

Parent Update Tuesday 7th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all for your support in what has been a wonderful start to the 21-22 school year. The children look so smart, happy and ready to learn. The behaviour and atmosphere in school has been lovely. There are a few items for your information so please read on:

Building work – the building work is still ongoing. Thank you for your cooperation at hometime. Please stay outside the gate until 3.05pm if you are collecting a child from KS2 as it helps us to see the younger children out safely.

Reading Records – you will notice we have sent home a new style of reading record. Please make a note of the pages which have been read and sign and date the reading record each time you read with your child at home. These are checked by staff in school daily. We expect that you will listen to your child read at home every day (or at the very least 3 times per week). As you know, reading is the key to accessing all learning and the best way to increase vocabulary.

Summer reading challenge - Please can children who have taken part in the 'Wild World heroes' library reading challenge to send in the lists of books they have read over the Summer so they can receive their medal/pen and certificate.

Changes to the behaviour policy – We have altered our behaviour policy to promote safe and sensible behaviour online. Any pupil accessing a site or app that they haven't been directed to by an adult will immediately get 3 reflections. (This adaptation is highly unlikely to affect most of our children). The policy is available on the "About Us" section of the website.

School Dinners – due to the lack of response to the google forms sent out each week, we will no longer be asking parents to choose lunch preferences for their child. (Apologies to those parents who did respond). The menus will be published on the school website for you to see what is available and we will accommodate children's wishes by asking them to choose at lunchtime.

Celebration assemblies – Unfortunately we will no longer be inviting "all parents" to our celebration assemblies each week. We will invite, via email each Thursday, those parents whose children will be receiving a school certificate. It is up to individual families whether they tell their child they are attending or if they want to keep it as a surprise for them on Friday. Obviously we know that not all parents are able to attend; we will take a photo of each child who receives a certificate and email them out to parents afterwards.

IDL club – will begin next week. A further email will go out to the families invited to attend later this week with details of dates and times.

Macmillan coffee morning – (Covid permitting) we are hoping to host a Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 24th September. I will send out further details nearer the time.

As ever, if you have any queries, please email us on contact@st-johnbosco.manchester.sch.uk or phone the school office.

With love and prayers,

Mrs Johnson

Headteacher

With Jesus in our hearts, we love, pray, learn and play.