



12th January 2024



St John's Catholic Junior School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school after our lovely, long break! Many parents and staff have commented on how restful they found those extra few days! I am delighted to report that the children have settled back in very well to school and appear to be enjoying the routines of school life once again!

On Monday, we celebrated a Mass for Epiphany with Father Mario in our school hall. As always, our children (despite the two-week holiday) sang with energy, enthusiasm and passion for their faith.

Our school dog made a few visits this week and was warmly welcomed by the children! She has certainly missed them over the Christmas break.

This week the children have all begun Topic 3.

Year 3 Rivers and Mountains

Year 4 Ancient Greeks

Year 5 Benin

Year 6 Evolution and Inheritance

For more information on these topics, please visit our website

<https://www.stjohns-junior.wirral.sch.uk/curriculum-plans>

This term we will be reviewing our homework policy and inviting parents to take part in our homework survey. Please follow the link to access the survey; it should only take a few minutes of your time but your input is invaluable to us as a school moving forward. The survey will be open until Monday 22nd January only so please be sure to respond as soon as possible.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe0iN4GS_lJhcAGI5K7Z--1Z1soECKk-QfM7OKsCnx9sZh8YQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

(Please copy and paste this link into your browser).

Just a few health and safety reminders for you at the start of the new term. Please ensure that hair is tied up at all times (including Own Clothes Days) and that if your child/ward wears earrings, they must be studs only.

Thank you for your support on these matters. Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Mullins
Headteacher

Key Information

19 January 2024 -

9am

3Pa Class Assembly

23 January 2024 -

4pm

School hall

Year 3 Sacramental
Preparation Meeting

Sunday 28 January

2024 - 9.30am

St John's Parish

Church

Year 3 Enrolment Mass

30 January 2024

Gillian Seale— author
visit

2 February 2024 -

9am

3Pe Class Assembly

13 February 2024

Y3 to attend mass with
Y1

14 February 2024

Lent begins

16 February 2024

Close for half term

26 February 2024

Inset Day

27 February 2024

School re-opens

Class Weekly

Attendance:

3PA: 91.3%
3PE: 91.1%
4A: 94.5%
4T: 92.7%
5J: 94.9%
5V: 94.9%
6O: 94.4%
6T: 93.8%

Attendance

Every Child: Every Day!

Whole School Attendance

18th—21st December 2023

93.45%

Congratulations to

5J + 5V

If your child is absent from school, please remember to report their absence, either via ParentMail or the school office.

Certificate Winners

Congratulations to the following children, who have all achieved certificates this week for using their Thinking & Learning Powers!

3PA: **Leo A & Sebastian S**

3PE: **Alfie H & Timothy Y**

4A: **Katrina F & Freya R**

4T: **Ben K & Ollie T**

5J: **Ralph D & Sophia R**

5V: **Alexander M & Jackson D**

6O: **Erin B & Lucas T**

6T: **Sofia S & Destiny I**

Times Table Rock Stars!

School Averages:

Average Speed:
5.64s

Active Pupils:
14%

Average Minutes:
11s

School Accuracy:
88%



Coins earned by each class

3PA: 1369 3PE: 961

4A: 273 4T: 50

5J: 983 5V: 822

6O: 402 6T: 456

**Congratulations to:
St Paul's class in Lower Key Stage 2 &
St Josephine's class in Upper Key Stage 2 on
earning the most coins this week.**

Gospel

This Sunday 's Gospel—New Start

John 1:35-42

In this Gospel, we hear about the two disciples of John the Baptist making a new start.

Wednesday Word

Each week Wednesday word for families is uploaded onto the school website to help you to reflect on this week's gospel.

Please follow this link <https://www.stjohns-junior.wirral.sch.uk/parish-newsletter-1>

Thoughts for the Week

Regardless of our past, God is always ready to help us to begin again.

Mass Times

Mass times at St John's Saturday 5pm & Sunday 9.30am.

Children's liturgy is always available at Sunday 9.30am Mass

#WakeUp Wednesday - This week's online safety guide

Contentious or provocative viewpoints are shared every second of the day online. That's not to say, however, that an option is less valid simply because it's initially unpopular; just think about Galileo or Emmeline Pankhurst. The facility to have our beliefs questioned—and to challenge other people's in return—is often a catalyst for scientific and social progress.

With disturbing frequency, though, some individuals post damaging hate speech online under the guise of "Freedom of expression" - and unless young people can identify hate speech, there's a risk of them being influenced by such harmful content. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide explores the crucial differences between free speech and hate speech.

Uniform

Please note that we have a large stock of unclaimed and un-named uniform available in school. Please feel free to call into the office for further information.

At Lower Bebington Methodist Church FUSS Hub (CH63 7RA) opposite the Sunlight Restaurant they have a stock of donated good quality school uniform for our school. They are open every Friday from 3.30-4.15pm and Sunday from 12-12.30. There is no charge and some of the items may be brand new.

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New year is a great time to re-establish daily reading with your child if it has slipped over the Christmas break!



School lunches

Next week, we will be following **WEEK 2** menu. Please visit: <https://www.stjohns-junior.wirral.sch.uk/school-meals> for more details. At this current time there are no changes to the coming menu.

Please ensure that you top up your accounts for the week ahead to avoid a build up of outstanding monies. **As stated on our website, if your child has an outstanding dinner debt, they must bring a packed lunch until the debt is cleared.** If you are struggling or need support from school, please email the school office.