



ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
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Dear Parents,

We have had a busy week! Class 2 had a great visit to Forest School in which they applied their scientific knowledge and understanding of floating and sinking to a range of activities in the water. Class 3 have been busy in English in which they are writing fairy stories with alternative endings. Class 4 have completed an extended write on Marty – a mole whose world is changed forever by pollution and in Science they have developed their understanding of Darwin's Theory of Evolution by studying Finch beaks in a fun lesson entitled 'Bird Beak Buffet'!

Class 4 trip

Class 4 will be visiting Chester Zoo on Tuesday as part of their studies into animal adaptation. Children must wear school uniform on their top (school t-shirt and jumper) but may wear their own clothes such as jeans, leggings or trainers on their bottom half. If your child is bringing a packed lunch from home please ensure it is in a carrier bag so that it can be thrown away once eaten.

Mass

Class 3 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.

Fundraising events

As an alternative to a Christmas Fair, we have decided to hold three separate fundraising events this term. The first is an Autumn Bingo, to be held in October followed by a Christmas movie night and Breakfast with Santa (Nursery to Year 3). More details about these events will be shared nearer the time.

Autumn Bingo

The letter for this went out this week – please look out for the letter in your child's book bag. We are holding a dress down day next Friday (Friday 13th) in exchange for bottles of wine, beer or spirits or boxes of biscuits and chocolates so that we can make prizes and hampers for the Bingo.

Parents Evening

Parents evening will be held on Thursday 19th October 2:30 – 6pm. Letters will be going out next week for you to reserve your time slot.

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 10th October Class 4 trip to Chester Zoo

Thursday 12th October Class 3 at Mass

Friday 13th October Dress down day in exchange for wine and chocolate

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