

Parent update – Tuesday 29th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for continuing to follow our school covid measures. As you may know, many schools locally have closed bubbles; as yet we've not had to do so this term. Please continue to social distance on the school grounds and support our other measures.

Picking up at hometime. Please arrive on time. 2.55pm for surnames A-L, 3.05pm for surnames M-Z. There are an increasing number of parents arriving late. This is uncomfortable for the children and inconsiderate towards the staff who have other duties after the end of the school day. Thank you to those parents who are always on time – it is much appreciated.

Own clothes day – On Friday this week, to contribute to our school fund. Please send your child in with £2 (this is the first increase in 20 years!) If you would prefer not to make this donation, please send your child into school in their uniform on Friday as usual.

St Matthew's newsletter. St Matthew's are now producing a termly newsletter which they have asked us to share with you:

<https://www.smrchs.com/documents/pupils/year-6-7-transition/partnership-newsletter.pdf?60d47d27>

Behaviour policy – Our school policy remains the same and is available here on our website. It states that we notify parents when their child has received three reflections. Please note, these emails are for information only.

We have had an increasing number of parents who, when they receive an email, challenge the sanction or give excuses for their child's behaviour, I would ask that you refrain from doing this. It is important that children learn to accept responsibility for wrong choices that they have made. By stepping in, you remove this sense of responsibility and show a lack of support for school.

Please remember that when children tell you what has happened, it is natural that they will want to present themselves in the best light and perhaps not give you all the facts. Please trust that all our staff are fair and consistent in the implementation of our behaviour policy.

Staffing for next year.

Y6 – Miss Jayes

Y5 – Miss Doyle (a new teacher, no relation to Mrs Doyle)

Y4 – Mr McNulty

Y3 – Miss Syeda

Y2 – Miss Lowther

Y1 – Miss Collins (a new teacher)

Rec – Mrs Sale

Nursery – Miss Morgan (a new teacher)

Acting Deputy Headteacher – Mrs Pearson

Mrs Doyle is leaving us to join St Sebastian's as their new headteacher. We know she will be successful in her new role and her new school will love her! Miss Abbott is leaving St John Bosco at the end of term after 31 years here (!) and Mrs McCormick is also leaving at the end of term to undertake teacher training. All three will be very much missed and I'm sure you will join us in wishing them much happiness and success in the future.

Trips – thank you for all the “voluntary” contributions. We have to ask for the money as a “voluntary” contribution, as we cannot charge you for an educational visit. However as funding is so tight at our school (and many others), we rely on the voluntary contribution to enable the trip to take place. They are a great experience for the children and an opportunity for enjoyable learning outside the school environment.

Thursday 1st July – Y1 & Y2 will visit Smithills Open Farm

Monday 5th July – Y3 trip to Knowsley Safari Park (parents will have received an email with link to permission form)

Wednesday 7th July – Y4 trip to Bibby's Farm (parents will have received an email with link to permission form)

Monday 12th July – Y5 trip to Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Safety Centre (parents will have received an email with link to permission form).

Wednesday 14th July – Nursery and Reception trip to Knowsley Safari Park (parents will have received an email with link to permission form)

Friday 16th July – Day of Wonder – looking after God's masterpiece. Please send in your homework also we have Bowland Farm visiting school

Wednesday 21st July – Leavers' Mass, time to be confirmed

Thursday 22nd July – Leavers' assembly, time to be confirmed

Friday 23rd July – End of term, school closes at 1.30pm

As ever, thank you for your support of school. Please phone or email us with any queries.

With love and prayers,

Mrs Johnson