

The Cathedral Catholic Primary School, Lancaster, LA1 3BT

Newsletter 26th April 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 show love and kindness towards someone in our school this week. Our stars of the week will be the children who have been spotted following the mission.



Scripture of the week

Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty." John 15:5

Stars of the Week

Rec- Hrithika
Year 1- Ewan
Year 2- Malik
Year 3- Ganesh
Year 4- Bonnie
Year 5- Eva
Year 6- Sylvester

Punctuality and Attendance

Reception- 94.1%
Year 1-88%
Year 2- 95%
Year 3-95%
Year 4- 96%
Year 5- 91%
Year 6- 93%
Whole school-94.1%
Be in the line for quarter to nine!!

Punctuality

The back gates are open till 8.50am. Please use this entrance rather than dropping off at the front office. If the office staff ask you to walk round please do as it is really very busy in school at the start of the day. We really do need your cooperation to ensure that children are using the correct entrance. Learning time starts immediately and just five minutes late means children are missing out.

School Disco

Thank you very much for all the children who came to dance the night away. They had a great time and thank you to all the volunteers who made this event happen and raised money for our school.

Mass of Thanksgiving for Father Steve – Wednesday 15th May at 2:00pm in the Cathedral

Please join us for this whole school Mass with Father Steve before he moves on - it would be wonderful if we could fill the Cathedral to show our appreciation of all that Father Steve has done for our school and parish.

Year 4 lead Wednesday Afternoon Celebration of the Word

Parents and carers of children in Year 4 are invited to join us at 3:00pm in the school hall for our whole school time of prayer which Year 4 will lead on Wednesday afternoon. We hope to see you there.

Year 5 Visit to the Martyrs' Memorial Stone

On Tuesday 30th April, Year 5 will walk up to the Martyrs' Memorial Stone, near Williamson Park, where they will take part in a short time of prayer to remember those people of Lancashire who died because of their faith.

Preloved uniform

The PTA are asking for any donations of preloved uniform especially dresses, skirts and embroidered school badge items. Please send into school. There will be a pre-loved uniform sale at the art exhibition on May 22nd and 23rd in the school hall. The uniform is a great price e.g. skirts are £5 rather than £17 new.

Earrings

Children can wear a small set of studs for school. These will need to be removed for PE days due to Health and Safety and Lancashire policy for PE.

Summer uniform

Now it is Summer children can wear summer dresses and black shorts for Summer Term. Please do still send coats in as we go out to play rain or shine.

TikTok



TikTok is a global video community where users create, share and discover 'funny and memorable moments' via short video clips – typically about 15 seconds long. Videos can be 'spiced up' with special effect filters, stickers, music and sound clips.

Currently one of the world's most popular apps, TikTok was formerly known as Musical.ly. If your child had previously had a Musical.ly account, all of their videos and personal settings will have automatically been moved to TikTok.

BEING INFLUENCED

More than one third of children aged 6-17 consider 'social media stars' to be among their top role models. There are millions of creators on TikTok, showcasing their 'talents', from singing to dancing to stunts and comedy skits, which receive thousands of likes and comments. There is the danger that children may develop unrealistic expectations of how they should look and behave on the app in order to become the next 'star'. They may have feelings of inadequacy and low self-esteem or become swayed by certain opinions.

DANGEROUS TRENDS & CHALLENGES

On TikTok, there are always 'trending challenges' and hashtags that users can copy or build upon, and sometimes, these challenges can pose risks to young people.

STRANGERS CAN FOLLOW YOUR CHILDREN

If your child's profile is open, strangers can use the app to comment on your child's videos. While this isn't always sinister, it gives potential predators the ability to contact your child through the platform.

ANYONE CAN SEE YOUR CHILD'S CREATIONS

Videos can get in the wrong hands and cause embarrassment in the future. If posted publicly, anyone in the world can see your child's homemade music video and potentially cause bullying within personal friendship groups or even online.



13+ The legal age for Tik Tok

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Top Tips for Parents

TALK ABOUT THE PITFALLS OF OVERSHARING

Encourage your kids to always think before they do, say, like or post anything online, explaining that their 'digital footprint' can shape the way that other people see them.

Something they may find funny and entertaining now may impact them in the future. Talk about how to deal with peer pressure and how doing something they think will impress others could affect them.

SIGNING UP WITH THE CORRECT AGE

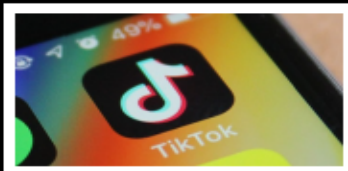
When signing up to TikTok, you are prompted to input your birth date. If your child inputs their age as 'under 13', the app will not allow them to sign up and will be locked for 24 hours. The app is intended for users aged 13+, so explain that the rating is there for a reason; to keep them protected from online dangers. It is actually possible to watch TikTok videos without even creating an account, so it's important to check if your underage child has downloaded the app to their devices.

AVOID IDENTIFIABLE OBJECTS

To ensure that there's no way of anyone tracking your child's location or identity, make it clear to them that they should never film a video in their school uniform or near a landmark that gives away where they live.

SET THE ACCOUNT TO PRIVATE

This means that only people who you and your child approve of can see their creations. To make an account private, tap the three dots at the top right of the screen to access settings. Click 'Privacy and Safety'. Scroll down until you find 'Private Account' and turn this setting on.



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Diary Dates for Summer 1

Thursday 2nd May Session 3 Positive parenting.

Monday 6th May – BANK HOLIDAY school closed

Friday 10th May – Reception Fairy tale dress up

Reception stay and play 2pm

11th May – KS2 SAT week – all Year 6 children need to be in every day please.

15th May – Mass for Father Steve 2pm in The Cathedral Primary School

16th May Reception visit to Lancaster Castle

May 22nd and 23rd – Art exhibition and Preloved uniform sale

Friday 24th May – Sports day at Uni of Cumbria then school closes for May half term 3:15pm

Monday 3rd June – School reopens at 8.35am

Friday 14th June – Father's day in school celebration

Wednesday 19th June – Cultural food night

Event Invitation (Schools): 5km Powder Paint Fun

We would like to formally invite your school pupils to the University of Cumbria's 5km Powder Paint Fun Run!

Date: Wednesday 8th May 2024

Time: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

(Please note: Arrival time is at 5:00 PM, races begin at 5:30 PM)

Location: University of Cumbria Sports Complex, Lancaster

Entry: FREE

Get ready to dash through clouds of vibrant colour as you run, jog, or walk your way through our scenic course on the university's campus. The event promises laughter, camaraderie, and an unforgettable adventure for participants of all ages and fitness levels as we aim to raise money for St John's Hospice who provide palliative care to patients within Lancashire and South Lakes. We want to provide a fun experience children and families within the local community with opportunities to take part in Olympic-themed activities such as boccia, archery and more...

We can't wait to see you there.

Kind regards,

The University of Cumbria 5km Powder Paint Fun Run Event Team

