

Friday 15 March 2024

Dear parents and carers,



Assemblies

Over the next two weeks the children will be exploring the following themes:

Perfect Promises: Presence - God has promised His people throughout history that He will be close to them. This assembly explores the Old Testament concept of God's presence residing in the Temple and helps children consider that they are temples where God dwells with them today.

Perfect Promises: Belonging - In this final assembly of our Lent series reflecting on God's Perfect Promises, children hear Jeremiah's prophecy declaring that God's people will find belonging when His law is written on their hearts. The prayer time this week invites children to remember that they belong to God and He loves them.

Please take the opportunity to discuss with your child at home.

Safeguarding - Please can you support school by ensuring that if your child is ill and absent from school that you phone the school office by 9.15am. To ensure that we are compliant with Safeguarding Policies if we are not notified and we are unable to contact you with the contact numbers you have provided to school then staff may need to undertake a home visit. Please support us by informing us of absence. Following up absences and carrying out unnecessary home visits are taking staff away from other tasks unnecessarily. I thank you all in advance for your support in this matter.

Dates for Diary

18/3/24-22/3/24 - Book Fair
18/3/24 - Science Workshop – KS2 - In school
19/3/24 - EHCP – Parent Meeting (2.30pm)
20/3/24 - Creative Write - In school
21/3/24 - Gardeners and Seeds (Rec & Y6) – In Reception Provision
21/3/24 - Parents Evening (3:30-6:30pm)
22/3/24 - KS2 (Y3 & Y4) Music Concert for Parents (9.15am)
25/3/24 - PTA Easter Raffle
26/3/24 - St Margaret Clitherow – Feast Day: 26 March Own Clothes & Treat
26/3/24 - Whole School Mass – Holy Week/Lent@11am – Y2 Lead (Y2 parents welcome)
27/3/24 - Reception – Stay and Play Session (with parents) 9-10am
27/3/24 – Finish for the Easter holiday (1.30pm)

Letters sent home

Ofsted Inspection Report (All parents)
RE Inspection Report (all parents)

Punctuality/Attendance

School doors open at 8.45am for the start of the school day.

Well done to Year 3 who led a beautiful Share and Shine Assembly in school this week on the theme of Lent. This is available for parents to see on the school website on the Year 3 class page. Thank you Year 3.

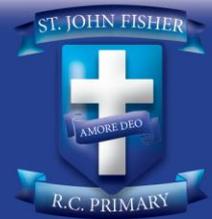
A few weeks ago Year 4 enjoyed a sponsored dribblathon to raise money for Salford Royal Hospital. The children had so much fun and raised an astonishing amount of money for an amazing cause. Well done Year 4 and thank you so much for your generous donations. The children raised £411.08.

Fair Trade - On Tuesday the children had an assembly to learn more about Fair Trade. The children learned about the meaning behind the Fair Trade logo and the difference that can be made when buying Fair Trade products. The children enjoyed being able to buy Fair Trade products with their own money.

This week we celebrated Enterprise/Career Related Learning week – children focused on their aspirations for the future. Several events took place as part of this week:

Reception class visit 'Little Play Town' in Heywood to role play – People Who Help Us

On Tuesday the children had the opportunity to talk about the lives of the people around them and their roles in society through the topic 'People who help us'. Children were given the chance to explore the different areas like the Police station/vets/post office/supermarket/café/race track etc. Children wore costumes to act out the different roles. This trip has helped children to make the connection between themselves and the outside world. It has introduced the children to different professions. It has introduced



the children to new vocabulary and enhanced their language skills. Reception children behaved well on their trip – well done Reception we are proud of you!

Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 – Enterprise Visitors

On Wednesday, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 met with our Enterprise visitors who came to share with the children information about their job roles. They met with the children who were able to ask them questions about different careers and what skills are needed for the roles. Thank you Mrs Hunt for arranging for our visitors to come into school.

Enterprise Sales

Each class made and sold a product as part of Enterprise Week. The money raised by the sales will be split between the Lighthouse Project and Dr Kershaw's Hospice. So far we have raised £263. Thank you for supporting school with this event.

On Friday 22 March at 2:15pm school will be holding an information workshop with a focus on the 'Cost of Living.' This Caritas workshop is a guide for parents to help you save money. Caritas Salford have specialist energy advisors for help around saving money on household bills, including small immediate measures that can be taken to improve efficiency and reduce the cost of bills. Thomas and Mahan have Level 3 City and Guilds qualifications in energy advice. Their presentation will cover a brief overview of the types of advice and support that they can offer, as well as immediate tips you can take home. There will be some time for questions as well.

This will be useful for you if you wish to reduce gas and electric bills without access or eligibility for larger schemes; struggle to understand your utility bills and meters; or have issues with condensation, damp, or, mould.

For a sneak peak, please visit our website - caritassalford.org.uk and search for 'energy'

We hope to see you all at the workshop.

St Joseph's Penny – Before half term the children all brought home a small collection box which children and their families are encouraged to fill with loose change during the season of Lent as almsgiving to help others. School then collates all the donations and sends this to Caritas. This charity supports all communities across the Diocese of Salford to support and transform lives. Thank you all in advance for generous donations to this important charity.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

School Uniform - We have a school uniform because it looks smart, wears well and contributes to a sense of belonging to St John Fisher RC Primary School. Please ensure that the school policy is kept with regard to school uniform. Black shoes/trainers (no other colours) must be worn in school and nail varnish must not be worn to school. Please support school in ensuring that all children come to school looking smart. The basic uniform can be purchased from most retail outlets, except for the school sweatshirt which must be purchased from Broadbent's Outfitters on Long Street, Middleton.

Laudato Si - 'St John Fisher RC Primary School Uniform Swap' has now been established - this is where good condition donated school uniform can be swapped or can be purchased for a small donation to school funds. The aim is to save parents money and also ensure that school uniform that is still in good condition does not go to waste. If you would like to swap or purchase any uniform please call at the school office.

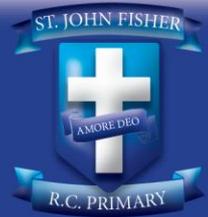
Please remember that if you have any worries or concerns we are here to help. Please feel free to speak to a member of staff if you have a worry or a really good idea. Your child's class teacher is available at the start and end of the school day. We are an open school and the children benefit from the special partnership we have with parents and carers.

Please keep informed of future events within school via our school website www.st-johnfisher.rochdale.sch.uk as this has the most up to date information. We will continue to share our in- school activities via Twitter @st-johnfisher.co.uk and Facebook page.

NEWSLETTER

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Best wishes

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Our Mission Statement

Love Jesus, love learning,

Inspiring each other to be the best that we can be.