

Parent Updates

Sunday 28th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely week we had last week! The children and staff loved our National handwriting day activities and we are really proud of the improvement that we have seen over the last couple of months in many children's presentation.

Recommended read- This week's 'Recommended Read' is from **Year 5** and two of the children, **Lola** and **Grace**, wrote the following review for it : **Fergal is Fuming** by Robert Starling. The book is based on an angry dragon who thinks everything is unfair and when he gets angry, he breathes fire and burns things. The book teaches children how to calm down and be happy. We liked it because it is funny when Fergal blows things down! We like how Fergal changes his personality towards the end, and how he realises how to be kind to others.

This is one of our whole school feeling books so all your children will get to hear this story.

St John Bosco Feast Day- This **Wednesday (31st Jan)** is our mission day. Our school scripture, 'Let your light shine', Matthew 5:16 will be the focus of the day. We still need each child to bring an empty, clean glass jar for one of the activities we will be doing, so please bring them in before Wednesday. Your child can wear their house colour on this day as it's a day of celebration. If they don't have that colour, please wear something red, yellow, blue or green. Thank you.

NSPCC Number Day- This **Friday (2nd Feb)** is the NSPCC Number day. We will be collecting for donations for the NSPCC, (National Society of Prevention of cruelty to Children) a charity very close to our hearts.

Please send your children in wearing clothes with numbers on them. We will be doing number challenges throughout the day.

National Story Telling week- This week is National Story Telling week as well- it's a very busy week! It's a celebration of the art of storytelling and the power of stories to connect, entertain, and inspire. We will be telling some stories throughout the week. Why don't you tell your child a story about your younger days?

PTA meeting- We have a fantastic PTA but are always hoping and wanting more parents and grandparents to get involved. Our next meeting is on **Thursday 1st February at 3pm** to discuss some fund raising events. Please email the office to let us know you are coming.

Penny wars- From next Monday we will be doing 'Penny Wars' across the classes as a fund raiser for school. Each class will be given a jug/ bottle to collect pennies in. The class that collects the most money by the end of February will have a treat. Please start saving your 1p's , 2p's, 5p's and 10p's to start bringing them in next week.

Instagram - Please follow us on Instagram. Our number of followers are slowly creeping up! There are some great photos of all the activities and lessons we do in school. It gives you a real flavour of life at St John Bosco!

Please use the QR code below to get quick access to our Instagram page.



Attendance - Regular school attendance is an important part of giving your children the best possible start in life. The aim should be to attend 100% of the time, however we do realise that children can get poorly. National Average Attendance data for 23-24 is 93.4%- our school is 96% so we are doing very well as a school. Our attendance team in school is currently looking at children's attendance and we will be reaching out to see how we can support those children/ families with less than 95% attendance. If your child is poorly please call or email the office before 8.45am to let us know.

What do your children do out of school? We know we have lots of talented children in our school, please complete the Google form below and let us know what clubs, sports and talents your children hone when they are out of school. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfi_CK1YCQPCwGCoLksrlpifxvvmuObTv_w13Z1wpdNkyjuvq/viewform?usp=sf_lin

This form will be open for another week. Please complete it asap.

School Milk - If you wish your child to have school milk, please register at www.coolmilk.com

Payments to school - Please can parents make sure they are up to date with their payments to school for dinner money, breakfast club and afterschool club.

Celebration Assembly - Children who recieved certificates will be named in a separate newsletter tomorrow.

Thank you for your continued support of your children and our lovely school.

With love and prayers,

Mrs Pearson