



The Cathedral Catholic Primary School, Lancaster, LA1 3BT

Newsletter 13th October 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 accept God's invitation to follow him. Our stars of the week will be the children who have been spotted following the mission.

Scripture of the week: 'Look, I have prepared my banquet,' said the king. 'Everything is ready; come to the feast!'
Matthew 22: 4

Stars of the Week

Rec- Theo
Year 1- Arsha
Year 2- Richard
Year 3- Eva
Year 4- Millie
Year 5- Naomi
Year 6- Leah

Punctuality and Attendance

Reception- 93%
Year 1-94%
Year 2- 95%
Year 3- 94%
Year 4- 92%
Year 5- 96%
Year 6- 98%
Whole school- 95%

Be in the line for quarter to nine!!

Thank You

Thank you very much for your generous donations to our food bank collection for The Olive Branch this week. Your kindness will make a big difference to others in Lancaster who are struggling at the moment.

Year 4 lead Wednesday Afternoon Prayer and Liturgy

Parents and carers of children in Year 4 are invited to join us at 3:00pm in the school hall for our whole school prayer and liturgy which Year 4 will lead on Wednesday afternoon. We hope to see you there.

Prayer Drop-In – Thursday 19th October 8.45am – 8.50am

All parents and carers are invited to come and light a candle and say a prayer for your child(ren) in the school hall for 5 minutes. Everyone welcome – any faith or none. Come through the front door after morning drop-off.



Year 5 Viking Dress-Up Day – Thursday 19th October

On Thursday, children in Year 5 are invited to come into school dressed as a Viking. Please don't buy anything for the costume – try to use items you already have at home.

Parents Evening 2023

Parents evening will be held in school Wednesday 18th October 5-7pm and Thursday 19th 3:30-5:00pm. Please book on the App for each child.

Year 4 visit to Leighton Hall

Please can all payments for this trip come into school or via parentpay this weekend.
Year 4 go on Tuesday 17th October and without full payment your child cannot attend.

Open Day

We are holding an open day for prospective parents for Reception 2024. This is on Monday 16th October 1-3pm and 4-6pm. Please spread the word about coming to look around our wonderful school.

Meet the PTA

Thank you to all who came to our cheese and wine and AGM this week. The PTA are doing an amazing job. With your help, they have raised over £5000 which comes to your children. Below is how some of the money has been spent. They are looking for more volunteers for the Christmas fair as this is the biggest fundraiser. If you are able to help please let Mrs Holt or one of the PTA know.

The Cathedral PTA Annual Report

Financial Report

Income

- Total income for the year: **£5,389!**
- Biggest fundraiser was the Christmas Fayre, which raised nearly £3,500

Spend

- Spend on running activities was £2,150
- We spent £1,728 on our children and community in addition to these activities, e.g. new school football kit
- VR goggles headsets and contingency grant committed for 23/24

Funds

- After taking account of additional running costs (e.g. licences and subscriptions), the net profit for the PTA in 2022/23 was £1,225
- Together with cash already held in the bank account, we currently have c.£10,000 funds
- The PTA is working closely with teachers to identify the best opportunities for investing these funds in our children and our school

Duncan is the Chair (Lily's dad in Y3)
Rachel is the treasurer (Mia and Amy's mum in R and Y2)
Grace is the secretary (Isabel's mum in Y1)
Jason is marketing (Jasper's dad in Y3)
Gemma is events manager (Imogen and Ewan's mum in Y3 and Y1)
Gladys is events assistant (Mary and Jan's mum in R and Y5)

These roles are all voluntary and we are very grateful for their help.



After School Clubs

We are running afterschool clubs over Autumn 2, Spring 1 and Summer 1 this year.

Please sign up on Parent App. Staff are giving up their time for each club so you must commit. If your child does not attend the first week they will be taken off the list and their place given to a child on the waiting list.

Clubs will start w/c Monday 6th November.

Bookings for these clubs will open on parentapp Sunday 15th October 2023 at 9am

Name of club	Year group	Day	Time	Number
Pokemon Club	Y2, 3,4,5 and 6	Thursday	3.15-4.15pm	15
Christmas craft club	Y3,4,5, and 6	Thursday	3.15-4.15pm	20
Games	Y1,2 and 3	Thursday	3.15-4.15pm	16
Drama	Y5 and 6	Thursday	3.15pm-4.15pm	30
Christmas singing	REC, Y1, Y2 and Y3	Wednesday	LUNCHTIME	25
Choir	Y4,5 and 6	Monday	3.15-4.15pm	30

Chess club is also running for Y5 and 6 at lunchtime and is proving very popular but no need to sign up for this.

Secondary School Admissions

If your child is in Year 6 you should asap now apply for their secondary school place

at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application.

You must apply even if you already have siblings in school. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your online application.

The closing date for secondary applications for September 2024 is 23:59 on 31 October 2023.

Diary Dates

Friday 13th October – Reception stay and play 2pm – all parents, carers and grandparents welcome

Monday 16th October – Open Day 1-3pm and 4-6pm

Tuesday 17th October – Year 4 to Leighton Hall.

Wednesday 18th October – Parents evening 5-7pm

Thursday 19th October – Parents evening 3.30-5pm

Viking dress up day- Year 5

Year 2 dress up as an Alien

Friday 20th October- Black History Day in school

HALF TERM school closes at 3:30pm and after school club is until 6pm.

Friday 3rd November – Home clothes in exchange for an unwanted gift. More details to follow.

Monday 6th November Year 6 Bikeability

Wednesday 15th November – Christmas card orders in

Thursday 16th November – PTA fancy dress disco

Tuesday 21st November – Pre- loved uniform in the school hall.

Wednesday 22nd November – Bedtime story evening in school

Friday 24th November – Home clothes in exchange for chocolate.

Sunday 26th November – Christ the king mass – all children welcome

Friday 1st December – Home clothes in exchange for a bottle

Friday 8th December – Christmas fair 5pm

Tuesday 12th December – Reception and KS1 Nativity in the Cathedral at 2pm and 6pm