

Wednesday 27 March 2024

Dear parents and carers,

**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.**

Last week the children in KS2 continued to celebrate Science Week by taking part in a science workshop. The children learned about the different forces in the air such as gravity and air resistance and the different forces in water such as buoyancy and water resistance. The work of the famous scientist Isaac Newton and Galileo was referred to and the children took part in scientific experiments. The children showed their love for learning by being engaged and amazed throughout the workshop. They behaved beautifully as always and some children said they are going to try some of the experiments at home.

Thank you to those parents who attended Parents Evening last week – it was lovely to see you all in school.

Thank you to the families who came to Chocolate Bingo – we raised £730 for School Funds. Both discos this term raised a further £330. Thank you to the staff for supporting these events – it is very much appreciated.

This year, the PTFA have set themselves a target of £4,000 for computing equipment and library books. Please continue to support PTFA events.



We have raised £3,560 so far this year. Our target is £4,000.

**Congratulations to our children taking part in Sacramental Programme who made the Sacrament of Reconciliation last week. Please continue to keep the children in your prayers.**

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. Please can all boxes be returned by Monday 8 April. Thank you all in advance for generous donations to this important charity.

**The Football Team played their league match against Middleton Parish yesterday. The team lost 1-0. Sportsperson of the Match was Patrick. Well done children for playing well as a team and displaying good sportsmanship. Thank you to Mr Buckley for supporting the team.**

Many children in the UK are entitled to free schools meals but often parents are not aware that they are eligible or they choose not to claim their entitlement. The school can claim Pupil Premium funding for every child receiving their free school meal entitlement. This additional funding helps us provide a wider range of opportunities and learning experiences for your child. For more information about free school meals please visit the RMBC webpage:<http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/schools-and-education/Pages/free-school-meals.aspx>

#### Dates for Diary

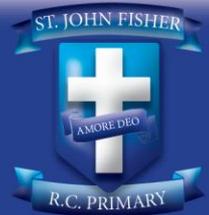
**9/4/24 - 10/4/24** - Rec Bikeability - In school  
**16/4/24** - Year 5 – Quarry Bank Mill  
**17/4/24** - Maths Morning - In school  
**25/4/24** - Y4 Tatton Park Trip  
**25/4/24** - Super Learning Morning –History - In school  
**26/4/24** - Charity Day – Year 5  
**26/4/24** - Parent Forum (2.30pm)  
**3/5/24** - Bring a bedding plant to school day – Laudato Si Garden  
**7/5/24** - Stay and Pray – The Rosary(All classes) 9:00-9:30am  
**7/5/24** - EHCP – Parent Meeting (2.30pm)

#### Letters sent home

N/A

#### Punctuality/Attendance

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



Information about Mass times over the Easter period are below:

**Maundy Thursday**

7pm at Our Lady of the Assumption, Langley

**Good Friday**

12 noon at St John Fisher RC Church, Boarshaw

3pm at Our Lady of the Assumption, Langley

**Easter Saturday**

5pm at Our Lady of the Assumption, Langley

**Easter Sunday**

9.15am at St John Fisher RC Church, Boarshaw

10.30am at Our Lady of the Assumption, Langley

Breakfast Club runs from 7.50am to 8:50am each school day. The cost each day is £2.00 payable at the beginning of each session. If your child would like to eat breakfast then they must be at breakfast club by 8.15am. If you would like to access the breakfast club facility please contact the school office and we will send you a registration form.

**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](http://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.**

**School closes for the Easter holiday today 27 March at 1.30pm and re-opens for Summer Term at 8.50am on Monday 8 April.**

Wishing you all a very happy Easter.

Best wishes

*Mrs N Hadfield*

*Our Mission Statement*

*Love Jesus, love learning,*

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