

Parent Update 25.1.2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families are safe and well. Thank you to those families who are joining our zoom assemblies, it is lovely to see you all. The remote learning is going well – a brilliant effort in very difficult circumstances! We are enjoying seeing your work. Keep it up!!

Mission Statement - Our school mission statement has been in place for years, we are updating it with something more relevant to our children and their place in our school. Our ideas are linked to St John Bosco's oratory model where school is seen to be a home, a church and a place for fun as well as learning. You can learn more about his ideas here.

These are the options for our new school mission statement:

1. At St John Bosco Primary School, we learn, play, love and pray.
2. The children of the St John Bosco family learn, play, love and pray.
3. With Jesus in our hearts we love, we pray, we learn, we play.
4. Here we love, here we pray, here we learn, here we play.
5. Let us learn, let us play, let us love, let us pray.

The children have been sent an email via Purple Mash from Mrs Doyle with a link to a questionnaire to vote for their favourite. We are also asking pupils to suggest a school scripture. Please help any younger children to do this.

St John Bosco Feast Day - The Feast Day of St John Bosco is this Sunday 31st January. On Friday 29th, we are going to have a Mission Day to celebrate the life of St John Bosco. For those pupils in school, it will be a non-uniform day. All pupils, both in school and at home will have set activities that link to St John Bosco.

We will be starting the Mission Day with a short pupil-led reflection via Zoom at 9.15am, at which time our chosen motto and scripture will be revealed.

We will gather again at 2:15pm for our usual Zoom celebration assembly where we will share our activities about St John Bosco.

We would like you to light a candle (or shine a torch) at home just before the celebration assembly and we will do the same in our classrooms as a symbol of unity for the family of St John Bosco school.

Remote Learners Welfare calls – school staff will continue to check in with you so please pick up the phone if you see a private number call you.

In School Learners – Children should arrive at the playground entrance or nursery door between 8.45 and 8.55 am. Home time is 2.55pm for everyone. We are having an increasing number of families arriving late or picking up late, please try to be on time.

Inset Day – We were scheduled to have a teacher training day on Friday 13th February, this has been rearranged and will now take place on **Monday 22nd February**. **All children will remain at home that day**. Apologies for any inconvenience caused by the change of date.

Again, a massive thank you to everyone for their support of school. This is such a hard time for everyone. I hope that by embracing our love of community we can support one another through this.

With love and prayers,

Mrs Johnson