



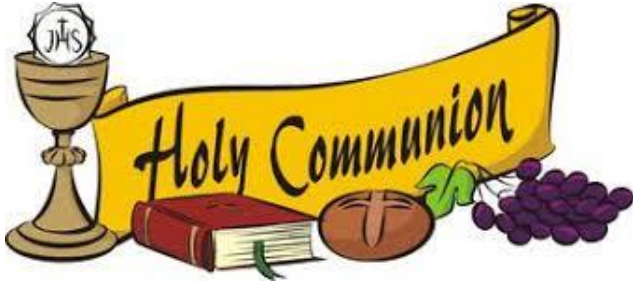
# St John's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Next newsletter: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October

## First Holy Communion Programme



If your child is in Year 3 and above and your family attend Mass at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Parish Church, Fr Azad has asked to let you know that the Programme to help prepare your child for taking the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist (making their First Holy Communion) begins early in October. Please make contact with Fr Azad in the first instance so that he knows you wish your child to begin preparation classes. There is an expectation that you, as parents, will support your child in their special journey.

## School Gates Years 1-6



From tomorrow the school gates will open at 8.45am, do not be late! For the first time since March 2020, children in Year 1-6 will go into the playground before coming into school.

## Dismissal

We are returning to our pre-COVID dismissal routines from tomorrow. The gates will open at 3.30pm. Children will be lined up with their class on the middle playground, please wait for your child's teacher to dismiss them into your care.

Please be patient as we re-establish this way of leaving at the end of the day – it's been a long time coming!

## PE Days



On the following days your child should arrive in school in **their PE Kit** with the correct plimsolls or trainers. They will keep their PE kit on all day.

**Reception Class and KS1 Monday (Year 1 and 2)**  
**KS2 Wednesday (Year 3,4,5,6)**

## Family Fund 20-21

Thank you to all the families that have contributed so far!

As a school we are asking for families to pay **£10 per child (maximum £20 per family).**

Many schools request this Family Fund contribution from parents, to help towards the 'extras' that school provides.

This year we are going to use the contributions for developing a new play space in our middle playground, please support this initiative.

Payments can be made via your ParentMail account. Please do not hand in cash at the School Office.

## COATS



**Children must bring a coat to school, in damp weather they will be outside.**



## Letters



Any letter or verification beyond educational requirements will require a minimum donation of £10 to the school fund. Please note that there is also a lad-in time for these and you need to allow 10 working days for your request to be completed.

## Parking Enforcement



We would like to ask parents not to block or park on the driveways of local residents or to block the cycle path outside the school. We have received a number of complaints from several members of the community regarding this matter. We have the highest expectations for our pupil's behaviour, we ask that all parents and carers show the same high standards.

We believe that the council are about to put resident only parking bays along Archangel Street and St. Elmo's Road.



## After School Activity Clubs

Demand was extremely high for these clubs; they will always be allocated on a first come first serve basis. We will give notice in the newsletter of when the next sessions are available to book. In the meantime, please make sure you have access to your ParentMail account and can locate the school shop on the App, as this is where you have to book the activity clubs.

## Celebrating Success

We are proud to be part of the Schools Sports Partnership working closely with Bacons College. This gives us opportunities to compete in sports and fun activities with other schools.

## Years 3 and 4



Year 3 and 4 went on their first trip of the academic year to Bacon's College where they took part in an exciting Cross-Country Competition. Their enthusiasm and talent shined on the day as they ran across the fields with other children, they all performed extremely well! Many of our children come in the top ten rankings. Overall, out of 7 schools our boys came in third place and the girls came in fourth place!

## Attendance 13/09/21 – 24/09/21

- Reception – 92.99%
- Year 1 – 93.81%
- Year 2 – 96.62%
- Year 3 – 95.15%
- Year 4 – 95.76%
- Year 5 – 96.35%
- Year 6 – 97.49%



**Congratulations to Year 6 for reaching the target of 97%!**