

St John the Evangelist Catholic Academy

March 2024 Newsletter





Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new half term - a very busy half term!

Lent is the most important time for the school and Church. We are doing a number of things to fully prepare the children for Easter. The Lenten prayer sessions begin on Monday; these always prove to be a very reflective way to prepare ourselves for the season of Easter. All are welcome to attend. Please see the original letter for dates and classes and they are repeated in the dates section in this messenger.

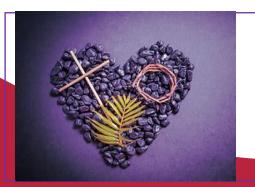
This week, children from years 3 and 4 made their Sacrament of Reconciliation, well done to the children for working hard in their preparations. Year 6 have been busy preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation and this will be on Monday 11th March at 6,30pm at St. Joseph's Church. The preparation sessions for First Holy Communion begin next Thursday after school with Mr Smith.

On Monday we will be sending out the envelopes for the Father Hudson 'Good Shepherd Appeal'. All donations will go to a very worthy cause. To find out more about this charity, please follow the link below. https://www.fatherhudsons.org.uk/

We have also been asked by the Birmingham Diocesan Education Service to have another fundraising initiative to support the Father Hudson society. If every child in a Catholic school in the Archdiocese of Birmingham donated £1, over £83,000 would be raised. Next week will be sending over details about our non-uniform day and Easter hamper raffles.

Next week, we will be celebrating World Book Day. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite story character or their own clothes if they prefer (please see original letter sent out). Due to Mass and Survival School, we have moved World Book Day to Friday. The children will have a wonderful day. In the afternoon, parents or grandparents are welcome to come in from 2pm to share a story with their child. The celebration assembly at 2.30pm will focus on World Book Day.

Mrs Rigby Principal



Pausing for prayer and to help our neighbour

In his message for Lent 2024,
Pope Francis invites the faithful to "pause" for prayer and to
assist our brothers and sisters in need,
in order to change our own lives and the lives of our
communities.

Diary Dates

March

1st—Celebration Assembly 4th - Year 6 Lenten Prayer Session 9.10am 5th – Year 5 Lenten Prayer Session 2.45pm 6th – Year 4 Lenten Prayer Session 6th—Recorder Festival 7th - Year 2 (AM) and Nursery (PM) Survival School 7th - KS2 Mass 8th - St John's World Book Day 8th -EYFS/KS1 Mothers Day Assembly 9.15am 8th—Celebration Assembly 11th - Year 3 Lenten Prayer Session 9.10am 11th—Confirmation Service 6.30pm, St Josephs Church, Goldenhill 12th - Year 6 Lenten Prayer Session 2.45pm 13th - Year 5 Lenten Prayer Session 9.10am 21st - Year 4 (AM) and Year 1 (PM) Survival School 15th—Celebration Assembly 18th - Year 4 Lenten Prayer Session 9.10am 19th – Year 3 Lenten Prayer Session 20th - Dance 24 at the Victoria Hall 21st - Year 4 (AM) and Year 1 (PM) Survival School 21st - EYFS/KS1 Easter Bonnet parade 9.15am 22nd—Celebration Assembly 22nd – Last day of school

25th - 28th March ASM Easter Club at St John's

<u>April</u>

2nd – 5th - ASM Easter Club at St John's

8th – School reopens for everyone 12th—Celebration Assembly 17th – Year 3 & Year 4 Swimming 19th—Celebration Assembly 24th - Year 3 & Year 4 Swimming 26th—Celebration Assembly

PE kits need to be brought into school every Monday and left in lockers for the week, full uniform to be worn everyday. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and PE kit.

Thank you.



Terms Dates 2024/2025



Friday 9 th February	Last day of school
Monday 19 th February	School opens to all
Friday 22 nd March	Last day of school
Monday 8 th April	School opens to all
Monday 6 th May	May Day – School closed
Friday 24 th May	Last day of school
Monday 3 rd June	School opens to all
Friday 19 th July	Last day of School
Monday 2 nd September	INSET – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 3 rd September	INSET - School closed to pupils
Wednesday 4 th September	School open to pupils

February Attendance

91.51%%
97.14%%
94.10%
99.05%
97.60%
92.13%
96.82%
93.10%



Please ensure you book your Child/ren's place in advance on Scopay, we have limited places and can't guarantee a space if you don't book in.

CARECLUB

Well done Year 2!

Bookings have to be made on Scopay 48 Hours in advance.

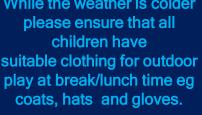
ASM Holiday Club

At St John's

Emergency Bookings via the Office. 01782 367267

25th - 28th March 2nd – 5th April

> While the weather is colder please ensure that all children have play at break/lunch time eg coats, hats and gloves.





Book online via ASM's website 9.00am - 3.30pm (half days/full days) they also offer wraparound care starting at 8.00am until 5.00pm Bookings open Monday 4th March https://asmsports.co.uk/holidayclubs/#bookings



IMPORTANT

Please notify the relevant office if your address/telephone/email has changed.

ABSENCEIF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL YOU MUST TELEPHONE SCHOOL ON 01782 367267 AND LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE ABSENCE LINE. **BEFORE 09.30am stating the reason for absence.**

Please be mindful of other road users, local residents and the safety of our children when parking around school. Please do not block residents driveways or park on the zig zag lines.

Thank you for you cooperation.

Reminders to Parents

- ♦ School Uniforms—Our full uniform range is now available at Supersport, High Street, Tunstall (including Ties and book bags).
- ♦ School Dinners -

Price per meal £2.40 for Nursery. Price per meal £3.10 for years 3/4/5 & 6.

- ♦ Breakfast Club Staffed by Mrs Copeland & Mrs Meadowcroft
- ◆ Places must be booked and paid for in advance via Scopay.
 Breakfast Club per child; from 7.30am £5.00 or £20 for the whole week—Children must be in by 8.30am

Drop off at 8.30am cost £1.00 (Bookable via office@stjohnskidsgrove.org.uk)

- ◆ After school care club—Mon-Fri 3pm-5.45pm –Snack included. Staffed by Mrs Copeland & Mrs Bennett
- ◆ Places must be booked and paid for in advance via Scopay.

Care Club per child:

from 3.00pm to 4.30pm £5.00 from 3.00pm to 5.45pm £7.50

St Margaret Ward Siblings can be dropped off from 8.10am and picked up by 3.40pm no charge. Before or after this time charges above apply.

♦ We are a cashless school—all bookings and payments are to be made in advance via your child`s Scopay account.

Late Arrivals / Early Leaving - please bring/collect your child to/from the school office. It is important that your child attends school regularly and on time in order to ensure good academic achievement. Please ensure that where possible, medical appointments are arranged outside

Please note the school has a strict no smoking policy on its grounds. This includes E-cigarettes or any other

E-cigarettes or any other nicotine based products.

If you see anyone on the school premises when the school is closed please call the police on **101** and report the incident.

Thank you for your support and cooperation

Would Parents and Carers
please note that dinner
money, careclub and
afterschool clubs are payable
in advance and should be paid
online via your child's Scopay
account.

School Hours: EYFS/KS1 Doors open at 8.35am need to be in by 8.40am

Nursery doors open 3.00pm Reception & KS1 Collection at 3.10pm

KS2 Doors open at 8.45am need to be in by 8.50am. Collection at 3.20pm

Office Opening Hours Monday - Thursday 08.00-16.00 Friday 08.00 - 15.30



Please note Dogs should not be brought onto school premises