

Friday 13th March 2026

*With Jesus in our hearts, we love, pray, learn and play*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the Mums and Grandmas that came to our Mother's Day coffee and cake afternoon. It was so lovely to see so many of you chatting away and enjoying spending time with each other and your children. We all hope you have a lovely Mother's Day on Sunday.

**NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe-** Over the last two weeks the Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 children have been involved in an NSPCC Speak out, Stay Safe programme. It is a safeguarding programme that aims to equip children with the knowledge they need to stay safe from abuse and neglect.

It provides resources for primary schools to help children from Year 2 to Year 6 years understand:

- abuse in all its forms and how to recognise the signs of abuse
- that abuse is never a child's fault and they have the right to be safe
- where to get help and the sources of help available to them, including Childline

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Monday 16th March** – Chick eggs arriving in school- an eggciting time for us all watching the chicks hatch

**Tuesday 17th March at 3.15pm** – **Year 1 Phonics screening Check** information meeting for Year 1 parents - this is really important for you to attend (There will be child care while you are at the meeting) Please complete the link below to say you are coming.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1n96kMCEYD2LlmtgUclxHdRn4oURPoUoJR67J\\_ixWGDI/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1n96kMCEYD2LlmtgUclxHdRn4oURPoUoJR67J_ixWGDI/edit)

**Wednesday 18th March at 3.15pm-** **Year 6 SATS information for Year 6 parents** - this is really important for you to attend (There will be child care while you are at the meeting) Please complete the link below to say you are coming.

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**Thursday 19th March at 3.15pm-** Year 4 SATS information for Year 4 parents -- this is really important for you to attend (There will be child care while you are at the meeting) Please complete the link below to say you are coming.

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**Monday 23rd March-3.30pm-5.30pm-** Parents Evening - please book your time using 'School Spider'.

**Tuesday 31st March at 9am-** Year 3 & Year 4 Easter performance

**Tuesday 31st March at 1.45pm-** Mass of Holy week – Year 5 and 6 parents welcome to attend

**Wednesday 1st April-** Easter bonnet (hat) parade and Easter garden competition – Please bring in your Easter hats and Easter gardens on Monday and Tuesday.

**Wednesday 1st April-** Easter egg raffle - more details to come soon

**Thursday 2nd April at 1.30pm-** School closes for Easter break

**Monday 13th April-** Staff INSET (training) day- SCHOOL CLOSED

**Tuesday 14th April at 8.40am -** School re-opens for children

### **Cost of living**

If you are struggling with your finances and the cost of living and need support to help feed your family, clothe them or pay bills, please get in touch with Mrs Webster on 0161 740 7094 or the school email address.

## Car Park

Our car park is for staff and parents with disability badges only. Please do not come into the car park at any time if you do not have a disabled badge unless you have a prior agreement. We have had some very near misses with cars coming in picking up children at the end of the day or at 4pm when the after school clubs finish, with parents trying to reverse out and struggling to turn round. We want to keep all our children safe, please help us to do so.

## Punctuality

Punctuality in school is extremely important because it enhances academic performance by ensuring students don't miss instructions or concepts and fosters essential life skills like discipline and time management. When your child arrives late, they are missing learning time, they have to walk into a classroom where all the children have already started working and most children find this embarrassing. They have then missed the teaching and instructions for the work and don't know what to do, which is stressful for them. Starting the day late can set your child up for a difficult day. Please ensure your child is on the playground and entering the building on time and through the door they should be.

**Our gates open at 8.35am, the doors open at 8.40am. The gates close at 8.45am sharp. The children are being registered at 8.45am.** Each time your child is late they receive a late mark. The Local Authority Attendance team are aware of our punctuality issues and are supporting us with this.

**Please ensure you use the registration ipad when you bring your children in late and write the reason why. If you do not enter your child's name they may not get a mark at all for the morning.**

## Attendance

Please ensure you call school 0161 740 7094 or email on [contact@st-johnbosco.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:contact@st-johnbosco.manchester.sch.uk) to report your child's absence in the morning if the school does not hear from you before 9.30am, we will ring you to check on the safety and wellbeing of your child and we may carry out a home visit.

Holidays will not be authorised during term time. If your child is absent for 5 or more days in a school year, you may incur a fixed penalty fine from Manchester City Council.

We try to work with families, to support good attendance, and we follow Manchester City Council's guidance and procedures, which does require us to act on attendance concerns. We will be contacting parents of children whose attendance is below 95% this half term to offer support. Children's poor attendance can have a very adverse impact on their academic achievements.

Support and guidance on attendance is always available from our school, if you wish to be referred to Early Help Services for help and support, this can be done through school. Please contact Mrs Webster on the above number if you require this support.

You are required to provide evidence for taking your child out of school for appointments- please ensure you have this and show it at the office. We will note it for our attendance records.

## Instagram

Getting Instagram downloaded is a must to keep up to date with all that we do in school. Scan the QR code to see what we have been doing in school this week...

*Please ensure the office has permission for staff to take your child's photos and put it on Instagram.*



## Easy Fundraising

Did you know that St John Bosco Primary are registered with Easyfundraising? This is an organisation that raises money for good causes. Easyfundraising partners with over 7,500 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. This means you can raise money **for us** every time you get clothes, groceries, takeaways, insurance, school supplies or anything else you might be buying online anyway. It won't cost you any extra! The cost is covered by the brand you are buying from. Please scan the QR code below and get raising money. So far we have raised just over £687 for school through staff and parents. Please join in!



## Parents speaking to teachers

Communication is really important to us. **The class teacher should be your first point of contact to discuss any issues.** If you would like to speak to a class teacher about anything concerning your child, please make an appointment to see the class teacher by emailing or phoning school. Please do not try to discuss issues when you are dropping your child off or picking your child up. The teacher needs to ensure the class's safety and they cannot do this if they are having conversations while meeting and greeting children or making sure they are going home with the right adults.

Please also do not engage the office staff about issues for teachers as they often will not know the answers to your questions.

**Please remember all the staff in school are there to support you and your children. Aggressive, rude or threatening behaviour towards staff will not be tolerated.**

Thank you for your support with this.

**Payments to school for school dinners, Breakfast Club – Parents need to PAY IN ADVANCE for school dinners and Breakfast Club. Please make sure you are signed up to the School Gateway. Falling behind on payments or none payment may mean your child will not be allowed a school dinner or be able to attend the club.**

Thank you for our continued support of your children.

With love and prayers,

Mrs Pearson