



Dear Parents/Carers

**Please Read the Newsletter!**

Just occasionally there are breakdowns in communication which can result in parents/carers not knowing that clubs have been postponed etc.

We always make every effort to give you notice of changes to routine in this weekly newsletter. It is so important that it comes home and that you read it. This can prevent children having to wait to be collected and staff having to call you to give information that we hoped you had received.

Some parents tell me that they do not receive a copy of our newsletter. We issue it every Friday to the eldest/only child from each school family. If you do not receive your copy please collect one from the office or from the supply of spares under the rain shelter on the playground. Our newsletter can also be viewed in the school foyer, on the playground notice board and on our website ([www.stjohnsprimary.co.uk](http://www.stjohnsprimary.co.uk).)

Thank you so much for your co-operation.

**Illegal Parking**

The police have received complaints from residents of Rufford Road who have been unable to drive their cars from their homes as their drives have been blocked by parents collecting or dropping off children.

The police assure me that they intend to be especially vigilant in the run up to Christmas. Please park safely and legally.

**Children in Need**

Many thanks to those of you who supported Children in Need by buying cakes and biscuits this morning.

Our very sincere thanks to Adele Briscoe-Rimmer for her help with the baking and also to Karen Beesley (ably supported by Michael and Hannah) and all children in Reception class.

**After School Clubs**

A reminder . . . the following clubs will take their mid-winter break starting next week:

- North West Soccer School*
- Playground Football*
- Netball*

**Taekwondo Club**

Today's Taekwondo Club will be the last of this year due to difficulties with staffing. We hope that the club will re-start in the spring term.

Apologies for any inconvenience.

**PFA Christmas Bingo**

Please see the back of this newsletter for details of our annual Christmas Bingo event organised by our PFA.

Please encourage friends and family to join us on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

**Mufti Day**

Next Friday (23<sup>rd</sup> November) is mufti day. In exchange for a gift that can be used as a prize at our Bingo evening, children may wear non-uniform.

Donations of chocolates, wine, toiletries and other Christmas items etc. would be most welcome.

**Sefton Active**

Are you worried that your 7-13 year old child might be unhealthy or even overweight?

Please call 0151-934 2352 or 0151-284 8541 to join the MEND programme. This helps get kids healthy and fit in only 10 weeks and helps them stay that way.

You can find more details at [www.mendprogramme.org](http://www.mendprogramme.org) or at [www.sefton.gov.uk](http://www.sefton.gov.uk).

**Book Clubs**

All orders to the office please on Monday at the latest.

**Bags2School**

Don't forget to keep all your unwanted good quality clothing! Special bags will be delivered in the week beginning Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November. When full you will need to bring them to school to be weighed on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

**Operation Christmas Child**

We have now received a very healthy number of shoe boxes – thank you!

However, our boxes have still to be collected so you may still bring them in on Monday and possibly thereafter.

**Bonus Ball**

The winner of the draw on Saturday 10th November was Ms Redford with number 7 – wel I done!

**Zigzags**

Places are always available at our Zigzags after school childcare club. Please collect a booking form from the office or call Kathy on 07929628691 – s essionss are HALF PRICE this term!

**Breakfast Club**

Remember that we offer very high quality childcare and a full, healthy breakfast to children from 7.45 am every morning. Many parents have found this highly convenient if their working hours vary or involve an early start or indeed if your child just wants to have breakfast with us.

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*
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Y5 to Preston Museum
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Mufti Day for Christmas Bingo
- December*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> PFA Christmas Bingo
- 4<sup>th</sup> Mad Science session 1
- 5<sup>th</sup> School Council Meeting 3
- 7<sup>th</sup> Mufti Day for Christmas Fair
- 12<sup>th</sup> Bag2School collection day
- 14<sup>th</sup> Mufti Day
- Christmas Fair – pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> Theatre of Today – Dick Whittington
- 19<sup>th</sup> Christmas Discos
- 20<sup>th</sup> Christmas Service – 9.30 am
- Term Ends 1.45 pm
- January*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Term re-starts 8.55 am

Best wishes

Mr D Hains  
Headteacher

# PFA Christmas Bingo

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
7.00 pm for eyes down at 7.30 pm

- Fantastic bingo and raffle prizes
- Mince pies and tea and coffee will be served

Please feel free to bring your own refreshments and snacks

This is a very popular community event (for over 16's only.) Please make anyone who you think might enjoy an evening's bingo aware of it!