

The Cathedral Catholic Primary School, Lancaster, LA1 3BT

Newsletter 17th May 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 bring peace and forgiveness to our school. Our stars of the week will be the children who have been spotted following the mission.

Hoty Bible

<u>Scripture of the week</u> - After saying this, He breathed on them and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit." John 20:22

Stars of the Week

Rec- Paul

Year 1- Ishmeet

Year 2- Amy

Year 3- Max

Year 4-Eva

Year 5- Ted

Year 6- Adam

Punctuality and Attendance

Reception-91%

Year 1- 97%

Year 2-90%

Year 3-91%

Year 4- 98%

Year 5- 92%

Year 6- 100%

Whole school- 94.1%

Be in the line for quarter to nine!!

May Procession – Tuesday 21st May 2pm Starting at school

Our May Procession is on Tuesday 21st May beginning at 2:00pm in the school hall. Please join us in/outside the school hall (depending on space) for our procession through the playground into The Cathedral. We will spend a short time together reflecting on times in Mary's life and praying for help with our own lives and those of people in need. If you are able to send in flowers to place round a statue of Mary (either from your garden or a shop) on Tuesday 21st May, it would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Year 5 Enrichment Visits Payment

Please can payment for Year 5 visits and visitors this term be paid on Parent App or in cash by Monday 20th May as they will go to the Butterfly House on 22nd May. A reminder that the cost for the whole term is £11 or £5.50 if your child receives free school meals. Thank you.

Reflection on this week's Gospel

Please find a reflection on this Sunday's Gospel on the link below – you may wish to share it with your child(ren): https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/pentecost?pid=MTA101634&v=129.1

Art Exhibition

All children will be producing a wonderful piece of art work for you to look at and buy. Your child's work will be displayed at our annual art exhibition in the Hall next Wednesday and Thursday after school. You will be able to purchase your child's work on the day or order on Parent Pay nearer the time. All the proceeds will go to the PTA funds.

Preloved Uniform

The PTA are asking for any donations of preloved uniform especially dresses, skirts and embroided school badge items. Please send into school. There will be a pre-loved uniform sale at the art exhibition on May 22nd and 23rd in the school hall. The uniform is a great price e.g. skirts are £5 rather than £17 new.

Parent Questionnaire 2024

There were so many amazing comments that were written by parents that there are too many to share. Here are a few of the highlights.

- Staff and senior leaders always have time to engage even when busy.
- Friendly teachers and staff.
- Good feedback to parents.
- Very supportive for all needs.
- Encouraging and supportive to both children and parents and families.
- Affordable and fantastic trips
- Well-led and organised
- Optimism, love, safety and trust stand out.
- Outstanding! Could not ask for more!
- Culture of caring and very welcoming
- Catholic faith and ethos area real strength
- After school and breakfast clubs are great.
- Lovely activities for parents to be involved in.

We were very happy that so many parents had no improvements but we really do want to provide the best we can and so are grateful for suggestions.

What could we do to make Cathedral even better?	Parents	Ideas moving forward	
Bit more notice for events/ non uniform days and more communication	2	Communication is essential and we have various ways of letting parents know of key events. Where possible, we try to let you know about any changes e.g. Sports day date change this term with as much notice as possible. On the newsletter dates are published for the following term but sometimes we do change dates as life in school can be hectic. The big way you can help us improve communication is by ensuring you all have Parent App, use our website which is updated weekly and read the black board which has key dates and times on. We will continue to keep you updated	
More space in After school club	4	After school club numbers have increased over the last year and we have increased our numbers for busy days to 40 children with four staff. We constantly review numbers and costings and will continue to assess viability of increasing numbers. This has been discussed at Governors as we know it is important to have try to offer more spaces. We understand it is frustrating but we can only offer more places for those who book in advance not on the day due to staffing.	
More engagement for parents	2	We have added in a cultural food night to our calendar and we are always looking to have more events for parents. From September, parents will be invited to celebration assembly if your child is the star of the week. The best way to get involved is to join the PTA as if we have more volunteers we will be able to host more events.	
More clubs	3	We are constantly trying to offer a wide variety of clubs. We are a little limited due to only one hall and a small outdoor space but this term we had a super 50% of our children attend clubs on a Thursday, lunchtimes and before school Tennis in the morning. We will continue to adapt our club offer. Keep an eye out for parent and child clubs in September!	

Sports Day – SAVE THE DATE

This year our Sports day will be on Tuesday 11th June. We have chosen to do this early so that the weather will be more suited to a whole day of activity. The event is held at University of Cumbria sports field from 10-2pm. Please bring a picnic blanket/ chairs and picnic lunch so that you can spend the day with the children. Children will take part in some team sports and then some competitive races in the afternoon. All children will need a packed lunch that day. More details to follow.

Statutory Assessments

There are a number of assessments taking place in this term.

- Year 1 Phonics Screening will take place during the week commencing 10th June
- Year 4 Multiplication Tables Test during the week commencing 3rd June

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Guidance for parents for KS1 OPTIONAL Tests

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65eaf9ae62ff489bab87b32d/2024_Information_for_parents_option al_tests at the end of key stage 1.pdf

Tables Information for Parents (Year 4)

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6543c1ef9e05fd0014be7c64/2024 Information for parents Multiplication tables check PDFA v1.1.pdf

Diary Dates for Summer 1

May 22nd and 23rd – Art exhibition and Preloved uniform sale

Friday 24th May – School closes for May half term 3:15pm

Monday 3rd June – School reopens at 8.35am

Wednesday 5th June – New Reception parents for Sept 24 induction evening.

Friday 7th June – Year 6 Slavery tour in Lancaster

Monday 10th June – Drumming workshop for the whole school

Tuesday 11th June - Sports Day at University Of Cumbria

Friday 14th June – Father's day in school celebration

Wednesday 19th June – Cultural food night

Reception visit to Greenlands Farm

Monday 17th June – Refugee week

Year 5 to Lancaster University for Go Green event

Tuesday 25th June - Year 2 Africa talk

Friday 28th June – St Peter and St Paul's feast day - whole school mass at 9.15am

Friday 5th July – Reception stay and play

Year 2 visit to Morecambe

Monday 8th July – Enterprise week

Wednesday 10th July – Year 6 play 2pm and 6pm performance in school hall

Friday 12th July – Enterprise market 2pm

Monday 15th July – Break the rules day

Year 6 leavers' Mass 6pm in The Cathedral

Tuesday and Wednesday 16th and 17th – Liverpool trip for Year 6

Thursday 18th July – Finish school for the summer holidays at 1.30pm