



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

Newsletter 20<sup>th</sup> 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 after half term week is for children to show love to others. Our stars of the week will be the children who have been spotted following the mission.

Scripture of the week: You must love the Lord your God... You must love your neighbour as yourself. Matthew 22: 39

### Stars of the Week

Rec- Rosa  
Year 1- Freddie  
Year 2- Fair  
Year 3- Dexter  
Year 4- Ezra  
Year 5- Naomi  
Year 6- Igor

### Punctuality and Attendance

Reception- 84%  
Year 1-96%  
Year 2- 93%  
Year 3- 94%  
Year 4- 94%  
Year 5- 96%  
Year 6- 92%  
Whole school- 95%

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

### Absences

If your child is not well please make sure you inform school. We have lots of ways of doing this: you need to ring the school office, leave an answerphone message, report it on Parent App or email.

It is vital we have a reason why your child is off sick. If we do not get a reason it will be a unauthorised absence.

If your child has had sickness and diarrhoea your child should be off 48 hours from the last episode. This is to prevent illness spreading. Thank you for your help in this.

### Headlice

We have had number of cases of head lice please can you check your child's hair and help us by treating them if you see live ones. If there are only eggs use conditioner to comb out the eggs as the lotion will only help with live ones.

### Black History

All school have taken the theme of 'Saluting our Sisters' which highlights the crucial role that black women have played in shaping history, inspiring change, and building communities. Each class has looked at a different woman who has made remarkable contributions to literature, music, fashion, sport, business, politics, academia, social and health care. It has been great to hear and see the wonderful discussion and work that has come from this. Here's a list of who has been learnt about: Reception – Ruby Bridges

Year 1 – Rosa Parks

Year 2- Mae Jennison

Year 3 – Harriet Tubman

Year 4 – Alma Thomas

Year 5-Nichelle Nicols

Year 6 – Bessei Coleman.

Ask your child which woman they have found out about and see if they can remember and facts about them.



### All Saints Feast Day on Wednesday 1st November – Mass in the Cathedral at 12:15pm

Children in Key Stage 2 will join the Parish for Mass in the Cathedral to celebrate the feast of All Saints on Wednesday 1st November at 12:15pm. You are all welcome to join us.

## 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](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. 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.

## Year 2 Alien Day

Today year 2 have dressed as aliens to conclude this terms learning about 'Space'. The children have learned a lot of facts and information about the first moon landing and Neil Armstrong. This week we have been using our imagination to invent alien characters and describe them in our writing. Don't they look fantastic!?



## Year 4 Visit

Year 4 spent a beautiful Autumn day in the lovely surroundings of Leighton Hall this week. They spent time learning about how important bees are and the process of pollination, then they spent time in the gardens exploring what was grown. They had a go at making our own 'bees', mini bug hotels and wild flower 'bombs' to plant in the spring.

The afternoon was spent in the orchard learning about apples and doing lots of 'apple-y' things! They designed our own, collected windfalls, chopped them up and bashed them up with a mallet. These were then put into a press and squeezed to collect juice for us to drink. They even roasted apple pieces that had been dipped in sugar - so delicious!



## 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 6<sup>th</sup> November.

Bookings for these clubs are now open with a few spaces left.

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.

## Diary Dates

### **SCHOOL REOPENS ON MONDAY 30<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER AT 8.35am**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Mass in the Cathedral at 12.15pm

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

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November Year 6 Bikeability

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Christmas card orders in

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November – PTA fancy dress disco

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Pre- loved uniform in the school hall.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Bedtime story evening in school

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Home clothes in exchange for chocolate.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Christ the King mass – all children welcome

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Home clothes in exchange for a bottle

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas fair 5pm

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