



22 March 2024



St John's Catholic Junior School Newsletter

Key Information

Dear Parents and Carers

At the start of the week, we had Anna Houghton in from Mary's Meals to help us to understand how we can help other children around the world who do not have enough food to eat. As a result of this, many children are purchasing Easter Egg raffle tickets to support this amazing charity! Ticket sales are open until Thursday 28th March. Please remember there is a prize to be won in each class! Once again, our MiniVinnies are taking the lead in organising the raffle. Well done MiniVinnies. For more information on this charity, please visit <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>

It was lovely to see so many of you on Wednesday and Thursday evening at our Parents' Evenings. Many of you commented on how informative you found the meetings and how you now have a clearer understanding of how you can support your child further at home by focussing on reading, spellings and times tables.

Next week marks Holy Week - a key event in the church's year. Each morning, there will be a service in school for the children to deepen their understanding of Jesus' journey to the cross.

Monday - Palm Sunday Assembly

Tuesday - Washing of the Feet

Wednesday - Passover Meal

Thursday - Way of the Cross

Please take time to discuss these services with your child

On Monday 25 March, we welcome Mrs Symons back from maternity leave. She will be joining Mrs Eccleson in 4T. We send our thanks to Mrs Walters for teaching 4T and we wish her the best of luck for the future. Mrs Walters will leave us on Tuesday 26 March 2024.

On Thursday, the Infant School are allowing collection from 1.30pm. If you wish to collect your junior school child at the same time, please inform the school office beforehand to ensure a prompt collection and minimum disruption to our busy school office. Please note that our school day will continue to 3.20pm.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Mullins

w/c 25/03/2024 -

School Lunches

Week 2

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

Class Weekly

Attendance:

3PA: 97.0%
3PE: 94.6%
4A: 91.3%
4T: 91.6%
5J: 98.8%
5V: 96.3%
6O: 93.2%
6T: 96.7%

Attendance

Every Child: Every Day!

Whole School Attendance

11/03/2024—15/03/2024

94.4%

Congratulations to

5J

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

End of half term

Certificate Winners

3PA: Michael P & Lucia S
3PE: Frankie C & Samuel E-D
4A: Ava B, Evan H & Mikkel McK
4T: Iris D & Alex P
5J: Daisy F & Bobby M
5V: Zack S & Isabella T
6O: Poppy McG & Mason V
6T: Maci L & Alice Y

Times Table Rock Stars!

School Averages:

Average Speed:
5.32s

Active Pupils:
53%

Average Minutes:
0.20s

School Accuracy:
94%



Coins earned by each class

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| 3Pa: | 2,046 | 3Pe: | 703 |
| 4A: | 4,499 | 4T: | 4,309 |
| 5J: | 1,309 | 5V: | 1,679 |
| 6O: | 1,438 | 6T: | 2,070 |

Congratulations to:

St Anne's 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 - Praise

Mark 11:1-10

In this Gospel, the people praised Jesus. There are many things for which we can praise God. Praising God can bring happiness. What can we praise God for this week?

Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus,

As Holy Week approaches, we thank and praise you for giving your life for us, so that one day we too may know the joys of heaven. Amen.

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

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

Children can often be guarded about their emotions or any difficulties they're experiencing. This reticence can extend to chats with their parents. A study by the Office for National Statistics found that 64% of children reported regularly talking to their mum about "things that matter", and even fewer (45%) held conversations of the same kind with their dad.

It's incredibly important, of course, for young people to have someone to confide in when they're confused, upset or unsure of themselves – and to know that they can do so without fear of being judged or punished. This week, our **#WakeUpWednesday** guide explores how to encourage open and honest discussions with children, empowering them to open up if they need help.

This Week's Reading Top Tip

Be Positive!

Use plenty of praise for your child's achievements. Don't criticise when they get something wrong. Don't say "No, that's wrong" but "Let's read it together." Boost your child's confidence with constant praise, even for the smallest achievement.

Sports News

Tuesday, 19th March

Congratulations to:

Congratulations to our year 4/5 Corgi Cup footballers who beat Heygarth 4-1 and progressed to the next round.

Peter C, Sam C, Caiden F, Frankie K, Zack S, Jude T, Harry W, Luca W

Well done to: Beau E (3PE) who recently took part in a gymnastics competition and won a gold medal for her routine.

Ella J (3PE) who passed her ASA Grade 4 Water Skills on 9/3/2024

Grace A (3PA), Ella J, Cecilia M, Esme O (3PE), Isla H, Noelle Du N (4A) Isla P & Indigo R (5J) who took part in a dance show for Complete Works Performance Ltd at the Floral Pavilion.

Half Term Activities

Pina Loca, Bromborough—please see the attached flyer regarding a Build a Bunny event they have running between 1-5 April 2024.

Hall Star Holiday Clubs—please see the attached flyer regarding holiday clubs at Higher Bebington Junior School. There are a limited number of free spaces left for parents in receipt of Free School Meals.

Wednesday 27 March 2024—Easter themed lunch—change to menu

Hot Breaded Chicken & Lettuce Wrap

Served with carrot & cucumber sticks

Or 3 Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake

Served with crusty bread

& country vegetable mix

Chocolate Krispy Cake or seasonal fresh fruit platter