

The Cathedral Catholic Primary School, Lancaster, LA1 3BT

Newsletter 4th October 2024

Unlocking potential together in faith and love

Mission

Each Monday we share our mission of the week in our whole school assembly. Our mission this week is for children to be welcoming. Our stars of the week will be the children who have been spotted following the mission.



Scripture of the week - Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs. Mark 10:14

Stars of the Week

Rec- Nathaniel
Year 1- Wiktor
Year 2- Eleri-Raine
Year 3- Felix
Year 4- Max
Year 5- David
Year 6- Peter

Punctuality and Attendance Weekly

Reception- 97%
Year 1- 87%
Year 2- 94%
Year 3 – 96%
Year 4- 96%
Year 5- 93%
Year 6- 96%
Whole school Sept-95%
Be in the line for quarter to nine!!

Attendance Matters

We are delighted to see that attendance and punctuality is improving this year. THANK YOU!

However, we are still being impacted by term-time holidays. Unfortunately, this has affected our attendance this week. A 2-week holiday means your child has approximately 50 hours of missed work to catch up on! Absence from school is often the greatest single cause of poor performance and achievement.

To help your child do well in school, you should:

- Arrange family holidays to coincide with school holidays.
- Never take your child out of school when there are important examinations or tests.
- Be aware of the potential impact on your child's education.
- Avoid taking your child out of school when they are just starting. This is very important as your child needs to settle into their new environment as quickly as possible.

Car Parking

Please can we remind all parents and carers that people pay to park in East Road car park. If you are parking there please be considerate of those that are permit holders. We have had several complaints about cars being blocked in and parking in permit holder's spaces.

Little Way Week by Peter Hollman (GIFT team member)

At school, we are celebrating Little Way Week. Little Way Week is a name given to the week by Christians. This is because when St Teresa Of Lisieux died people found her notebooks and found about her little way and she wrote down lots of different ways to attempt to make the world a better place. Later, St Teresa was canonised and eventually became a saint. We celebrate this in memory of St Teresa by remembering St Teresa's little way of showing acts of kindness. She thought that if everyone did little acts of kindness the world could be a much better place. So, in our school we've been trying to do little acts of kindness to try to make the world a better place and by doing little acts of kindness to share St Teresa's little way of kindness. St Teresa of Lisieux was born in 1873 and died in 1897 saying these words, "My God I love you!". Now, most people know her because of her little way.

Open Day

On Monday 14th October we have our annual open day for prospective parents for Reception 2025 from 2-5.30pm. Please spread the word if you know families who would like a place to come and see our wonderful school in action.

Harvest Celebration and Collection – Tuesday 15th October

On Tuesday 15th October, the children will lead us in a Harvest Celebration for the whole school and their families in the Cathedral at 2:00pm. As part of our celebrations, we will reflect on our mission to help those in need and we invite all families to make donations to our Olive Branch food bank collection – you will receive a separate letter about this on the Parent App. Thank you, as always, for your support.

Parents Evening 2024

Parents evening will be held in school Wednesday 16th October 5-7pm and Thursday 17th 3:30-5:00pm. This is chance for teachers to talk to you about how well your child is settling into their year group and answer any questions you may have. We would like all parents to attend. Please sign up and book an appointment on Parentapp from Monday morning at 9am.

Preloved Uniform and Winter coat

The PTA are holding a sale of preloved uniform and winter coats on both parents' evening days.

We know that coats are one of the most expensive items to buy and children grow out of them so quickly so a winter coat sale seemed like a helpful suggestion.

If you have any winter coats to donate please send them in on Monday 14th October ONLY. We have not got space to store them for long so please keep them at home till 14th October.

Staffing Changes

After a number of years of working at our school, Mrs Szleszynska has decided to move to pastures new. We thank her for her hard work and wish her well for the future. We have recently appointed a new teaching assistant called Mrs Braithwaite who is currently working in Year 4. I am sure you will give her a Cathedral welcome if you see her.

Year Four lead Wednesday Afternoon Celebration of the Word

Parents and carers of children in Year Four are invited to join us at 3:00pm in the school hall for our whole school time of prayer which Year Four will lead on Wednesday afternoon. We hope to see you there.

First Holy Communion for Pupils in Year 4 and above

During the coming year, a First Holy Communion preparation course will run in the parish for children in Years 4 and above. If you would like your child to receive their First Holy Communion next June, please register your interest at: <https://forms.office.com/e/wuVNjbemWY>

Reflection on the Gospel

Please find reflections and activities on the coming Sunday's Gospel on the link below – you may wish to share it with your child(ren): <https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/openness?pid=MTA101634&v=150.3>

Ten:Ten Parents' Prayer

Please find the October parent prayer newsletter at <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>. Ten:Ten is one of the resources we use to support our prayer times in school.

Macmillan coffee afternoon

We raised over £250 last Friday for this wonderful charity. Thank you to anyone who came to join us. The children loved hosting you all.



Diary dates

Monday 7th October – Parents evening booking open

Monday 14th October – Year 4 to Leighton Hall.

Start of Black History week

Opening evening for prospective Reception parents 2024-2025

Winter Coat and preloved uniform donations

Tuesday 15th October – Harvest celebration in the Cathedral 2pm. All welcome

Choir singing at National Diocese celebration 5.30pm at Lancaster university

Wednesday 16th October 5-7pm Parents evening

Preloved uniform sale and winter coats 5-7pm

Thursday 17th October 3.30-5pm Parents evening

Preloved uniform sale and winter coats 3.30-5pm

Friday 18th October – Reception stay and play 2pm. All reception parents welcome.

Finish for half term

Online safety monthly reminder

Please remember that all children in school should not have Tik Tok accounts. Here is some useful information to have you navigate this.

TikTok



TikTok is a global video community where users create, share and discover 'funny and memorable moments' via short video clips – typically about 15 seconds long. Videos can be 'spiced up' with special effect filters, stickers, music and sound clips.

Currently one of the world's most popular apps, TikTok was formerly known as Musical.ly. If your child had previously had a Musical.ly account, all of their videos and personal settings will have automatically been moved to TikTok.

BEING INFLUENCED

More than one third of children aged 6-17 consider 'social media stars' to be among their top role models. There are millions of creators on TikTok, showcasing their 'talents', from singing to dancing to stunts and comedy skits, which receive thousands of likes and comments. There is the danger that children may develop unrealistic expectations of how they should look and behave on the app in order to become the next 'star'. They may have feelings of inadequacy and low self-esteem or become swayed by certain opinions.

DANGEROUS TRENDS & CHALLENGES

On TikTok, there are always 'trending challenges' and hashtags that users can copy or build upon, and sometimes, these challenges can pose risks to young people.

STRANGERS CAN FOLLOW YOUR CHILDREN

If your child's profile is open, strangers can use the app to comment on your child's videos. While this isn't always sinister, it gives potential predators the ability to contact your child through the platform.

ANYONE CAN SEE YOUR CHILD'S CREATIONS

Videos can get in the wrong hands and cause embarrassment in the future. If posted publicly, anyone in the world can see your child's homemade music video and potentially cause bullying within personal friendship groups or even online.



13+ The legal age for Tik Tok

TikTok



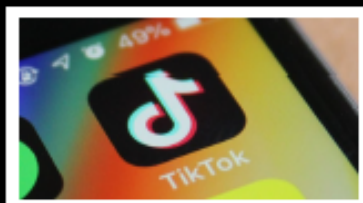
Top Tips for Parents

TALK ABOUT THE PITFALLS OF OVERSHARING

Encourage your kids to always think before they do, say, like or post anything online, explaining that their 'digital footprint' can shape the way that other people see them. Something they may find funny and entertaining now may impact them in the future. Talk about how to deal with peer pressure and how doing something they think will impress others could affect them.

AVOID IDENTIFIABLE OBJECTS

To ensure that there's no way of anyone tracking your child's location or identity, make it clear to them that they should never film a video in their school uniform or near a landmark that gives away where they live.



SIGNING UP WITH THE CORRECT AGE

When signing up to TikTok, you are prompted to input your birth date. If your child inputs their age as 'under 13', the app will not allow them to sign up and will be locked for 24 hours. The app is intended for users aged 13+, so explain that the rating is there for a reason; to keep them protected from online dangers. It is actually possible to watch TikTok videos without even creating an account, so it's important to check if your underage child has downloaded the app to their devices.

SET THE ACCOUNT TO PRIVATE

This means that only people who you and your child approve of can see their creations. To make an account private, tap the three dots at the top right of the screen to access settings. Click 'Privacy and Safety'. Scroll down until you find 'Private Account' and turn this setting on.

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FOR FUN, FRIENDSHIP AND ADVENTURE -
JOIN GIRLGUIDING

4th Upper Lancaster Rainbows

St Paul's Parish Hall, Scotforth

Mondays 6-7pm

Text Frankie on 07725 192891

**Rainbows**
AGES 4 TO 7

**Brownies**
AGES 7 TO 10

**Guides**
AGES 10 TO 14

**RANGERS**
AGES 14 TO 18