

Friday 4 November 2022

Dear parents and carers,



### **Assemblies**

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

**Jesus Seeks and Saves!** - Through the Gospel story of Zacchaeus, and the modern-day conversion story of East End gangster John Pridmore, children will explore themes of repentance and forgiveness and have an opportunity to give their lives to Jesus, who seeks us and longs to save us!

**Made For Life With God** - 'Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life' is a key Catholic catechism. Through Gospel readings and creative illustrations, this assembly helps children learn that all is made new through Jesus' Resurrection, and after our death, life is not ended but changed.

**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.

**Christmas gifts** – Due to the financial challenges all families are facing at the moment due to the 'Cost of Living Crisis' this year the staff have requested that you do not buy them gifts at Christmas and instead if you do wish to support the local community that you made a donation to a local charity such as the Lighthouse Project. I thank you all for your understanding with this and appreciate your support in supporting local charities.

To raise awareness for Anti-bullying Week children can wear odd socks any day during the week from Monday 14 November to Friday 18 November. The children will be completing activities related to this on Tuesday 15 November. Please support this important issue.

**'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.

**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.

**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.

### **Dates for Diary**

**9/11/22** - Star books – KS1 (PM)  
**10/11/22** - Own clothes in exchange for bottles (KS1 Non Alcoholic KS2 Alcohol)  
**11/11/22** - Charity Day – Rec  
**14/11/22-18/11/22** - Anti-Bullying Week (please wear odd socks on any day this week)  
**14/11/22-18/11/22** - Inter Faith Week  
**16/11/22** - Super Learning Day - RE  
**18/11/22** - Own clothes in exchange for a donation of a selection box  
Chocolate Bingo (Selection Box) (6PM)  
**23/11/22** - Share and Shine Assembly – Year 1 @9.15am (Y1 parents only)  
**23/11/22** - Creative Write  
**24/11/22** - Wonderdome (AM) - Y5/Rec/Y2

### **Letters sent home**

N/A

### **Punctuality/Attendance**

School doors open at 8.50am and close at 9.00am for the start of the school day.

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>

## School Fund

We are now attempting to raise £4,000 for computing equipment and library books. Please support PTA events. We raised £886 so far for the sponsored event.



We have raised £1056 so far this year. Our target is £4,000.

**PTA** - As always, we are incredibly grateful for your ongoing support of school and the generous monetary contributions you make to school. We understand that it is a difficult financial time, however this is why it is more important than ever to raise funds for our wonderful school.

As such, we hope to provide a varied calendar of fundraising events this academic year. However, this cannot be done without your help. We hope that many of you will be able to join us in running and helping to deliver these events. We will need at least 2-3 parents per event to help. If you are interested in volunteering for any of these fundraising efforts, without obligation, please register your interest by emailing [PTA@st-johnfisher.rochdale.sch.uk](mailto:PTA@st-johnfisher.rochdale.sch.uk)

We have arranged the following events for this year:

10/11/22	KS2 Disco (6-7:30pm)
18/11/22	Chocolate Bingo (Selection Box) (6PM)
9/2/23	PTA Meeting (5.30pm)
9/2/23	KS1 Disco (6-7:30pm)
2/3/23	KS2 Disco (6-7:30pm)
9/3/23	Movie Night (until 5.30pm)
24/3/23	Chocolate Bingo or Quiz Night (6pm)
18/5/23	PTA Meeting (5.30pm)
25/5/23	Possible date for PTA Summer Fair (3.30-5.30pm)
15/6/23	KS1 Disco (6-7:30pm)
20/7/23	KS2 Disco (6:00-7:30pm)

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.

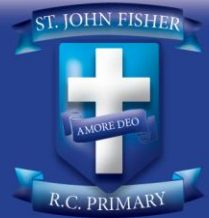
Best wishes

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## *Our Mission Statement*

*Love Jesus, love learning,*

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