



15 March 2024



St John's Catholic Junior School Newsletter

Key Information

w/c 18/03/2024 -

School Lunches

Week 1

20 & 21/03/2024

Parents' Evening

3.30pm—6pm

28/03/2024

School closes

15/04/2024

School re-opens

17/04/2024

Yr3/Yr4 Storytelling session—more details to follow

10/05/2024

Open Afternoon from 2.30pm

Celebrate Topic 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to many of our year 3 children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week at St John's Church, New Ferry. The children were well prepared by both staff and parents and behaved impeccably during this service. As always, it was a beautiful service and hopefully a truly memorable occasion for our children and families!

A very special thankyou to our newly formed PTFA, lead by Mrs Doyle and Mrs McDonnell, who organised and managed last night's Easter Bingo for our families. I am delighted to say that this event was sold out and all had a fun-filled evening with lots of money raised for school projects. It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying time together in the school hall again! Thank you to Mr Tony Evans, one of our school governors, who gave up his time to be our bingo caller at this event! So many pupils have already asked me when we can do it again!

On Wednesday and Thursday next week, we look forward to welcoming parents and carers in for Parents' Evenings. Our online booking system is now closed so if you do not have an appointment, please see your child's class teacher to check availability for those evenings.

Finally, the MiniVinnies are leading Stations of the Cross on Sunday at 3pm at St John's Church, New Ferry. This is the first time we have been invited to do this and it is an honour for them and us to share in this important Lenten event. The service is only 30 - 45 minutes for those who would like to show their support. For those who have not attended Stations of the Cross before, it truly is a chance to listen to and reflect upon Jesus' journey in a personal way.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,
Mrs Mullins

Class Weekly

Attendance:

3PA: 99.7%
3PE: 97.1%
4A: 97.8%
4T: 96.1%
5J: 97.2%
5V: 96.3%
6O: 95.5%
6T: 94.0%

Attendance

Every Child: Every Day!

Whole School Attendance

04/03/2024—08/03/2024

95.8%

Congratulations to

3PA

Please remember school starts at 8.50am and classroom doors open at 8.45am

End of half term

Certificate Winners

3PA: Molly G & Matthew S

3PE: Nancy A & Adam G

4A: Isla H & Samuel R

4T: Darcie H & Ollie T

5J: Millie P & Ewan W-M

5V: Noah D & Luca W

6O: Patsy R & Mason R

6T: Ruby D & Tommy R-H

Times Table Rock Stars!

School Averages:

Average Speed:
5.03s

Active Pupils:
26%

Average Minutes:
0.23s

School Accuracy:
94%



Coins earned by each class

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| 3Pa: | 1,057 | 3Pe: | 549 |
| 4A: | 902 | 4T: | 1,659 |
| 5J: | 421 | 5V: | 549 |
| 6O: | 560 | 6T: | 909 |

Congratulations to:

St Thomas' class in Lower Key Stage 2 & St Therese De Lisieux class in Upper Key Stage 2 on earning the most coins this week.

Gospel

This Sunday's Gospel – Follow

John 12:20-33

In this Gospel, Jesus uses the image of a grain of wheat, which dies to produce a rich crop, to show us that his death was necessary if many were to receive eternal life. Through this Gospel, Jesus is also encouraging his disciples to follow him – to give him first place in their lives. This message is for each one of us too!

A Word from Pope Francis

Lent is a journey during which the Lord asks us to follow three steps: almsgiving, prayer and fasting.

Mass Times

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

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

Throughout Lent on Sundays at 3pm – Stations of the Cross

Sunday 17th March at 3pm – MiniVinnies will be leading the Stations of the Cross at St John's Church

Good Friday – 29.03.24 10am Stations of the Cross for children at St Anne's

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>

#WakeUp Wednesday - This week's online safety guide

Dreaming of a decent night's sleep? Many of us are and it's a particularly pervasive problem for young people. Concerningly, research has suggested that around 70% of teens get less than the recommended 8-10 hours' sleep per night. The effects of poor-quality sleep on a developing mind, of course, can be harmful over a prolonged period.

Although a significant portion of under-18s struggle for shut eye, there is still plenty we can do to support them in getting the beneficial rest they need during those formative years. Compiled in conjunction with our friends at award winning mental health charity Minds Ahead, this week's #WakeUpWednesday guide has tips on helping children to develop healthy sleeping habits

This Week's Reading Top Tip

COMMUNICATE WITH THE SCHOOL

Your child has a reading record book. Try to communicate regularly with positive comments and any concerns. Your child will then know that you are interested in their progress and that you value reading. We would love to hear the children's opinions of the texts they read and their progress.

Sports News

Congratulations to:

Wednesday 13 March 2024

Timmy B, Shamelia B, Sebastian H, Max H & Patsy R who took part in a Basketball competition against Christ Church School. They played really well and showed great sportsmanship.

PTFA Easter Raffle

Easter Raffle tickets are on sale from Mrs McDonnell & Mrs Doyle outside the school office from Friday 15 March, 3pm or from the school office. These can be purchased until Friday 22 March at 12 noon and are £1 a strip. We have lots of fantastic prizes – see posters in classroom windows.

Edsential Violin Lessons

Please see the attached information regarding violin lessons available through Edsential.