



ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
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Dear Parents,

We are approaching the final week of this first half term and it has flown by! Next week is very busy with our Bingo fundraiser on Tuesday, Whole school Mass and Parents Evening on Thursday and Achievement assembly on Friday.

Miss Lewis

We are very sad to announce that Miss Lewis will be leaving us at the end of this half term. 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.

Parking around school

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

Classes 2, 3 and 4 will head over to church at 9am on Thursday to join Father Daley as he celebrates mass. All parents and family member are welcome to come along too.

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.

Autumn Bingo

This event will take place after school in the hall on Tuesday 17th October. Please book your tickets through SCOPAY app. It is £5 for two books of tickets and additional tickets can be booked for £1 extra (this will show as an overpayment on your account).

Parents Evening

Parents evening will be held on Thursday 19th October 2:30 – 6pm. Letters will be sent home today confirming your allocated time.

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

Tuesday 17th October Autumn Bingo

Thursday 19th October Whole School mass 9am

Thursday 19th October Parents Evening 2:30 – 6pm

Friday 20th October Star of the half term assembly 2:15

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

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Smith