

Friday 16 December 2022

Dear parents and carers,



Assemblies

This week the children have been exploring the following theme:

Our Pilgrimage to the Manger – Let's Celebrate! Even though the Ten Ten Year of Pilgrimage is over, children will learn that our journey isn't! Being a follower of Jesus isn't always easy, but the rewards are well worth it. Our whole lives are a pilgrimage to heaven, with Jesus with us every step of the way!

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

4/1/23 – School re-opens for Spring term (8.50am)

11/1/23 - Y6 - Magistrates Workshop (PM)

18/1/23 - Share and Shine Assembly – Year 5 @9.15am

18/1/23 - Maths Morning

20/1/23 - Parent Forum (2.30pm)

25/1/23 – 27/1/23 - Y6 Robinwood Residential

Letters sent home

Y1 – Y6 Booster Letters

Punctuality/Attendance

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

Congratulations to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who performed and recorded their Christmas concerts this week. They were wonderful! Please look at their class page on the school website to view their performances. Well done all children – we are very proud of you. Thank you the teachers and teaching assistants who supported the children in their performances.

Mr Whiteside will be leaving school at Christmas to pursue a career outside of education. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Whiteside for his hard work during his time at St John Fisher and wish him luck for his future.

Christmas Services at St John Fisher RC Church and Our Lady of the Assumption, Langley

St John Fisher

Christmas Day: Mass at 9:15am

Our Lady of the Assumption

Christmas Eve: 5pm

Christmas Day: Mass at 10:30am

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>

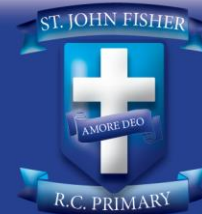
School Fund

We are now attempting to raise £4,000 for computing equipment and library books. Please support PTA events. Thank you for supporting the Christmas Raffle. We raised £232. Thank you for being so generous.

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We have raised £2293 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

We have arranged the following events for this year:

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 5pm)
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)

Attendance and punctuality are monitored throughout the school year. The national attendance rate for children in Primary School is 96%, anything below this is classed as a cause for concern as this can have a major effect on a child's development and progress in school. Attendance will be monitored regularly and parents will be informed in writing if their child's attendance falls below the national rate. Monitoring attendance is also about rewarding pupils with good attendance. Pupils who achieve 100% attendance will go into a draw to win a prize. Pupils with 100% attendance for a full academic year will receive a prize.

Attendance letters will be sent today to all parents whose child has an attendance which is less than 95%. These letters are not meant as a criticism and we appreciate that there are genuine circumstances for absence when your children are ill. Recent feedback from parents has indicated that they had not realised how several days off school throughout the year could impact on attendance. We have always tried hard to work in a partnership with parents in supporting our pupils and these letters are a way of working together to improve attendance across the school as a whole.

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.

School closes for the Christmas holidays today at 1.30pm. School re-opens on Wednesday 4 January at 8.50am.

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.

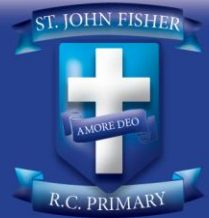
Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best wishes

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Our Mission Statement

Love Jesus, love learning,

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