



ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Head Boy and Head Girl

After much staff deliberation, we are delighted to announce that the new Head Boy is Jude Till and the new Head Girl is Amelie Doyle. Both children will be excellent ambassadors for our school.

West Lancashire School Football Trials

We were asked to submit boys and girls for trials to play football for the West Lancashire U11's Football team. We are delighted to announce that Ava O'Connor has been selected from over 50 girls to join the new team. Well done Ava!

St Bede's applications

We believe that all children who require proof of baptism have been issued with their certificates. Please contact the school office if you do not have your certificate.

KS1 Coffee Morning

Thank you to all of the parents who donated cakes and also to those who came along for a coffee and a cake this morning. A special thank you to the parents and grandparents who came along to help out by setting up the tables and serving. We couldn't run these events without you!

The juniors (KS2) have their coffee morning next Friday (Friday 29th September)

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.

Bikeability

Due to a clash with a football tournament, the Year 5 bikeability sessions have been postponed to the Spring term.

Apple and Blackberry picking

Class 2 will be heading over to the forest on Thursday 28th September at 9am for a morning of foraging for fruits. Children must wear their own, sensible outdoor clothing suitable for the weather.

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

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

Tuesday 17th October Autumn Bingo – tickets on sale later

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