

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

Newsletter 20<sup>th</sup> September 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 put others first. Our stars of the week will be the children who have been spotted following the mission.



**Scripture of the week** - If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all. Mark 9:35

### Stars of the Week

Rec- Allie Mae  
Year 1- Sofia  
Year 2- Ranuja  
Year 3- Mia  
Year 4- Alicia  
Year 5- Dolly  
Year 6- Elizabeth

### Punctuality and Attendance Weekly

Reception- 99%  
Year 1- 86%  
Year 2- 96%  
Year 3 - 96%  
Year 4- 98%  
Year 5- 96%  
Year 6- 94%  
Whole school Sept- 95%  
**Be in the line for quarter to nine!!**

### Welcome to Reception Class

Welcome to all our new children in Reception and to their parents and carers. They have been settling into our school family very well.

### Attendance Matters

We have been really pleased with the good start we have had regarding children's attendance, and in particular their punctuality this week. Thank you to parents and carers for your support. Congratulations to **Year REC** for the best attendance.

As you are aware, we are not allowed to authorise absences in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please remember the following change has been introduced by the DFE and will now apply to our school:

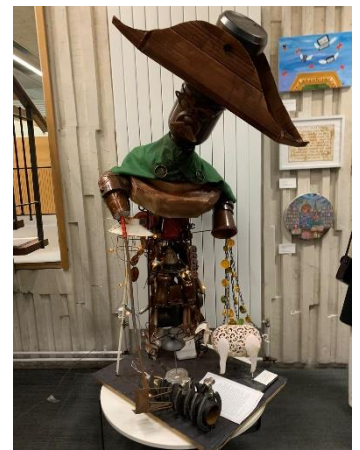
- 1) Registers now close at 9.15am.
- 2) The threshold for use of Penalty Notices is changing so this means that 10 lates after the register closes at 9.15am could result in a penalty notice. So even more reason to be in the line at quarter to nine.

Please come and talk to a staff member if you are finding getting your child to school hard. We are here to help you.

### Winning sculpture

Last Friday, Mrs Hodder and Mrs Holt were lucky enough to go to Lancaster university library to the opening of an exhibition organised by Lela Harris. Last year's Year 6 built a sculpture as part of their History and Art work on Slavery in Lancaster.

The sculpture is amazing and won first prize. It is free to go and see so why not go up to the Library and see Lord McScruffy. Well done to Year 6, Mr Hodder and Mrs Copey for all their work.



### Year Five lead Wednesday Afternoon Celebration of the Word

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

### **Macmillan coffee afternoon**

Next Friday we are asking for donations of cakes for our annual Macmillan Coffee afternoon. One donation per family is great. The cakes will be sold at break time and at the Coffee afternoon at 2.15pm in the school hall. Please send in a donation with a maximum of 40p per child. All welcome to come and join us in the school hall to raise money for Macmillan. Refreshments will also be provided and a raffle.



### **Flu Vaccine**

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of Flu. There may be a rebound in Flu levels this coming winter following low levels in the past 2 years. The vaccination is free and is a quick, simple, painless spray up the nose.

#### **Please complete the online consent form.**

If you DO NOT wish your child to be vaccinated for whatever reason please complete the form stating NO and the reasons.

[www.bthimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu](http://www.bthimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu)

Enter the unique school code with BP in capital letters

**The code for your school is: BP119621**

### **School Admissions 2025**

Lancashire County Council's school admissions for children starting primary school or moving to secondary school in September 2025 is now open. If your child is in their last year of pre-school/nursery, or in Year 6, please apply for their school place at: [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://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.

The national closing dates for applications are:

- Thursday 31st October 2024 for secondary applicants
- Wednesday 15th January 2025 for primary applicants

### **Drinks in School**

In the interest of good dental care, we follow LCC's guidance in not allowing fruit juices, including fruit cordials or flavoured water to be drunk throughout the day in school. Each class has their own arrangements for water bottles to ensure that children stay hydrated. Please ensure children have a water bottle filled with fresh water each day to support us with this. Packed lunch drinks bottles are up to parents but we really do advise to keep to water for the benefit of the children's teeth.

### **First Holy Communion for Pupils in Year 4 and above**

During the coming year, a First Holy Communion preparation course will run in the parish for children in Years 4 and above. If you would like your child to receive their First Holy Communion next June, please register your interest at:

<https://forms.office.com/e/wuVNjbemWY>

Alternatively, ask Mrs Dickinson for a form or there is also a QR code :

Sacramental Programmes 2024-25



### **Year 5/6 Lego Coding Workshop**

On Wednesday next week, children in Years 5 and 6 will enjoy a Lego Coding workshop led by a specialist in this subject who will visit our school for the day.

Reflection on the Gospel

Please find reflections and activities on the coming Sunday's Gospel on the link below – you may wish to share it with your child(ren): <https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/serving?pid=MTA101634&v=148.2> .

### **Diary dates**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September – Girls football competition in the afternoon

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September – Year 5 celebration of the word – Year 5 parents welcome

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September - Cake sale for Macmillan charity.

Macmillan coffee afternoon 2.15pm in the hall.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September – Little way week

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Parent reading meeting. ALL parents in Reception, Year 1 and 2 need to attend. 9am, 3.15pm or 5pm

Celebration of the word for Year 4. All Year 4 parents welcome.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Flu vaccines. Sign up online using QR code.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Individual photo day

Wheel chair basketball

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Reception to Williamson Park

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Year 4 to Leighton Hall.

Start of Black History week

Opening evening for prospective Reception parents 2024-2025

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest celebration in the Cathedral 2pm. All welcome

Choir singing at National Diocese celebration 5.30pm at Lancaster university

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 5-7pm Parents evening

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 3.30-5pm Parents evening

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Reception stay and play 2pm. All reception parents welcome.

Finish for half term



**M.A.T.C.H**  
**Men And Their Children**

Calling all Dads, Grandads, Uncles and Male Carers  
Starting October 2024, every first and third  
Saturday of the month 10am-12pm  
Join us for a hot breakfast, activities and  
games. Suitable from birth to 11 years  
Morecambe Central Family Hub (Morecambe Library), LA4 5DL

Free to attend

We look forward to seeing you



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