



Dear Parents/Carers

Fundraising for Free

Please find with this newsletter details of a new way to boost school funds.

We have entered into a partnership with Fundraising for Free. It may be that they could save you money on your gas and electric bills. If they can and you take advantage of this, a donation of £15 is made to the school.

You can find details by clicking the link on our website – www.stjohnsprimary.co.uk

Poppy Appeal

Poppies will be on sale in school during next week. The suggested minimum donation is 25p.

Zigzags After School Childcare

Our after school child care provision is now up and running. If this service would be of any use to you on a daily or occasional basis please book a place by collecting a form from the office or the Zigzags staff.

Operation Christmas Child

I know many of you are filling shoe boxes with gifts for children around the world who would not otherwise receive any this Christmas. If you are, shoe boxes should be returned to school by next Friday (November 9th.)

I hope the response to this appeal is as good as always.

Parenting 2000 Visiting Speaker

On Wednesday 7th November a nutritionalist will be visiting Parenting 2000 meeting to share ideas on giving your children the best possible diet.

Queenscourt Hospice Gifts

A variety of Christmas Friends cuddly toys will be on sale between now and Christmas for £1.00. These will also be available at our Christmas Fair on Friday 14th December.

Class Two Parents' Evening

We are looking forward to seeing Parents/Carers of Children in Class Two on Tuesday 6th November and Monday 12th November for their re-arranged appointments.

If you have not confirmed your time with Mrs Duffy please do so as soon as possible.

School Council

The next meeting of the School Council will be on Wednesday 7th November from 3.15 – 4.00 pm. Please will Parents/Carers collect School Council reps from the Library.

Start Right

Our pre-school parent and child group restarts on Thursday 8th November in the hall. Further details are available from Mrs Anna Maiden in Reception.

Class Five Play for a Day

I am delighted to announce that children in Class 5 will be taking part in a full day's drama workshop and performance on Wednesday 7th November. I will confirm details of Class 5 parents coming in to watch the final performance at the end of the day early next week.

There will be no charge for this.

Class Six Walk for Art

We are indebted to Sefton's Safety and Travel Awareness team and Sefton Active for funding a day out for Class 6 on Thursday 8th November. This will involve a trip to the Atkinson Art Gallery and the Eco Centre.

School Meals

School meals are now £7.50 per week. Please send payment into school on a Monday in a labelled money envelope and give to your child's teacher.

Children choose their meals with a member of staff. Unfortunately we cannot accommodate meal choice forms going home as there are too many children taking meals.

School Link & Scholastic Brochures

Could all orders from the School Link brochure be placed at the Office by Monday 12th November.

The School Link number for order forms is 5228272.

We fully appreciate at this time of year that you may not want your order to go to your child. If this is the case then please mark your order form accordingly so that Mrs Smithson can then contact you directly to inform you that your order has arrived.

After School Clubs

Please may I remind you that after school clubs only change at the end of each full half term e.g. Christmas, Easter and the summer. After each half term clubs remain the same and take place immediately upon our return.

Please assume that all clubs are on unless it states otherwise on a newsletter, the whiteboard in the playground or we contact you.

Bonus Ball

The winner of the draw on Saturday 20th October was Mrs Estella Reynolds with number 20 – well done!

Breakfast Club

You can book your child into Breakfast Club at short notice and for the odd dates that suit you or every day. The cost is £3 per session.

Booking forms are available from the office or Mrs Rachel Clarke (Breakfast Club Manager) who is based in Class Four.

Parenting 2000

You are very welcome to attend our weekly meetings every Wednesday in the Family Room. Please join Rachel from 9 am. Pre-school children are also welcome.

This is an excellent opportunity to meet other parents and to find out more about a wide range of activities and sources of support for parents.

Headlice

Please check your child's hair for headlice every week. Additional guidance is available from Pharmacy Online on Rufford Road and from our School Nurse (Gill Thorpe) who visits every Wednesday morning and is on the playground from 8.45 am.

Term Dates

November

- 7th School Council Meeting 2
- 8th First Start Right session
- 14th PFA – 7 pm
- 22nd Y5 to Preston Museum
- 23rd Mufti Day for Christmas Bingo

December

- 3rd PFA Christmas Bingo
- 4th Mad Science session 1
- 5th School Council Meeting 3
- 7th Mufti Day for Christmas Fair
- 12th Bag2School collection day
- 14th Mufti Day
- Christmas Fair – pm
- 17th Theatre of Today – Dick Whittington
- 19th Christmas Discos
- 20th Christmas Service – 9.30 am
- Term Ends 1.45 pm

January

- 3rd Term re-starts 8.55 am

Best wishes

Mr D Hains
Headteacher