



St John's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

We look forward to a very busy, exciting school year together and thank you, in advance, for all your support. We welcome Mr McGrath, Deputy Headteacher, onto our team. Please join us in church on Thursday 13th September at 3pm for God's Blessing on the New School Year.

Our School Mission Statement

St John's Catholic Primary School has Jesus and his teachings at its heart, enabling our faith to deepen in a community where minds are challenged and thoughts are grown; where children are loved and valued as individuals, and where the talents of all are nurtured and celebrated within a safe, happy and caring environment.

It's great to be back! Thank you to parents for supporting our uniform policy (including school shoes, no excessive hairstyles, ie shaved lines, etc, and no jewellery apart from a watch). It is lovely for us to be back with all the children, and we extend an extra special welcome to our new Reception children and new children and families who join us this school year. We look forward to a long and happy partnership.

Where it is believed that a child is suffering from, or is at risk of significant harm, we will follow the procedures set out in the document produced by Lancashire Safeguarding Children Board (2015) and follow the action chart in the appendices within the St John's Catholic Primary School Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy (*published on our website*).

HEALTH AND SAFETY REMINDERS... PLEASE CAN PARENTS FOLLOW:

- **No dogs** in the playground – some children are scared of them!
- **No use of the adventure playground** before/after school – we don't want any accidents!
- **No ball games** in the playground before/after school – we don't want any accidents!
- **No scootering/biking** in the playground before/after school – we don't want any accidents!
- **No parking in the staff car park** – children cross through this area
- **Smoking is banned** in the school's premises and grounds, applying to both tobacco cigarettes and e-cigarettes

Morning routine... The playground is supervised from 8:45am therefore please do not leave children unattended in the playground before 8:45am. The outer hall door and KS1 door will open at 8.50am to allow children to be dropped off early and to come into school instead of waiting for the 8.55am lining up bell. The doorS will be opened at 8:45am if it is raining hard. A member of staff will be available at each door to record any parental messages to pass onto the relevant classteacher. Or you could write a message for the teacher in the reading record book, or send in an envelope in the school bag. Parents must not enter school via these outer doors – if needing access, please enter via the school front door. Thank you.

Please give letters, replies, dinner money, trip money, etc, in named envelopes to your children for them to put in the red boxes in their class. The red box is then sent to the office along with the register at 9.05am. **Please check bags every day for any letters/memos. Thank you.**

DATES FOR THE DIARY...

A list of key dates has been sent home. These are also published on the school website and on the school app calendar. **PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE MARCH PARENTS' EVENINGS - 20TH, 21ST MARCH.**

SEPTEMBER 2018

13 God's Blessing on the new school year – all invited to church 3pm
13 Cardinal Allen High School roadshow 3.30pm for Y4,5,6 parents
14 Y5 Parents – Meet the Teacher 9am
17 Y2 Parents – Meet the Teacher 9am
18 Y3 Parents – Meet the Teacher 9am
19 Y1 Parents – Meet the Teacher 9am
20 Y4 Parents – Meet the Teacher 9am
21 Y6 Parents – Meet the Teacher 9am
21 Non-uniform £1 DofE charity for young, disadvantaged people
24 Y6 Bikeability
25 Y6 Bikeability

OCTOBER 2018

8 Individual photographs
8 Rec Parents – Final Induction Meeting 3pm
9 Open morning for prospective parents 9.30-11.30am
15 One World Week
17 Harvest Festival 2pm in church. All welcome.

19 Non-uniform £1 for Cafod charity
19 Close school for half term 3:30pm
30 Start school

NOVEMBER 2018

1 Open morning for prospective parents 9.30-11.30am
6 Open morning for prospective parents 9.30-11.30am
9 End WW1 100th anniversary
12 Parents' evening 4-7pm
15 Parents' evening 4-7pm
30 St Andrew's Day – blue house own clothes

DECEMBER 2018

10 KS1 nativity play 10.30am in church
11 KS1 nativity play 2pm in church
11 KS1 nativity play 6pm in church
13 Christmas Lunch, Xmas jumpers
14 Christmas Jumper Day £1 charity
17 Y3,4 Christmas Party
18 Y5,6 Christmas Party
19 Rec, Y1, Y2 Christmas party
21 Carol Service 10:30am in church. All welcome
21 Close school 1:30pm

MEET THE TEACHER is an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and find out some information about the new class and routines. Look on the calendar for the date of your meeting.

CALENDAR DATES and NEWS ITEMS are published on our **school app** which may be installed, free of charge, onto any phone: Android phones/mobile devices from the Google Playstore, Windows phones from the Phone Store and iPhones/iPads from the Appstore (search "st john's catholic primary school"). Dates for the diary and other information are also available on the school website - www.st-john-rc12.lancsngfl.ac.uk

If you have previously ticked particular categories in the App, don't forget to change your preferences to your child(ren)'s new year groups.

MILK, FRUIT AND WATER

Children in KS1 may have milk if they wish (order via the Cool Milk website - free for under 5's), and are also provided with their daily fruit. Children in KS2 may bring fruit or a healthy snack into school for breaktime. The Fairtrade tuck shop is on Fridays - selling cereal bars at a cost of 50p each. Therefore, on Fridays, all children may choose to buy a cereal bar or bring in a cereal bar from home, as well as having fruit if they wish. All children are encouraged to bring a bottle of water (not juice) to school for drinking water throughout the day.

FOOD ALLERGIES are on the rise and can cause a severe, systemic, potentially fatal allergic reaction called anaphylaxis in allergic pupils. Anaphylaxis is an extreme, often life-threatening allergic reaction to an antigen (e.g. peanuts, bee stings etc.) to which the body has become hypersensitive.

In the interests of the increasing number of children in our school with nut allergies, please do not include products which contain nuts, peanut butter, Nutella, etc, in your child's packed lunch. I hope you understand the need for this potentially life-saving measure.

ABSENCE PROCEDURES

If your child is absent, please contact us as soon as possible on each day of absence with the proper reason for the absence so we can complete our registers correctly (a legal requirement). Either telephone, or call into the front office to report the absence. We will text if your child is absent from school, if we have not heard from you. Every half-day absence from school has to be classified by the school as either AUTHORISED or UNAUTHORISED. This is why information about the cause of any absence is always required.

Permission to take photographs/videos at school performances is granted by the parents present. Inform Mrs Hodgson or the teacher in charge of the event if you do not give permission.

Permission is not given for photographs/videos to be posted on any Social Networking Sites.

Our **SCHOOL NURSE** is Jane Fryer. School Nurses promote the health and wellbeing of all school-age children. They work closely within the school community and deliver health related topics to the children within the school setting. They are also able to provide individual advice to you and your child on variety of issues and are able to refer to appropriate agencies if required. Jane can be contacted at Poulton Health Centre on 01253 951535.

APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOOL PLACES AT ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SEP 2019

Applications should be made online to the local education authority for the area in which the child is resident, ie Lancashire or Blackpool, by 15th January 2019, accessed via the Lancashire or Blackpool County Council websites. A further form is also needed, a red supplementary form, available from Ms Desborough or Mrs McKell in the school office. This red form should be completed and returned directly to the school. If Lancashire parents need help or support on the new system, please ring the Customer Access Service on 0300 123 6707.

We have **OPEN MORNINGS** on Thursday 9th October, Thursday 1st and Tuesday 6th November between 9.30am and 11.30am for parents of children due to start Reception Class in September 2019 (no need to make an appointment). This is an opportunity to look around our school on this morning. If this date is not suitable, please ring school to arrange another time.

For parents of children in Year 6: you apply for their high schools online to Lancashire or Blackpool, depending on your address. Applications are now open; the deadline for applications to secondary schools is 31 October 2018. To apply online for a school place, register with your e-mail address.

*Cardinal Allen Catholic High School Open Evening: Thursday 27th September
St Mary's Catholic Academy Open Evening: Monday 1st October*

As always, thank you for all your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs G Hodgson