

20th October 2023



St John's Catholic Junior School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

It's hard to believe that we have already completed the first half term of this academic year and what a busy half term it has been!

Once again this week, school has been a busy place with both year 5 classes completing their swimming sessions at the Oval Sports Centre. I am happy to report that all children worked hard during their sessions and made progress in many areas. Well done year 5 on using many of your learning powers during this time!

On Monday, the children learned about Harvest around the World and prayed for farmers who work tirelessly in all weathers. Many thanks for your donations to the Foodbank. We particularly understand how difficult things are at the moment so this year we are even more grateful for those donations.

Well done to 6O who performed a very informative assembly on St Oscar Romero this morning. I am sure that all of their families were very impressed with their knowledge and sincerity about a truly remarkable human being.

Please be reminded that the children are approaching the end of topic one on Friday 3rd November and are excited to share their learning with you all. From 2.30pm, parents are invited to their child's classroom to look through their books with them. Throughout the year, there will be regular opportunities to do this at the end of each topic. We want our children to be very proud of their learning and what better way to show it off than to share it with their family!

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this half term and wish you both a fun filled **and** relaxing half term. We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 30th October at 8.45am.

Mrs Mullins

Key Information

Monday 30th October

School Opens

Friday 3rd November

5V Class Assembly

Friday 3rd November

Open Classroom from 2.30pm
Celebrate Topic 1

Monday 6th November

Topic 2 Begins

Wednesday 8 November

5J Class Assembly

Friday 10th November

Remembrance Assembly - 6T

Friday 17th November

4T Class Assembly

Friday 24th November

4A Class Assembly

Friday 8th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 15th December

Christmas Showcase-All Years

Performance 1 9.15am

Performance 2 2.00pm

Thursday 21st December

Open Classroom from 2.30pm
Celebrate Topic 2

Thursday 21st December

School closes for children

Class Weekly Attendance:

3PA: 99.3%
3PE: 98.6%
4A: 95.6%
4T: 94.4%
5J: 96.9%
5V: 98.7%
6O: 97.5%
6T: 94.0%

St John's Catholic Junior School—Attendance

Every Child: Every Day!

Whole School Attendance

9 October 2023 — 13 October 2023

96.8%

Congratulations to

3PA

Please see the attachment regarding when to keep your child at home and when to send them to school—**Every day matters.**



Times Table Rock Stars!

School Averages:



Average Speed:
6.89s

Active Pupils:
48%

Average Minutes:
0.51s

School Accuracy:
92%

Coins earned by each class

3PA: 253	3PE: 872
4A: 962	4T: 786
5J: 774	5V: 818
6O: 860	6T: 3,051

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!

Certificate Winners

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

3PA: Paisley M-M & Mia N

3PE: Samuel E-D & Timothy Y

4A: Reuben McA & Freya R

4T: Isabelle C & Bobby K

5J: Annie McD & Tilly W

5V: Cody M & Mayah M

6O: Alessandro B & the whole Class!

6T: Finlay C & Gracie H

Gospel

This Sunday's Gospel

Mathew 22:15-21

"Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God"

Thought for the week

What things belong to God?

Mass Times

Mass times at St John's Saturday 5pm & Sunday 9.30am/11.00am.

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

Wednesday Word

Each week Wednesday Word 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>

Wake Up Wednesday

What's the most prolific partnership in recent football history? Son and Kane? Ronaldo and Benzema? How about EA and FIFA? Their collaboration produced the most popular sports video game series of all time, with 325 million copies sold worldwide.

EA Sports FC 24 – the makers' new solo offering – now hopes to emulate FIFA's legendary success. While it's almost certain to hit the back of the net in commercial terms, does it keep a clean sheet against FIFA's traditional online safety risks? Please see the attached information.



Rainbow Flag Award



We are delighted to share with you that we have successfully passed stage two of our Rainbow Flag Accreditation. During this process, we have evidenced that we have skilled teaching and effective policies which are inclusive of our LGBTQ+ community. We are incredibly proud to have been recognised for these achievements.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Unfortunately, at our school we no longer have a Parent Teacher Association (PTA)! Two members of staff have tried to keep the ship afloat, however they have begun to sink! We desperately need a fresh group of parents with new ideas and enthusiasm to set up a PTA.

The staff members are still willing to help at events and be a school link.

If anyone is keen to get involved in setting up a PTA please contact Mrs Lloyd or Mrs Burnell at school.

How a PTA can help pupils

Receive a richer education as a result of items bought by the PTA

Benefit from parents greater understanding of the school

Socialise by taking part in fundraising events and activities

Understand the importance of giving when we can

Eco News



Eco Councillors have worked hard over the past few weeks and have written the Eco Code for the whole school. These have been shared with everyone, are on display in class and are on the school website for you to look at.

School lunches

Next week, we will be following **WEEK 1** 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.