



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

### Newsletter 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

#### **A big thank you**

I would just like to say a HUGE thank you to all parents and carers for this half term. This has been the most challenging half term that I have ever experienced in school but your support and understanding has helped us immensely. I know new routines and procedures are difficult to accept but thank you for your compliance. The children have been a credit to you all taking new routines in their stride and working and playing hard. We are incredibly lucky as we have managed to keep all bubbles open. The staff have worked tirelessly to ensure your children have been safe and happy and I thank them for being such an incredible team. We all wish you a happy and healthy half term. God Bless.

Mrs Holt

#### **Mission**

Each Monday we share our mission of the week in our whole school assembly. This week we are looking for children who respond to God's invitation by finding ordinary ways to live a loving life. Our stars of the week will be the children who have been spotted following the mission. Our mission is to show are love for God in lots of ways. Our Key Scripture

"You must love the Lord your God ...You must love your neighbour as yourself." Matthew 22: 34 – 40



#### **Positive Cases of COVID**

During **half term** if you get a **positive case of COVID** please ring the **School Health Support Team call line on 01772 531555** so that they can report directly to us the date /name/ school of confirmed cases. If preferred, you can also email details to the Covid19 Education inbox using the link below: [COVID19Educationquestions@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:COVID19Educationquestions@lancashire.gov.uk) This is vital so school knows who to contact and if we have to close bubbles.

#### **One Million Children Praying the Rosary**

On Monday, our Key Stage 2 children took part in Aid to the Church in Need's Campaign, "One Million Children Praying the Rosary". We all joined with other children throughout the world, praying one decade of the Rosary for unity and peace in the World.

#### **Stars of the Week**

Rec – Asher  
Year 1 – Ghina  
Year 2 – Jacob  
Year 3 - Chloe  
Year 4 - Shana  
Year 5 – Aisha  
Year 6 – Darren

#### **Punctuality and Attendance**

Reception- 100%  
Year 1- 96.0%  
Year 2- 94.4%  
Year 3- 95.7%  
Year 4- 100%  
Year 5- 94.6%  
Year 6- 94.6%  
Whole school- 96.8%

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

**Pre**

#### **loved uniform**

The PTA have very kindly set up a website for preloved uniform that is washed and packaged with sizes. You can pay by cash or by contactless payment at <https://uniforformerly.co.uk/search-listings/?q&c=11598>

All you need to do is register in order to contact the PTA (the seller) or you can either message via the Facebook site or email me direct – [christine-mitchell@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:christine-mitchell@hotmail.co.uk). This is a great way to support the PTA and get yourself some very reasonably priced uniform.

If you have any pre loved uniform you can drop it off at school and this will be added to the website.

### **Primary and Secondary admissions.**

Online applications for Reception Class and Year 7 Admissions 2021 are now open on [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools). Supplementary Faith Request Forms for our school will also need completing – Reception Class Supplementary Form to be returned to school. The closing date for returning forms for Reception is 15th January 2021 and High School is 31st October 2020. **Please check Our Lady's website for a supplementary form that must be filled in when applying.**

### **National Poetry day**

Today we have celebrated National Poetry Day by all classes performing a poem. Please go to your child's class page on the website to see their performances. They are amazing and will make you smile.

### **British Royal legion poppy appeal.**

As usual we will be selling poppies and other stationery to raise money for the Poppy appeal. Poppies are 20p. Stationery is priced individually up to a £1. These will be on sale at play times.

### **Snacks**

We have noticed an increased amount of snacks coming into school. All Reception and Key Stage 1 children receive free fruit at morning playtime as part of the government scheme and should not bring any additional snack in. Key Stage 2 children can bring in a healthy snack i.e. fruit or a cereal bar.

### **School photos**

On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November children will be having their school photo take, This will only be individuals not siblings due to keeping bubbles separate. Please ensure that children are wearing the correct uniform.

### **Half term dates**

We return on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 8.35am. We look forward to seeing you all then.

### **Finally, our Chair of Governors, Claire Nolan Barnes has written a letter to you all.**

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that this letter finds you and your families safe and well.

It goes without saying that this year has been the most extraordinary year, testing the patience and resilience of each and every one of us. As a Catholic school putting Christ at the centre of everything we do has helped us to continue through this half term and our wonderful school family have had the resilience to face all the changes that we have had to cope with both within school and in family life.

I would like to thank each and every person connected to the Cathedral Catholic Primary School for your patience during these times especially as the school needed to plan and adjust to accommodate the children.

I would like to thank all the staff, teachers, teaching assistants and of course our wonderful Mrs Holt for the work they do to always put your children at the core of everything they do.

This last term we introduced 28 new children into Reception, unfortunately I have not been able to introduce myself to many of the new parents but you are all in my thoughts and prayers and I am sure you will know by now that the Cathedral was the right choice for your child and we will continue to support all families through these difficult times. I hope there will be opportunities in the not too distant future to meet parents again in person.

In the meantime if you require any assistance or want to discuss any matters of concern, the Governing Body are here to help so please do not hesitate to contact us.

May I wish you and your families a peaceful and safe half term break and hope the children return rested and ready for an exciting Christmas Term.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Nolan Barnes



