We have been incredibly fortunate to have several offers of help from parents and family members. We would like to say a huge thank you to: Grace and Mrs Albustany for their help in Classes 2, 3 and 4; Mrs McClod for her help in Class 3; Mrs Kaye (our school governor) for her help with Year 6 and Mrs Walker for her support in Class 3 and with Year 6. The impact these make in class is immeasurable and we are very grateful.

**Parking around school**

*There was a near miss with car and a child outside school this week. Please can you give due care and attention when driving on Chapel Lane. The speed limit is 20 mph.*

Please can I ask that you refrain from parking on Chapel Lane during school drop off and pick-ups. There have been a number of complaints from local residents of cars blocking driveways and double parking which is making access difficult. I understand that the roads are busy around school drop off times and at the end of the day but please be mindful of this. If possible, could you consider walking to school to minimise traffic around school.

**Whole School Mass**

Thank you so much to Lyla, George, Amelie, Daniel and Xiara from Class 4 for the lovely way in which they read aloud in the whole school Mass. A huge Well Done and thank you to Matthew, Jack and Jonathan in Class 4 for helping Father Daley by being Altar Servers. You were all brilliant!

**Autumn Bingo**

Thank you to all those who attended – there were some very lucky tables indeed! We raised £306.70!!

**Fundraising**

We have been very fortunate to receive a generous donation from The Burscough Independent Supporters Club from their Lottery Fund which will be used to develop resources for pupils in the school.

**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:-

Secondary school applications – 31st October 2023

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 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**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October Star of the half term assembly 2:15

School closes at on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October for half term week and reopens on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Smith