3rd March 2023

Dear parents/carers,

We have had a busy first week back. On Wednesday, local poet Matt Goodfellow came into school to share some of his poetry and host poetry workshops in each class. The children have written their own poems and some were shared in assembly yesterday. It was wonderful to see the children in costumes yesterday to celebrate World Book Day. All pupils have been given a £1 book voucher. Please will you take some time to help them choose and buy a book using the voucher. Some shops have books on sale for £1 so no additional money is needed.

**Certificates** – Congratulations to Betty, Phineas, Chase, Evie and Frankie who received a Kindness certificate this week. And to Mobolade, Muayad, Brkti, Summer and Joel who received a certificate for Effort. They attended the tea party today.

**Place2Be** **Parenting Smart Course** - The parenting smart course is running again for parents/carers of children within St Sebastian's. The online course begins on April 18th and you will need to register by March 27th. You can register by clicking on the link [here.](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.place2be.org.uk%2Four-services%2Fparents-and-carers%2Fsupport-for-families-in-place2be-schools%2Fparenting-smart-online-course%2F%3Futm_source%3DSchools%26utm_campaign%3D3e73e8dae2-Partner_School_Newsletter_Febuary_2023%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_term%3D0_c6b02a1e38-3e73e8dae2-221381352&data=05%7C01%7Ccaroline.doyle%40salford.gov.uk%7C648e32fe1a8749cf695e08db1a422302%7C68c00060d80e40a5b83f3b8a5bc570b5%7C0%7C0%7C638132643575547970%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=inzHuTlUhtFcynejzSW1nbFcYba1HgO9G7IKAI%2Bzwk0%3D&reserved=0)

**New school website** – We will be launching our new-look website shortly. However, we are currently experiencing some service outage as the website platform changes over.

**Drop-off** – Please remind your children about road safety. We have seen a few children getting out of cars into the road (and into the path of other cars) rather than at the pavement side.

**School vacancies** – We have two ***lunchtime welfare assistant*** vacancies. Each position is for 6.25 hours per day (11.45am – 1pm). As a member of the school team, you will work during lunchtime to ensure the children are safe, happy and healthy. You will supervise the children in the dinner hall, playground and classrooms during wet weather.

We also have a vacancy for ***Level 3 Teaching Assistant*** (TA3) to work across all key stages. This is a full time position, 36 hours per week.

Both jobs are term-time only. If you are interested in applying, further details and an application form can be found on our school website <https://www.stsebastiansprimary.co.uk/vacancies/> or by contacting the office.

**Breakfast Club** – Please can you book Breakfast Club in advance. When you arrive at Breakfast Club please phone ***07706 580 001*** to alert staff that you have arrived.

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| **Whole School Attendance last week**  | **Attendance Award Winners** |
| **92.58%** | Year 6 96.67% |

We aim for **96%** attendance each week so the whole school attendance for last week is disappointing. Please remember to notify the office if your child is unable to attend school because of illness. No holidays will be authorised in term time.

**Late arrivals** – Please do not send your children into school alone if they are late. You need to escort them to the school door and sign them in our late system giving reasons for their lateness.

**Free things to do this weekend**

Manchester Museum has recently reopened following a refurbishment. It is open every Saturday 8am-5pm and Sunday 10am-5pm. It is located at Manchester Museum, The University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9PL. Entry is free for all.

**Dates for this Term**

Tue 7 Mar – Transition visit for Y5 to All Hallows

Weds/Thur 15/16 Mar – potential strike action

Thur 16 March – First Reconciliation (confession) for pupils on the Sacramental Programme

Tue 21 Mar – Y5 Into University workshop

Fri 24 March - handball competition for selected Y3 pupils

Tue 28 Mar – Lent reflection activities led by Just Youth Ministry

Tue 28 Mar – sports competition for selected KS2 pupils

Thur 30 March – MUFC football competition for selected Y4 pupils

Fri 31 Mar – Coffee morning

Wed 5 Apr – Reception trip to farm

Wed 5 Apr – School mass

With love and prayers,

Mrs Doyle

*‘Do everything in love.’* 1 Corinthians 16:14