

The Cathedral Catholic Primary School, Lancaster, LA1 3BT

Newsletter 23th February 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 share God's blessings with others this Lent. Our stars of the week will be the children who have been spotted following the mission.

Scripture of the week: I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Genesis 22:17

Stars of the Week

Rec- Nandi
Year 1- Eddie
Year 2- Connor
Year 3- Alicia
Year 4- Alfie James
Year 5- Julia
Year 6- Szymon

Punctuality and Attendance

Reception- 94%
Year 1-98%
Year 2- 97%
Year 3-91%
Year 4- 96%
Year 5- 95%
Year 6- 88%
Whole school-94.5%

Be in the line for quarter to nine!!

School Shoes

Please ensure your child/children have the correct shoes for school.

We will be reminding children about this. Boots, trainers or walking style shoes are not allowed.

Shoes and Trainers Allowed



- ✓ Plain black leather shoes or trainers with black soles and no visible logos or detail.
- ✓ Velcro fastenings needed for children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 and those who struggle with laces.

Year 2 lead Wednesday Afternoon Celebration of the Word

Parents and carers of children in Year 2 are invited to join us at 3:00pm in the school hall for our whole school time of prayer which Year 2 Class will lead on Wednesday afternoon. We hope to see you there.

Lent – CAFOD Fundraising

A letter was sent out earlier this week which outlined the following activities that our St Francis of Assisi group will lead during Lent to raise money for CAFOD:

Week beginning 4th March – Big Lent Walk : As a school, we will aim to walk over 200km. Please sponsor your child £1 for their 1km walk. If every child is sponsored £1, we will raise over £200!

Friday 22nd March – Brighten Up Spring Day : For a donation of £1, everyone is invited to wear their own brightly coloured clothes to celebrate the start of Spring.



Monday 18th – Tuesday 26th March – Buy tickets for our Easter Egg Raffle. The Easter Egg Raffle will take place on Wednesday 27th March. Raffle tickets will be on sale in classes for £1 per ticket.

Year 5 Residential Visit to Borwick Hall

All outstanding money for our visit to Borwick Hall is due to be paid by Friday 1st March. Thank you.

Lent Sacrament of Reconciliation in Years 5 and 6

On Tuesday afternoon next week, Father Steve will talk to Years 5 and 6 about how we can turn back to God during Lent. He will help to prepare those children who have already made their First Holy Communion to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation the following week.

Advanced Warning – World Book day March 7th

This year we are celebrating world book day a bit differently and asking you to bring a potato decorated as a book character. Please do not worry about costumes this year we are not dressing up.

We will give you some ideas and more information soon.

Parents Evening

This year parents evening will be Tuesday 19th March 5-7pm and Wednesday 20th March 3.30-5pm. Please book an appointment via Parent App to speak to your child's Teacher.

Bookings will open on Friday 1st March.

Diary Dates For The Spring 1

Tuesday 27th February – Reconciliation for Year 5 and 6

Wednesday 28th February – Year 2 celebration of the word.

Thursday 29th February – Reception visit to Grange over Sands

Monday 4th- 8th March – Big Lent walk week – more details to follow

Wednesday 6th March – year 1 celebration of the word.

Liverpool residential parent meeting at 5pm.

Thursday 7th March - world book day – Decorate a potato competition.

Friday March 8th – Mother's day afternoon tea at 2.15pm

Monday 11th March – Borwick week for year 5

Wednesday 13th March – Reception celebration of the word

Monday 18th March – Year 2 performing at the Town Hall for Lancaster Music festival. More details to follow

Tuesday 19th March – Parents evening 5- 7pm

Wednesday 20th March – Parents evening 3.30-5pm

Year 4 performing at the Town Hall for Lancaster Music festival. More details to follow.

Book Fair will be in school 18th-22nd March 3.15-3.45pm



Instagram



Instagram is an image and video sharing app that allows users to share moments with the world. The app has a live streaming feature. To make their content more 'searchable,' users can include hashtags in their uploads to make them easier to find.

LIVE STREAMING TO STRANGERS

The live stream feature on Instagram allows users to connect with their friends and followers in real-time. Followers can comment on the video during the broadcast (which can be turned off in the settings). If your child has a private account, only their approved followers can see their story. It is important to note that they still may have followers that they do not know, which means they could be live streaming to strangers. A public account allows anybody to view their story. An additional risk with live streams is that your child may do something that they regret. This could be captured by a viewer taking a screenshot and then shared around the Internet.

DAMAGE TO CONFIDENCE, BODY IMAGE & MENTAL HEALTH

When people use -filters on their photos on Instagram, it can set unrealistic expectations and create feelings of inadequacy and low self-esteem in children. Children may strive for a comparable number of 'likes' to an unrealistically edited image. This runs the risk of drastically lowering your child's confidence or sense of self-worth.



PHOTO / VIDEO SHARING

A photo which includes landmarks in the area, their school uniform, street name, house and even tagging in the location of the photo uploaded to Instagram can expose the child's location, making it easy to locate them. If their account is not set to private, anyone can access their account and see their location.

13+ The legal age for Instagram



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Top Tips for Parents

RESTRICT MESSAGES

If your child's account is not set to private, anybody can message them and reply to their stories. If they do wish to keep their account public, change the message reply settings to restrict who can message them.

USE A PRIVATE ACCOUNT

By default, any image or video your child uploads to Instagram is visible to anyone. A private account means that you have to approve a request if somebody wants to follow you and only people you approve will see your posts and videos.



FILTER INAPPROPRIATE COMMENTS

Instagram have an 'anti-bullying' -filter on the app. This new -filter hides comments relating to a person's appearance or character, as well as threats to a person's wellbeing or health. The -filter will also alert Instagram to repeated problems so they can take action against the user if necessary.

TURN OFF SHARING

Even though this feature will not stop people from taking screenshots, it will stop others being able to directly share photos and videos from a story as a message to another user. This feature can be turned off in the settings. Consider turning off the feature which automatically shares photos and videos from a story to a Facebook account.

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