

Friday 19 April 2024

Dear parents and carers,



Assemblies

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

We Are Known - In this assembly, children will explore how they can respond to Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who knows each of them personally.

We Are Connected - This week's Gospel describes Jesus as the true vine to which we must remain connected in order to bear fruit. This assembly considers how many people, both with and without faith, choose to act in ways that help their neighbour. Children will learn how Jesus promises that when undertaken in His name, these actions will 'bear fruit'.

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.

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.

The football team have had a very busy few weeks. Last week they played their league game against St Thomas More. They lost 4-1. Sportsperson of the Match was Ronnie.

This week the team played their league match against St Peter's. They lost 4-1 Sportsperson of the Match was James. Well done children for playing well as a team and displaying good sportsmanship in both matches. Thank you to Mr Buckley for supporting the team.

Last week Reception Class took in Bikeability sessions using balance bikes. Well done to the Reception children - the coaches praised them all for their excellent listening skills and for trying very hard!

St Joseph's Penny - Before Easter the children all brought home a small collection box which children and their families are encouraged to fill with loose change during the season of Lent as almsgiving to help others. School then collates all the donations and sends this to Caritas. This charity supports all communities across the Diocese of Salford to support and transform lives. Thank you all for your generous donations to this important charity. School raised £305!

Thank you to those parents who completed the Parent Questionnaire (the analysis is attached to this newsletter). The information gathered from this will be used by school to address and move forward. The information below is what school has in place with regard the following questions:

Dates for Diary

25/4/24 - Y4 Tatton Park Trip
25/4/24 - Super Learning Morning - History - In school
26/4/24 - Charity Day - Year 5
26/4/24 - Parent Forum (2.45pm)
1/5/24 - Y1 Lytham Trip
3/5/24 - Bring a bedding plant to school day - Laudato Si Garden
7/5/24 - Stay and Pray - The Rosary(All classes) 9:00-9:30am
7/5/24 - EHCP - Parent Meeting (2.30pm)
7/5/24-10/5/24 - Y2 SATS Week
9/5/24 - Whole School Ascension Mass - @11am - Share the Lead
13/5/24-16/5/24 - Y6 SATS Week
17/5/24 - Foodbank Friday - Donations for Foodbank
17/5/24 - Charity Day - Year 6 - Multiple Sclerosis Charity
20/5/24-23/5/24 - Y6 Bikeability - In school
22/5/24 - Share and Shine Assembly - Reception @9.15am (Reception parents welcome)
22/5/24 - Reception - Stay and Play Session (with parents) 9.30-10.30am
22/5/24 - New Intake Meeting (5:30pm)
23/5/24 - Gardeners and Seeds (Rec & Y6) - Whole School provision (PM)
24/5/24 - Foodbank Friday - Donations for Foodbank
24/5/24 - Break up for half term (3.15pm)
10/6/24 - School re-opens for Summer 2.

Letters sent home
N/A

Question	What school has in place
Q. The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	On each class page on the school website there is curriculum information about what your child will be learning about throughout the academic year. There is a document called the 'Curriculum Overview' this gives some basic information about each subject and what is taught in this subject throughout the school year. There are also documents called 'Knowledge Organisers' which are used in school with the children in their lessons about what they are learning about each half term – we put them on the website for parents so you can talk about this with your child at home.
Q There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school	On the curriculum overview it lists all of the curriculum areas studied in school for each year group. School has to teach what is stated in the National Curriculum. Our school teaches all the subject areas expected and are compliant with the National Curriculum.
Q. The school lets me know how my child is doing	<p>School holds two parents evening per year where you get the opportunity to look at your child's books and speak to their class teacher – teachers will then update you about your child's attainment and progress in class.</p> <p>School send reports home twice per year in February and July. The reports outline how your child is doing in school.</p>

Please keep informed of future events within school via our school website 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.

Best wishes

Mrs N Hadfield

Our Mission Statement

Love Jesus, love learning,

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