

Parent update Wednesday 29th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're having a very busy time in school in the run up to the Easter holidays.

Orienteering - As you know we have had an orienteering course fitted and the children are having a great time running round the school grounds, keeping fit and testing their knowledge across the curriculum at the same time. We will be organising a "school set" of wellies to be kept on site so that parents don't keep being asked to send them in on different days. Before we start buying the wellies (from our sports premium funding), *please send in any pairs you are able to donate to school.*

Anderton Centre – Y5 had a great day on their Outdoor Adventure Activity trip last week, this week, Y4 will be going. Year 3 will have their Anderton Centre trip after the Easter Holidays.

Scoutfit – On Friday this week we are having a "Scoutfit" day, all children from Rec – Y6 will be taking part. You can see a video on this page <https://www.scoutfit.co.uk/> so you know what we'll be up to. All equipment is provided so please send the children in their uniform as usual.

Autism Awareness Day - Light it up blue. We will be celebrating this on **Monday 3rd April**, children are invited to **wear blue** and bring in a donation for the National Autistic Society.

E-A-S-T-E-R Play – Our Y3&4 children are busy rehearsing for their Easter Performance. Parents of Year 3 and 4 children are warmly invited to watch their performance on Tuesday 4th April at 2pm.

Easter Competition - We will be doing an Easter Competition during the last week of term. On Monday 3rd April, children may enter one of the following:

- An Easter Hat
- An Easter Garden
- A decorated egg

The children can bring in their items, put them on display and then bring them home **at 1.30pm on Thursday 6th April**. There will be two prizes per class. We would be very grateful for donations of Easter Eggs for prizes.

Parent's evening – All classes from Nursery to Y5 have their parents evening on Wednesday 5th April here in school. Please book your appointment via school spider if you haven't already done so. Each appointment is 5 minutes long - as much as we like speaking to you, please try not to chat as this will delay other people's appointments. **Please do not bring children with you.** Any parents who are unable to attend their meeting will receive a short written report via email.

Afterschool clubs next week will be as follows:

Monday 3rd April – Book club (Y3&4), Archery (Y5&6), Football (5&6), Art club and Afterschool Club

Tuesday 4th April – Tri-golf (Y1&2), Construction Club (Y3&4) and Afterschool club

Wednesday 5th April – Afterschool club only, please don't book a place because it's parents evening. We can only accommodate the usual bookings.

There will be no Dance, Netball or Football (y3&4) next week. We will send out booking information next week for the clubs which will take place after the Easter holidays.

Parent Governor Vacancy - We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor on our school Board of Governors, which we hope to fill as soon as possible.

Working in close partnership with parents is essential. One of the ways a parent can help the school is to volunteer to be a parent governor. The main tasks of the Board of Governors are to support the school, ensure that pupils receive high quality education and plan for future development and improvement. Parent governors play a vital role in ensuring the governing body is aware of the views of parents and the local community.

If you:

- Currently have a child or children at our school,
- Are able to work well with others
- Have a willingness to listen and make informed judgements
- Are interested in education and are keen to play a part in improving our school
- Are willing to give about 4 hours a term to attend meetings and attend occasional training you could be the person to become a parent governor.

Governors are not expected to be experts in education and you will be offered opportunities to attend training to help you learn about the role and have the support of an existing Governor.

We feel sure that there are parents who would be interested in taking on this important role and give their time and commitment to help us to continue to improve our school. If you are interested in joining us, you will need the backing of two parents: one to nominate you and one to support the nomination.

Please complete the short form below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSetGVZ0pP7xAdbqktoxaeFEnKVv8TI73vsDno55tGyOzm69RQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

If you are interested in exactly how the election process works, please see the Parent Governor Election notice [here](#).

Celebration Assembly – The following children received certificates in our assembly last Friday 24th March:

	Achievement	Francis Factor
Reception	Archie	Harry S
Year 1	Adriel	Ayden
Year 2	Nicole	Max
Year 3	Daniel H	Miguel
Year 4	Aaliyah	Ava T
Year 5	Jermaine	Kendra
Year 6	Logan	Hezekiah
Headteacher's award	Emily Y5	

School Easter Holidays – Please note we finish for the **Easter Holidays at 1.30pm on Thursday 6th April**. There will be no afterschool club that day, please show your appreciation to our hardworking staff by collecting your children on time.

As always, please contact the school office with any queries, (please note the school office hours are 8.15am-4pm) via our email contact@st-johnbosco.manchester.sch.uk.

With love and prayers,

Mrs Johnson