

# NEWSLETTER

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Dear parents and carers,

Friday 9 January



## Assemblies

Over the next two weeks the children will be exploring the following themes:

**A New Beginning** - John's message in the Gospel tells us that God's promise had arrived, His light and glory would shine out for all to see. Because of Jesus, we can see the glory of God and step into a new beginning at the start of this new term.

**Bold Statement** - Jesus' Baptism was a beautiful event that made a bold statement - He is God's Son! Through this assembly, children will understand that we are invited to follow Jesus' example of Baptism and make a bold statement for God in how we live our lives.

Please take the opportunity to discuss with your child at home.

**Safeguarding** - Please can you support school by ensuring that if your child is ill and absent from school that you phone the school office by 9.15am. To ensure that we are compliant with Safeguarding Policies if we are not notified and we are unable to contact you with the contact numbers you have provided to school then staff may need to undertake a home visit. Please support us by informing us of absence. Following up absences and carrying out unnecessary home visits are taking staff away from other tasks unnecessarily.

I thank you all in advance for your support in this matter.

Wishing everyone in our school community a Happy New Year!

### Dates for Diary

13/1/26 - Maths Workshop for parents  
Reception parents 1:30-2:15pm  
Year 1 parents 2:15-3pm  
14/1/26 - Share and Shine Assembly – Year 5 @9.15am (Year 5 parents welcome)  
14/1/26 - Maths Morning (In school)  
16/1/26 - Maths Workshop for parents  
Year 2 parents 2:15-3pm  
19/1/26 - Mary Farmer RE Retreat – Year 4 (AM) (In school)  
21/1/26 – 23/1/26 - Y6 Robinwood Residential  
30/1/26 - Star books KS2 (2.30PM)  
Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Parents welcome  
4/2/26 - Share and Shine Assembly – Year 4 @9.15am Y4 Parents welcome  
6/2/26 - Charity Day – Year 2 (In school)  
9/2/26-13/2/26 - Children's Mental health Week  
9/2/26 - Druhm Workshop (All classes) (In school)  
10/2/26 - Safer Internet Day (In school)  
10/2/26 - Reception – Stay and Play Session (with parents) 9-10am  
12/2/26 - EYFS/KS1 Disco (6-7:30pm)  
Letters sent home  
N/A  
Punctuality/Attendance  
School doors open at 8.45am for the start of the school day.

Many children in the UK are entitled to free schools meals but often parents are not aware that they are eligible or they choose not to claim their entitlement. The school can claim Pupil Premium funding for every child receiving their free school meal entitlement. This additional funding helps us provide a wider range of opportunities and learning experiences for your child. For more information about free school meals please visit the RMBC webpage:<http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/schools-and-education/Pages/free-school-meals.aspx>

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

School Uniform - We have a school uniform because it looks smart, wears well and contributes to a sense of belonging to St John Fisher RC Primary School. Please ensure that the school policy is kept with regard to school uniform. Black shoes/trainers (no other colours) must be worn in school and nail varnish must not be worn to school. Please support school in ensuring that all children come to school looking smart. The basic uniform can be purchased from most retail outlets, except for the school sweatshirt which must be purchased from Broadbent's Outfitters on Long Street, Middleton or Monkhouse (online).

Laudato Si -'St John Fisher RC Primary School Uniform Swap' has now been established - this is where good condition donated school uniform can be swapped or can be purchased for a small donation to school funds. The aim is to save parents money and also ensure that school uniform that is still in good condition does not go to waste. If you would like to swap or purchase any uniform please call at the school office.

**Medicines in school** - It is obviously very dangerous for children to bring any medicines into school. Only medicine which is prescribed by the doctor for MORE than three doses a day can be given at school. However, if a parent or other family member is available, they are welcome to come to school, at a convenient time, to administer the medicine themselves. If medication must be administered in school then in ALL cases an authorisation form should be completed. Forms are available at the school office and must be completed before medicine can be left in school. There are some medical conditions (e.g. asthma) which require children to take medication regularly. Please make sure that the class teacher is fully aware of this situation and that any medication is given in at the School Office for safe keeping (clearly marked with name and dosage). If your child has an inhaler in school you must complete a medicine in school form. Please DO NOT send your child to school with any unprescribed medication, throat lozenges etc. For all medicine forms please contact Mrs Benbow and Miss Jones in the school office.

Breakfast Club runs from 7.50am to 8:45am each school day. The cost each day is £2.50 payable at the beginning of each session. If your child would like to eat breakfast then they must be at breakfast club by 8.15am. If you would like to access the breakfast club facility please contact the school office and we will send you a registration form.

Please remember that if you have any worries or concerns we are here to help. Please feel free to speak to a member of staff if you have a worry or a really good idea. Your child's class teacher is available at the start and end of the school day. We are an open school and the children benefit from the special partnership we have with parents and carers.

Please keep informed of future events within school via our school website <https://www.stjohnfisher.stoccat.org.uk/> as this has the most up to date information. We will continue to share our in- school activities via Twitter @st-johnfisher.co.uk and Facebook page.

Best wishes *Mrs N Hadfield*

### Our Mission Statement

*Love Jesus, love learning,  
Inspiring each other to be the best that we can be.*