



The Cathedral Catholic Primary School, Lancaster, LA1 3BT

Newsletter 22nd September 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 show they are thankful. Our stars of the week will be the children who have been spotted following the mission.

Scripture of the week: Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts. Isaiah 55: 9

Stars of the Week

Rec- Sofia
Year 1- Amelia
Year 2- Trinity
Year 3- Asher
Year 4- Layla
Year 5- Evie
Year 6- Poppy

Punctuality and Attendance

Reception-91%
Year 1-99%
Year 2- 91%
Year 3- 99%
Year 4- 97%
Year 5- 94%
Year 6- 94%
Whole school- 96.2%

Be in the line for quarter to nine!!

Year 6 lead Wednesday afternoon Prayer and Liturgy

Parents and carers of children in Year 6 are invited to join us at 3:00pm in the school hall for our whole school prayer and liturgy which Year 6 will lead on Wednesday afternoon. We hope to see you there.

Secondary school admissions

If your child is in Year 6, you can 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.

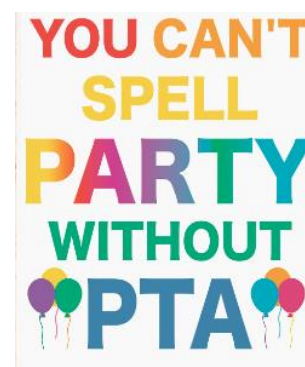
The closing date for secondary applications for September 2024 is 23:59 on 31st October 2023.

PTA launch party – October 10th 3.30pm FREE

Who can turn down a free party? Come and enjoy a glass of wine and cheese and a chat with friends from school. There will also be tea and coffee available.

The PTA has been working hard behind the scenes and they would like to share with you where the money has been spent and how it is helping your child.

Free raffle for everyone with many prizes including vouchers and wines.



Parent App

Please ensure you have Parent App on your device. If you have not downloaded it please do so as we won't be sending paper copies of letters out except in exceptional circumstances. This is to try and become more sustainable but also the cost of paper has doubled and is continuing to increase. If you have any problems please contact the support page via the app.

Macmillan Coffee afternoon

School councillors will be running their first event on Friday 29th October 2-3pm in school hall. Raffle and refreshments will be available. Donations for raffle prizes, cakes and biscuits can be sent in the morning please. All donations will go towards Macmillan cancer care.



School councillors

As part of British values work, we have voted for our school councillors. The school council help in school with events and give children a voice. The councillors are each class' spoke person and they meet regularly to talk about what they would like to do in school

This year they are:

Year 3-Eva and Onno

Year4-Eze and Alex

Year5- Naomi and Elias

Year 6 –Igor, Roy, Jennifer and Asia

Diary dates

Tuesday 26th September – Girls football at Morecambe and Lancaster College 12.30-3.30pm

Wednesday 27th September – wheelchair basketball in school for each class

Year 6 prayer and liturgy – Parents welcome eat 3pm

Thursday 28th September – Reception visit to Williamson Park

Friday 29th September – Macmillan Coffee afternoon 2pm

Monday 2nd October – little way week

Tuesday 3rd October – Shelter and fire building in Year 3 and 6

Wednesday 4th October – Year 5 Prayer and Liturgy 3pm

Friday 6th October – Year 5 Viking workshop

Tuesday 10th October – School photos for individuals and siblings

2pm - Harvest celebration in the cathedral. All welcome.

Wednesday 11th October – Year 6 to Blackpool zoo

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

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 all school

HALF TERM

Family Hubs

You are all welcome to join in with this event. The hubs are there to help all parents and carers. These are welcoming places for all. Please do pop along to Lune Park if you have chance.

Online Safety

LUNE PARK
**FAMILY
HUB**
LANCASTER



You are invited!

Lune Park Family Hub opens on Wednesday 27th September!

Drop in anytime from 10am-6pm to find out more about what's on offer at our Family Hub, and join in with some family friendly activities.

Welcome speeches from 11am.

Owen Road,
Lancaster, LA1 2LN.

Drinks and
nibbles will be
provided!



As part of our online safety work we are going to be publishing some advice around some apps, games and websites to help you make informed decisions.



WhatsApp



WhatsApp is one of the most popular messaging apps in the world, with more than 1.5 billion people in more than 180 countries using it to send and receive text, photos, videos and documents, as well as make voice and video calls through an Internet or Wi-Fi connection. The free app offers end-to-end encryption, which means that messages can only be read by the sender and the recipient in one-to-one chats, or all members if it is a group chat. Not even WhatsApp can read them.

AGE LIMIT CHANGE

Since May 2018, the minimum age for using WhatsApp is 16 years old in the UK. Prior to this, the minimum age was 13, which still applies for the rest of the world. WhatsApp could take action against anyone aged between 13 and 16 who already hold accounts under the old terms and conditions, such as closing their account or seeking parental permission.



CYBERBULLYING

Cyberbullying is the act of sending threatening or taunting text messages, voice messages, pictures and videos, with the aim to hurt and humiliate the receiver. The group chat and group video call features are great for multiple people to chat simultaneously, but there is the potential for people to hurt others with their comments or jokes.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

If your child has shared their mobile number with some- body online that they don't know, they can use it to get in touch via WhatsApp.

LIVE LOCATION SHARING

If your child is in a group chat with people they do not know, they will be exposing their location.

16+ The legal age for WhatsApp



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Top Tips for Parents

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though somebody would need your child's phone number to add them as a contact, as an extra security measure we suggest altering their profile settings to control who can see their profile photo and status. The options to choose from are 'Everyone,' 'My Contacts' and 'Nobody.' You may want to consider selecting 'My Contacts' or 'Nobody' to ensure their profile is protected.

LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is part of a group chat that makes them feel uncomfortable or has been added to a group they don't want to be part of, use the group's settings to show them how to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once, if they leave again, they cannot be added again.



EXPLAIN HOW TO BLOCK PEOPLE

If your child has received spam or offensive messages, calls or attachments from a contact, they should block them. Messages and status updates sent by a blocked contact will not show up on the phone and will stay undelivered. Blocking someone will not remove this contact from the contact list – they will need to be removed from the phone's address book. To block a contact, your child needs to open the person's chat stream and tap on the settings.

USING LIVE LOCATION SAFELY

If your child needs to use the 'Live Location' feature to share with you or a friend, advise them to only share it for the amount of time they need to.

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