



The Cathedral Catholic Primary School, Lancaster, LA1 3BT

Newsletter 17th November 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 use their talents that God gave them. Our stars of the week will be the children who have been spotted following the mission.

Scripture of the week: Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things; I will trust you with greater. Matthew 25: 23

Stars of the Week

Rec- Joan
Year 1- Xander
Year 2- Willow
Year 3- Tommy
Year 4- Absent
Year 5- Jewel
Year 6- Asia

Punctuality and Attendance

Reception- 88%
Year 1- 91%
Year 2- 94%
Year 3- 93%
Year 4- 97%
Year 5- 95%
Year 6- 91%
Whole school- 95%

Be in the line for quarter to nine!!

Reception Class lead Wednesday afternoon Prayer and Liturgy

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

PTA School Disco

Thank you to all who came to the disco. There was some great dancing on show. Thank you to the PTA for their help with this and to the Year 6 who stayed to help. It was such a super atmosphere and a great way to raise money for school.

Red Wednesday – Wednesday 22nd November – Wear something red

Red Wednesday is a day when we pray especially for those who suffer because of their faith. This is an international day of prayer organised by Aid to the Church in Need. In school, we will have a short prayer time to remember those who suffer because they are committed to their religious beliefs. If children have anything red to wear (e.g. red socks, hair ribbon, jumper), they are invited to wear it with their school uniform on this day – but please don't buy anything especially. No donations needed.



Aid to the
Church in Need
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Bedtime story evening

Come and curl up in your pyjamas and enjoy some stories. On Wednesday November school will hold our very popular bedtime story evening. 5pm-6pm. Children can come in onesies, pyjamas and dressing gowns with their teddy to listen to different stories. There will be a snack and hot chocolate too. All year groups and it is FREE!!!!

School shoes

Please can children come to school in black school shoes. Trainers are not part of school uniform and children will be asked to change into pumps.

Own clothes for chocolate

Children can come to school in their own clothes on Friday 24th November please bring in chocolate for the Christmas fair. All the chocolate will go towards our Christmas tombola at the Fair.

Father Chapple

Father Chapple will be leaving our parish and school soon to go to pastures new in Preston. We would like to thank him for all his hard work in school. Please join us on 4th December at 7pm for a celebration Mass.

Mass to celebrate Christ the King – Sunday 26th November at 10:30am in the Cathedral

The feast of Christ the King is a day when we especially celebrate young people in our parish. All families are welcome to come and join us in the Cathedral for Mass at 10:30am on this day. Thank you to those children in Key Stage 2 who have volunteered to help during this Mass.

Save The Date For Nativity

Reception and Key stage 1 will be performing their nativity on 12th December at 2pm and 6pm in the Cathedral. Tickets will be available but advanced warning is always good to try and book time off work if you need to.

There are lots of events coming up in school as we get near to Christmas. Please put these in your diaries.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 22nd November – Red Wednesday

Bedtime story evening in school

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

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

Monday 27th November – Maths carousel in school

Tuesday 28th November – Year 5 at Faith festival at OLCC

Thursday 30th November – Year 4 Christmas dodgeball.

Reception visit to Williamson Park – please wear wellies

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

Monday 4th December

Tuesday 5th December – Glow in the dark dodgeball Y4 -6

Wednesday 6th December – Year 5 to visit the Dukes theatre

Friday 8th December – Christmas fair 5pm- 7pm

Monday 11th December – Christmas jumper day for St Francis group

Tuesday 12th December – Year 3 visit to Lancaster castle.

Reception and KS1 Nativity in the Cathedral at 2pm and 6pm

Wednesday 13th December – Year 5 and 6 ice skating

Friday 15th December - Christmas Dinner day

Reception Stay and Play

Monday 18th December – Secret room. Children can bring in £2.50 to buy a gift for an adult at home. It will be gift wrapped with a personal gift tag

Tuesday 19th December – Choir singing at RLI hospital

Whole school Carol service – 2pm

Wednesday 20th December – School finishes at 1.30pm

Online safety

Please read the key messages below about you tube. It has come to our attention that some children have their own you tube channels as well as free access to all you tube. There is so much inappropriate content on you tube that children should be not be using this. Youtube kids is a much safer version and should be used instead.

Car parking

Please see letter below about using the Pastoral Centre car park. We need to work together so the car park can continue to be available for us to use.



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Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to you as the Dean of St Peter's Cathedral, and as a governor of the Cathedral Primary school. I wish to express my appreciation of all that the staff and students of our wonderful school mean within the life of the parish and in this neighbourhood. The Catholic values by which the school is run benefit all of us, pupils, staff and community. The living of Catholic values is underpinned by at least two qualities: respect and good will. Most of the time these values are lived out across our school family. But I need to point out to you and clarify matters concerning the use of the Cathedral, Social Centre and the Pastoral Centre car parks.

Let me make this as clear as possible: no one has the right to park vehicles in these spaces without appropriate permits or permissions. Because our school is sited where it is, there is no possibility of it providing its own space for dropping off and pick up children. There has been a long standing arrangement, based upon good will, that, where necessary, parents may use the Cathedral House car park for dropping off or picking up children. Recently this arrangement has been abused by some parents choosing to park for up to an hour before school opening or after school closing. This is unacceptable. Nor is it acceptable to use the Cathedral East Rd car park. All Cathedral car parks are let out to permit holders. The Pastoral Centre car park is for the use of the Bishop, and his support staff only.

Therefore, the Pastoral Centre car park, Cathedral House car park is available for drop off and pick up arrangements between the following times only. Morning 8.35-8.45am and evening 3.05-3.25pm. This arrangement can only happen with respect and good will, and I look forward to your full cooperation in this matter. I need to tell you that if this arrangement based on good will cannot go forward then I will be forced to introduce barriers on our site to restrict access for the safety of all users.

With all best wishes.

Fr Stephen Pearson.

Cathedral Dean.

You Tube

YouTube is a video sharing site/application that enables you to upload, view, rate, share and comment on a wide variety of videos. Consisting of a huge resource of information, advice and entertainment, YouTube now has 1.9 billion logged-in monthly users who watch a billion hours of video daily. Most of the content on Google-owned YouTube is uploaded by individuals, but organisations and media companies also offer some of their content via this platform.



SHARING VIDEOS

YouTube's comment section is infamous for being one of the most opinionated on the Internet. Many children are keen to share their own videos online. However, they may later regret it or feel embarrassed about what they have shared. There is also a risk that they will receive negative comments regarding not only their content, but also their appearance.

AGE INAPPROPRIATE VIDEOS

There is content available for all ages, meaning that some content will not be appropriate for your child. If you think that content is unsuitable, there is a flagging feature to submit it for review by YouTube staff, but you will need to be aware that just because video is not appropriate for a younger audience, it may not violate YouTube's policies. YouTube has mechanisms in place to automatically remove explicit and harmful content, yet offensive content may still slip through.

DANGEROUS VIDEOS

On YouTube, 'challenge videos' are shared quickly and can be very dangerous. One person may post a video of themselves doing something unusual like eating a hot chilli or jumping in a river, the video goes viral and everyone wants to join in and share their videos.

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The legal age for a YouTube Channel

You Tube



Top Tips for Parents

TURN ON 'RESTRICTED' MODE

'Restricted Mode' is an optional setting you can use to help screen out potentially mature content you may prefer your child not to see. Restricted Mode works on the browser or device level, so must be turned on for each browser or device your child uses. To do this, follow these steps:

- Desktop:
- Go to the bottom of any YouTube page and switch 'Restricted Mode' to 'ON.'
 - To make it more difficult for this to be turned off, you will be given the option to lock restricted mode onto your browser.
- Mobile:
- Tap the three vertical dots at the top-right on the screen and press, 'Settings.'
 - Click on 'Restricted mode filtering.'
 - Press 'Restrict.' You will need to turn this on each time your child uses it.

MONITOR WHAT YOUR CHILD IS WATCHING/POSTING

The only way to truly know what your child may have been watching is to regularly monitor them. You can do this by checking their viewing history. Show them how to set their videos to private or choose a small network of YouTubers to share with. To get started, your child can use YouTube Studio which offers learning modules on creating a YouTube channel; however, you should encourage them not to use their real name.

BLOCKING ACCOUNTS

If somebody's giving your child a difficult time, here's how to block them and prevent future comments and replies:

- Go to their channel/account by clicking on their name.
- Click on 'About.'
- Tap the dropdown box with an image of a flag on it.
- Press 'Block user.'
- Tap 'Submit.'

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