



The Cathedral Catholic Primary School, Lancaster, LA1 3BT

Newsletter 8th September 2023

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 show they enjoy their learning and our school. Our stars of the week will be the children who have been spotted following the mission.



Scripture of the week: For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them. Matthew 18: 20

Stars of the Week

Year 1 – Frankie
Year 2- Safia
Year 3- Samara
Year 4- William
Year 5- Samara
Year 6- Tyler

Punctuality and Attendance

Reception- 100%
Year 1-96%
Year 2- 100%
Year 3- 99%
Year 4- 100%
Year 5- 95%
Year 6- 98%
Whole school- 98%

Be in the line for quarter to nine!!

Welcome Back

It was great to see so many happy faces this week as we have our first week back in school. It has been a very calm week in school and a fruitful one as all the children settle into new classes and routines. A special welcome to our new families in Reception who join our school family and to: Mia, Arhaan, Safia in Year 2, Ganesh in Year 3, Samara in Year 5.

New staff

We are pleased to welcome two new members of staff into our school. Miss Duddy and Mrs Acciallini who are going to be working in Reception this year. We hope you will be very happy in our school family.

Meet the teacher and online safety evening Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

On **Wednesday 13th September at 3.30pm** (straight after school so come through the front door) you are all invited to meet your new child's teacher and to find out what your child will be learning in the year and online safety changes. This is an essential meeting which parents must attend as we are talking about changes to our online policy. Each parent will be asked to sign a home school online safety agreement. This is essential as Online Safety is now part of Safeguarding as set out in Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023. It is a statutory responsibility that school do everything we can to keep your child safe and we need your help and support.

If you have more than one child perhaps visit the youngest child's teacher first then move on to the others. Each class teacher will be in their classroom. We look forward to seeing you all.

RECEPTION'S MEET THE TEACHER AND ONLINE SAFETY EVENING will take place on 21st September at 3.15pm in Reception class to allow for all children to have started school.

Mass to Celebrate the New School Year – Thursday 14th September at 9.15pm in the Cathedral

Parents and carers are invited to join us in celebrating the beginning of a new school year with Mass in the Cathedral at 9:15am on Thursday. We hope you will be able to join us in asking for God's blessing on the coming year.

Ten:Ten Parent Prayer Newsletter for September

We hope you can take a few minutes to enjoy a time of prayer and reflection linked to our prayer themes in school during September. Here is the link: <http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

Healthy Heads Day

On Thursday we had a wonderful day learning about how our brain works, how to build up our resilience and growth mind set and the importance of staying healthy in mind and body. We had some visitors in who were very complimentary about our school and the children.

Here are our children enjoying some of the activities that the classes took part in.



Uniform

Thank you for all your effort in getting the children to look so smart. Please name **all** items of clothing especially ties and cardigans and jumpers. We have changed our uniform policy so that small stud earrings are allowed throughout school. They must be a small stud and not dangling. They must be removed for PE so on those days please do not send your child in with earrings. PE days are as follows:

Reception- Monday

Year 1- Thursday and Friday

Year 2 – Tuesday and Friday

Year 3- Monday and Wednesday

Year 4 – Monday and Wednesday

Year 5 –Tuesday

Year 6 – Tuesday & Thursday

Parent App

Please ensure you have Parent App on your device. If you have not downloaded it please do so as we won't be sending paper copies of letters out except in exceptional circumstances. This is to try and become more sustainable but also the cost of paper has doubled and is continuing to increase. If you have any problems please contact the support page via the app.

Absence procedure

If your child is ill please make sure you contact the office. You can do this in three ways:

- 1) report absence on Parent app for free
- 2) email the office@cathedral.lancs.sch.uk
- 3) ring the office on the morning and leave a message with a reason.

Contact us immediately as it is your responsibility to inform us if your child will not be attending that day. If your child is absent but we do not hear from you we will attempt to contact you by phone or app to ask why they are not in. We always worry if your child is not in as we need to ensure they are safe and well. We really appreciate your support in this.

Mobile phones in school

Only Year 6 children are able to bring phones into school. Each parent will need to sign a mobile phone agreement and have a valid reason that needs to be approved by the Headteacher. If your Year 6 child has brought a phone in an agreement will be sent to you soon.

Before School Tennis Club

Due to popular demand, Tennis Club will be split into 2 mornings: KS1 Monday & KS2 Wednesday both 8am -8.40am. Enter the playground at the lower East Road gate. There is no charge for this club and is oversubscribed so ensure if your child has been fortunate enough to gain a place that they attend **ALL** sessions. More places will be available to book from Monday 9am via parentapp.