

Friday 9 February 2024

Dear parents and carers,



## Assemblies

Over the next two weeks the children will be exploring the following themes:

**From Busyness to Peace** - Jesus' life was very busy, but He found peace by going to a quiet place to pray and be with His Father. We too can find peace in the busyness of our daily lives.

**Look With Compassion** - Through the Gospel account of Jesus healing a leper, this week's assembly explores those who might be excluded and invites children to follow Jesus' example of compassion and welcome.

Please take the opportunity to discuss with your child at home.

**Safeguarding** - Please can you support school by ensuring that if your child is ill and absent from school that you phone the school office by 9.15am. To ensure that we are compliant with Safeguarding Policies if we are not notified and we are unable to contact you with the contact numbers you have provided to school then staff may need to undertake a home visit. Please support us by informing us of absence. Following up absences and carrying out unnecessary home visits are taking staff away from other tasks unnecessarily.  
I thank you all in advance for your support in this matter.

The last two weeks have been eventful at St John Fisher with both the Diocese and Ofsted undertaking inspections of our school. We were anticipating both inspections this academic year but did not expect them to both visit within a few days of each other! As always the children have made us very proud throughout all inspection days – they truly inspired us all to be the best we can be! Thank you to our school community for your continued support during this time. As soon as the reports are published we will share these with you all.

Thank you to the KS2 parents who were able to come along to the Star Books event last week to share a reading book with their child. It was lovely to see so many parents in school! Thank you for supporting our endeavours.

**Well done to Year 4 who led a beautiful Share and Shine Assembly in school this week on the theme of community. This will be available on their class page on the school website for parents to see in the next few days. Thank you Year 4.**

In the last few weeks Year 3 have taken part in two virtual workshops with Geobus. During the rocks and minerals workshop children learned how rocks are formed and watched some very interesting videos about volcanoes! The second workshop helped Year 3 learn all about fossils and how they are formed in rocks and discovered after thousands of years. In both workshops, the children used 3D glasses to investigate the rocks and fossils more closely. Well done Year 3!

**World Book Day is Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – this year we are celebrating this day with the theme of bedtime stories. Children are encouraged to dress up in their pyjamas and bring their favourite bedtime story with them to school so that we can read them (Please ensure that books have your child's name in them). Please ensure your child wears a coat and appropriate footwear on this day.**

## Dates for Diary

**13/2/24** - EHCP – Parent Meeting (2.45pm)  
**14/2/24** - Reception – Stay and Play Session -Reception parents - 9-10am  
**16/2/24** – Break up for half term  
**26/2/24** – School re-opens for Spring 2  
**29/2/24** - Photographer – Groups and Leavers  
**1/3/24** - Charity Day – Year 4  
**7/3/24** - World Book Day (Bed time Stories)  
**7/3/24** - KS2 Disco (6-7:30pm)  
**11/3/24-15/3/24**  
Enterprise Week  
Fair Trade Week  
Science Week  
Y6 – Shakespeare Week  
**12/3/24** - Super Learning Day – D&T - In school  
**13/3/24** - Share and Shine Assembly – Year 3 @9.15am  
**13/3/24** - Enterprise visitors - In school (AM)  
**13/3/24** - Enterprise Sales (3.15pm-3.30pm)  
**14/3/24** - Fair Trade - In school  
**15/3/24** – Career dressing up/Own clothes in exchange for a donation of an Easter egg  
**15/3/24** - Chocolate Bingo (6pm)

## Letters sent home

N/A

## Punctuality/Attendance

School doors open at 8.45am for the start of the school day.

**Please do not go to any expense. We look forward to celebrating this day together. Thanking you in advance for supporting this day in school.**

## Enterprise/Career Related Learning

During Enterprise week (Monday 11 March – Friday 15 March) we have many activities planned to support the children to learn about different career opportunities they may have in the future. As part of this week the children will be making things to sell with the money raised being used to support both the Lighthouse Project and Dr Kershaw's Hospice. Items will be sold on Wednesday 13 March (we will send our further information about this nearer the time.) On Friday 15 March the children are encouraged to come to school dressed up as their dream job. Please do not go to any expense. We look forward to seeing the children dressed up to reflect a career they are aiming to work as in the future!

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

**School Uniform - We have a school uniform because it looks smart, wears well and contributes to a sense of belonging to St John Fisher RC Primary School. Please ensure that the school policy is kept with regard to school uniform. Black shoes/trainers (no other colours) must be worn in school and nail varnish must not be worn to school. Please support school in ensuring that all children come to school looking smart. The basic uniform can be purchased from most retail outlets, except for the school sweatshirt which must be purchased from Broadbent's Outfitters on Long Street, Middleton.**

**Laudato Si - 'St John Fisher RC Primary School Uniform Swap' has now been established - this is where good condition donated school uniform can be swapped or can be purchased for a small donation to school funds. The aim is to save parents money and also ensure that school uniform that is still in good condition does not go to waste. If you would like to swap or purchase any uniform please call at the school office.**

Please remember that if you have any worries or concerns we are here to help. Please feel free to speak to a member of staff if you have a worry or a really good idea. Your child's class teacher is available at the start and end of the school day. We are an open school and the children benefit from the special partnership we have with parents and carers.

**Please keep informed of future events within school via our school website [www.st-johnfisher.rochdale.sch.uk](http://www.st-johnfisher.rochdale.sch.uk) as this has the most up to date information. We will continue to share our in- school activities via Twitter @st-johnfisher.co.uk and Facebook page.**

**School closes for the half term holiday on Friday 16 February and re-opens on Monday 26 February.**

Best wishes

*Mrs N Hadfield*

*Our Mission Statement*

*Love Jesus, love learning,*

*Inspiring each other to be the best that we can be.*