

SS OSMUND & ANDREW'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL, BOLTON

NEWSLETTER: Friday 15th September 2023



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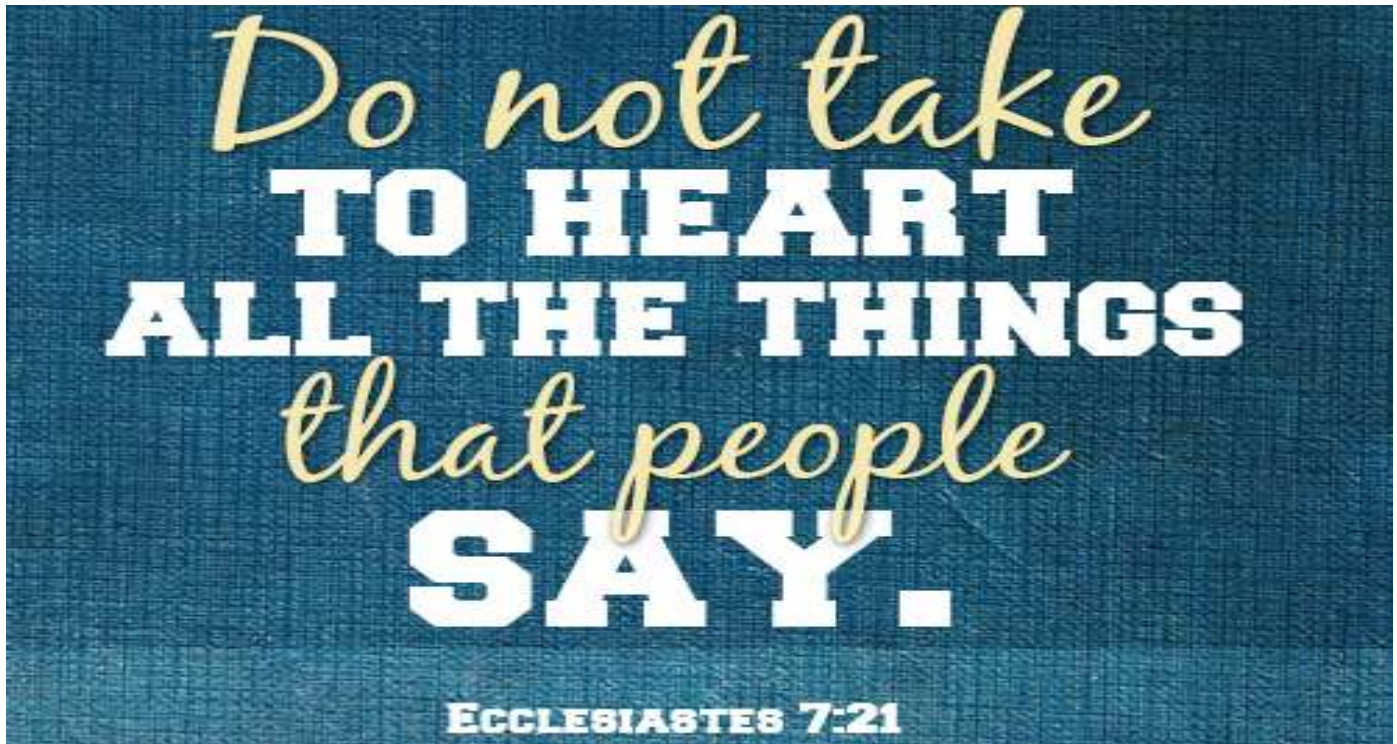
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Thought for the Week:

Please chat through at home with your child(ren) the school's Thought for the Week which on Monday will be:

I can say how I feel (2).



Meet the Teacher!

Come and meet your child's teacher – the dates are as follows...

- Y1 Wednesday 27th September 3.15pm – 3.45pm
- Y2 Monday, 25th September 3.15pm – 3.45pm
- Y3 Thursday, 28th September 3.15pm – 3.45pm
- Y4 Thursday, 28th September 3.15pm – 3.45pm
- Y5 Tuesday, 26th September 3.15pm – 3.45pm
- Y6 Tuesday, 26th September 3.15pm – 3.45pm

Roll of Honour

Nursery - Star of the week is Carter B for consistently being the best tidy upper in Nursery and for always being kind and polite to everyone. Well done Carter.

Reception 1- Star of the week is Marlina B for settling into school so well and being a lovely friend to others.

Reception 2 – Star of the week is Niles W for being a superstar helper and tidying up even when not asked to do so!

10 – Star of the week is Joshua H for being a wonderful role model by being polite, helpful and for working hard in all lessons.

1A – Star of the week is Isla C for an amazing start to Y1 and trying very hard with her work and the presentation of it!

20 - Star of the week goes to Amelia G for an excellent recount of the bird man visit.

2A – Star of the week is Josie N for always going out of her way to help others

30 – Star of the week is Leo B for writing a fantastic diary entry in English including all the correct features! Well done!

3A – Star of the week is Zaigham for trying hard in all lessons.

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4O – Star of the week is Alexander M for producing a beautiful alliteration poem in English and for always being resilient!

4A – Star of the week is Alisha for great effort with her alliteration in her seaside poem and beautiful manners.

5O – Star of the week goes to Leilani for always smiling and taking everything in her stride! Great!

5A – Star of the week is Lenni L for putting time and effort into his work and asking questions to ensure he gets things 'just right.'

6O – Star of the week is Mabelle B for good questions and listening in maths.

6A – Star of the week is Belle D for being an outstanding role model and for putting 100% effort in all that she does.

Reading Award - Savannah C (4A)

Deputy Head Award - Greyson R (5O) for excellent contributions to all aspects of the curriculum.

Headteacher Award - Caleb A (5O). For an excellent RE lesson on the knowledge and remembrance of 9/11.

The 'Top Gate'

We are able to open our 'Top Gate' which is near the Tansy Car Park – this will provide a way for some families to get onto the school grounds more quickly. It also expands the ease for parking as an additional area will now be available within a few minutes' walk. Please park a little distance from the school if you can, and walk the short distance. This will achieve 2 things:

- 1) That children will be safer as traffic, being more spread out, will provide less difficulties in young children negotiating the roads and footpaths.
- 2) The further away from school that you are parked, the less busy it will be and therefore the easier it will be to drive off once you have returned to your car.

Class Assemblies

All our parents are welcome to come along and join us for these assemblies. They all start at 9am unless stated.

Nursery	Friday, 5th July
Reception	Friday, 21st June
Y1	Friday, 16th February
Y2	Friday, 20th October
Y3	Friday, 24th May
Y4	Friday, 10th November
Y5	Friday, 15th March
Y6	Thursday, 18th July (leavers assembly 2pm)

Dates for the Diary:

Parents Evenings:

Thursday, 23rd November 1.30pm - 6.30pm

EYFS stay and plays week commencing 20th November all week

Thursday, 29th February 1.30pm - 6.30pm

EYFS stay and plays week commencing 12th Feb all week

FOSSOA:

26th October 4.30pm – Halloween Disco

7th December 3.30pm Christmas Fair

21st March Easter Bonnet Parade

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Christmas Events

EYFS Nativity: Wednesday, 13th December 9.30 and Thursday 14th December 2pm

Y1/Y2 Nativity: Wednesday 13th December 1.30pm and 6pm for parents

End of term Mass Thursday 14th December

Carols around playground - Wednesday 20th December 2pm

EYFS Christmas Party Tuesday 19th December morning

KS1 Christmas Party Friday 15th December afternoon

LKS2 Christmas Party Monday 18th December afternoon

UKS2 Christmas Party Tuesday 19th December afternoon

Easter performance Y3/Y4:

Afternoon performance Tuesday 26th March 1.30pm

Evening performance Wednesday 27th March 6pm

UKS2 play:

Afternoon performance Tuesday 9th July 1pm

Evening performance Wednesday 10th July 6pm

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 29th September

Our next Macmillan Coffee Morning will take place on Friday 29th September between 9am and 10.30am here in school. We will be asking for donations of cakes nearer the date and tea/coffee and cakes will be available on the day to purchase with all proceeds going to Macmillan Cancer Support.

First Holy Communion

The dates that you need are as follows...

EVENT	VENUE	DATE & TIME
First Parents' Meeting	Church	Wednesday, 20 September 2023, 5pm
Presentation	Church	Sunday, 24 September 2023, 11am
First Confessions	Church	Wednesday, 6 December 2023, 7pm
Sunday Liturgies	Church	24 September 2023 @ 11:00am 15 October 2023 @ 11:00am 5 November 2023 @ 11:00am 3 December 2023 @ 11:00am 14 January 2024 @ 11:00am 11 February 2024 @ 11:00am 17 March 2024 @ 11:00am 21 April 2024 @ 11:00am 19 May 2024 @ 11:00am
Second Parents' Meeting	Church	Wednesday, 15 May 2024, 6pm
First Holy Communion Rehearsal	Church	Friday, 7 June 2024, 10am
<i>First Holy Communion</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Saturday, 8 June 2024, 11am</i>

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Bags and Pencil Cases

Please note the email regarding bags below that was sent out just before the summer holiday in the wake of a Fire Risk Assessment which was carried out on our school.

Pupils will not need to bring pencil cases this year, all stationary is provided by school. Please only send children with a school reading folder (all year groups). Due to pegs being relocated, we do not have the space for any rucksacks.

Thank you.

Many thanks for your understanding and co-operation.

School Car Park

For the safety of our families and staff, the school car park is not to be used by parents. Thank you.

Parking

Please do not park on Falkirk Drive. Thank you for parking respectfully for our neighbours. Thank you.

Code of Conduct: Parents & Visitors

Thank you for:

- Respecting the school's caring ethos.
- Working with teachers for the benefit of children.
- Always remaining calm and respectful.
- Always resolving issues through school.
- Always correcting your child's behaviour when you need to.

A more detailed version of the Code is on our school website.

Holidays in Term Time: Fines Issued

As a school, we only have the power in law to authorise absences in term time where circumstances are "exceptional." The definition of "exceptional" is unusual, or not typical.

The governors have taken the decision that all family holidays and other unauthorised absences that qualify in term time will be issued with a fixed penalty notice from September 2023. This penalty will be issued by Bolton Council and is currently £60 per pupil, per parent.

We would please ask that parents do not put school in the awkward position of having to unauthorise an absence such as a family holiday that will result in a fixed penalty being issued.

Children Late in the Morning

If you arrive at school with your child(ren) after the doors close on the 8.55am bell, the procedure is:

- 1) Please take your child(ren) round to the office door.
- 2) Please sign your child(ren) in, recording the time that they arrived.
- 3) Please supervise your child(ren) until they are taken down in one trip by a member of the office staff which will be around 9.10am.

I apologise for any inconveniences that this causes, but look forward to your understanding, your patience and your co-operation. Many thanks.

When Children Are Collected Late at Home time

School finishes at 3.15pm. We give our staff around 10 minutes to release the children to their parents, child minders, etc.

Once the children are released, the children will be then brought together and supervised by a member of staff.

If you are running late, we ask that you phone ahead to school before 3.15pm.

- 1) When collecting your child once the classroom door is closed, please come to the office.
- 2) We will then send a message to where the children are and there may be a short wait to bring your child up to you.
- 3) You will be asked to sign a form to say that you have collected your child(ren).

We will no longer be able to keep children near the office as they cannot be completely supervised. I apologise for any inconvenience that this wait may cause, but I am sure all parents will understand that the children need to be supervised by a member of staff to keep them safe.

For children who are collected persistently late, I am afraid that there will be a charge of £5 per half hour, which is reasonable. This is to pay staffing costs and is in line with some other schools.

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For children whose persistent late collection becomes a concern, we are obliged to inform social services. Likewise, we are obliged to inform social services if the duration of a single late pick-up incident exceeds 45 minutes.
Thank you for your understanding.

EMOTIONS ROLL
AND CHANGE — BUT GOD
IS ALWAYS STEADY.

MATTHEW 26:34-35