

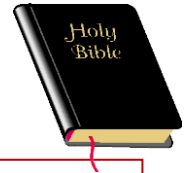


## The Cathedral Catholic Primary School, Lancaster, LA1 3BT

### Newsletter 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

#### **Mission**

Each Monday we share our mission of the week in our whole school assembly. This week we are looking for those who look after God's beautiful creation. Our stars of the week will be the children who have been spotted following the mission.



#### **Stars of the Week**

Rec – Idris  
Year 1 - Amaya  
Year 2 – Joseph- Robbie  
Year 3 - Ted  
Year 4 – Tyler  
Year 5 – Jamie  
Year 6 – Absent

#### **Punctuality and Attendance**

Reception- 100%  
Year 1- 97.0%  
Year 2- 97.3%  
Year 3- 91.4%  
Year 4- 95.7%  
Year 5- 100%  
Year 6- 96.3%  
Whole school- 95.4%

**Be in the line for quarter to nine!!**

#### **Welcome back**



We hope you have had a restful and enjoyable summer. All the staff would like to pass on their thanks for the many kind gifts and cards you sent in at the end of last term.

We extend a particular welcome to all the new pupils and parents who have joined us for the first time this September.

We look forward to getting to know you much better. The children have made an excellent start



to the new year and I have been really pleased with the enthusiasm shown in every class. One of the highlights was we all got to try wheelchair basketball and had a "wheely good time."

#### **Mass to celebrate the start of a new school year**

On Monday, Years 1 to 6 will celebrate Mass in the Cathedral with Fr Steve. We will give thanks to God for Mrs McLaughlin and the love, care and humour she brought to our school and we will pray for her family and friends during this difficult time. We will also ask God's blessing for the coming year. We are sorry that we are still unable to invite parents and family to join us due to Covid19 restrictions ... but we hope we will be able to celebrate together soon.

#### **Our School Mission Statement**

Following consultation with pupils, parents and governors during the last academic year, we are pleased to launch our new school mission statement. This is linked to the keys of St.Peter and our desire to help each person in our school family realise their full potential.

Our motto is:

***"Unlocking potential together in faith and love."***

Our mission is:

**At The Cathedral Catholic Primary School, we celebrate that each person is unique and loved by God. With Christ at the centre of all we do, we strive to unlock each child's potential to become the person they are created to be. Inspired by St Peter's example, we are working together to build a community built on love, faith, forgiveness and service.**

We hope you will visit our school website at <https://www.cathedral.lancs.sch.uk/about-us/Mission> to find out more about our aims. Over the coming weeks, the children will be reflecting on our school mission statement and what it means and preparing our school entrance display to reflect this.

### Return to school

I sent a letter out on before starting school on Friday, using the Parent app, with details about the changes to school systems now COVID-19 restrictions have been eased by the government. If you do not have a copy, please check your app or check the school website or pick up a paper copy from the magazine holder which is on the wall next to the office window in the school entrance.

### Key Dates

The school calendar on the website is updated regularly with key dates. Please get in the habit of looking at the calendar to see what is up and coming.

### Playground equipment

Unfortunately, there are a few problems with the climbing frame at the moment so we are unable to use it until these are fixed. I know the staff and children are disappointed but as soon as we are able we will let children use it.

### After school club

There is a new number for after school club 07949294238. Please ring this number if you need after school club during the hours 3.15-6pm.

### School Dinners

Every day, Annetta and her team prepare three options in our school kitchen. We follow the Lancashire County Council menu which runs on a three-week cycle and changes termly. All meals are healthy and nutritious using high-quality, ethically-sourced ingredients. We are very flexible, families can choose on the day by choosing from the menu we send home and post on the school website – see 'Parents' → 'Lunch menus'.

Please ensure you have paid in advance for any meals using the Parent Pay app – contact the school office for details. **Due to increased costs, school dinners will now cost £2.40 per meal.** Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) which are funded by the government.



**SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY NORTH**

Do you have a child starting primary school in September 2021 and living in Lancashire?

**APPLY NOW!**

[WWW.LANCASHIRE.GOV.UK/SCHOOLS](http://WWW.LANCASHIRE.GOV.UK/SCHOOLS)  
or give us a call on 01524 551148

**CLOSING DATE: 15 JANUARY 2021**

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

**HAVE YOUR SAY**  
Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with you to make sure admission arrangements meet future needs. To find out more please visit [www.lancashire.gov.uk](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk) and search 'School Admissions Policies'.

Lancashire County Council

[www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

### School Admissions

Please apply for High schools online by 31<sup>st</sup> October.

School admissions are now open for children due to start primary school in September 2022. Please call the school office on 64686, or to book a tour. You can apply online by searching for 'Lancashire school places'.



**NORTH LANCASHIRE AND HEBBERCAGE - WTSE - PFLSE**

Secondary School Admissions in North Lancashire 2021/22

This information should be read along with the contents of the main booklet 'Secondary School Admissions in Lancashire - A Guide for Parents 2021/22'

**APPLY ONLINE**

[www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

The closing date for applications is Saturday 31 October 2020

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From 16 August, the Government has said that people aged under 18 years and 6 months, or who are fully vaccinated, will no longer be legally required to isolate if they are a close contact of someone with COVID-19. Instead, such people will be advised to get a PCR test unless they have had a positive PCR test in the previous 90 days.

Regardless of age or vaccination status, anyone who develops any of the three main COVID-19 symptoms (high temperature, new continuous cough, loss of or change in, normal sense of taste or smell) must get a PCR test as soon as possible and isolate until the result is available. People who get a positive PCR test must continue to isolate as usual.

#### **What should I do if my child develops COVID-19 symptoms?**

If your child develops any of these symptoms, you must arrange for them to have a PCR test as soon as possible. A PCR test can be arranged via the NHS website (Google NHS PCR test) or by calling NHS 119 if you do not have internet access. Your child should self-isolate immediately and they should not attend school. Please contact school by phone to inform us your child has COVID-19 symptoms and you are awaiting a COVID-19 test.

#### **What should I do if my child has COVID-19 confirmed by PCR test?**

Anyone with COVID-19 confirmed by PCR test should self-isolate until the latest of:

- 10 days after the onset of their symptoms, or
- 10 days after their test day if they are asymptomatic

Self-isolation means your child should not go to school, attend any out of school activities or visit a friend's house. They should not visit any public places, use public transport or go out to exercise. You should not have visitors into the home except for those providing essential care. Please contact the school by phone and inform us your child has COVID-19 confirmed by PCR test. It is really important you let us know if your child has confirmed COVID-19 so we can monitor the number of children with COVID-19 across the school.

#### **What should I do if my child is a contact of someone with COVID-19 confirmed by PCR test?**

If your child is aged under 18 years and 6 months and does not have any symptoms of COVID-19 (high temperature, new continuous cough, loss of or change in, normal sense of taste or smell) they do not have to self-isolate as a contact of COVID-19. They are advised to have a PCR test unless they have had a positive PCR test in the last 90 days. Children aged 5 and under are not advised to take a PCR test unless the confirmed case is someone in their own household.

#### **What should I do if my child has a positive result on a lateral flow device test?**

If your child has a positive result on a lateral flow device test (test taken at home with a result given within 30 minutes), they should self-isolate immediately and you should arrange a PCR test as soon as possible. Other members of the household do not need to self-isolate whilst you await the PCR test result if they do not have symptoms and are aged under 18 years and 6 months or are fully vaccinated.

#### **What should I do if my child is unwell with signs of an infection but does not have symptoms of COVID-19 ?**

Your child should be excluded from school if they are unwell. If concerned, you should seek advice from your GP or Pharmacist and they will be able to advise you how long your child should stay off school. Otherwise, we would recommend exclusion for 48 hours or until the child is symptom free, whichever is longer.