



ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

As we are settling into the new term, we continue to be amazed by the quality of learning taking place in class and by how polite, well-mannered and well-behaved the children are.

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. If your child was baptised at St John's Church and you do not have a baptism certificate, please come to the school office and notify Mrs Harrison-Scott.

****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/>

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Following the success of last years coffee mornings, we will be holding two events to raise money for this special charity.

KS1 and Nursery will hold their coffee morning on Friday 22nd September

KS2 will hold their coffee morning Friday 29th September

For the event to run successfully we will need donations of cake to be taken into class on the morning of each event. There will be prizes for the best home-made cake from each class! Children may join their parents and enjoy a drink and cake. If you have children across both key stages then they may come together to sit with their family, otherwise, due to space, it will be strictly Nursery and KS1 on 22nd and KS2 on 29th.

Diary Dates

The school calendar on the website has been updated, you can subscribe to this to receive automatic updates to your personal device. Please read on to see key dates for this half term.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 20th September – School photographer for individuals and in-school family.

Friday 22nd September KS1 MacMillan coffee morning

Thursday 28th September Class 2 Apple and Blackberry picking – Forest School

Friday 29th September KS2 MacMillan coffee morning

Monday 2nd October Year 5 Bikeability **This will run all week – separate letter to follow**

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