



School Newsletter

With Christ we live, we love, we learn and we grow

02.05.23

Dear parents and carers,

This was a short but packed week in school for the children and it culminated in a right royal celebration!

School Coronation Day - Friday 5th May 2023

Today, school held its own **Coronation Day** to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. To set the mood for the coronation, the school and its classrooms were decorated with bunting, streamers, balloons and banners. The Union flag was flown on the school's new flagpole, temporarily replacing our Eco-Schools flag.

The children came into school dressed in red, white and blue colours, wearing on their heads the magnificent crowns that they had designed at home. They got the chance to parade, class-by-class in front of the whole school. Eight lucky children received prizes for their excellent crown designs. *Design-a-crown competition winners: Rory D, Ralphie, Willow, Mickey, Veronica, William, Tilly and Oliver H.*

During the day, they took part in various coronation-themed activities including arts and crafts, biscuit designing, quizzes and learning about King Charles III.

No celebration is complete without food; our school kitchen staff prepared tasty 'street party' meals for the children to enjoy at lunchtime.

This was a great way for the children to learn in a fun and engaging way about the monarchy and their shared history and culture. And, of course, it was a chance to dress up, get creative and celebrate together.



Year 5 class

Reception and Nursery educational visits Wednesday 3rd May

The children in nursery and reception enjoyed their trips out of school on Wednesday: the nursery class had a day at Smithill's Farm in Bolton and the reception class paid a visit to Blackpool Zoo. The children had a wonderful time and were praised by the staff for the way their excellent behaviour.

Thank you to the staff for taking them and to the volunteers who came with us. Thank you also to the PTFA who allow us to use its funds to part subsidise our trips out of school.

The Wednesday Word

The Primary School Wednesday Word is an outreach, which shares Sunday's Gospel with all school families, in a unique way. This is a weekly Gospel 'gift' from the school to the child to take home, which then becomes a 'gift' from the child to the whole family.



It is downloadable from the school website here. [Wednesday Word | St. Mary's Catholic Primary School & Nursery chorleystmarys.lancs.sch.uk](https://www.stmarysprimary.co.uk/parents-and-carers/the-wednesday-word/)

Lancashire Music Service's Jazz Day 2023, 13th May

Please see below a message and information about Lancashire Music Service's Jazz Day 2023.

Dear colleagues,

I hope this finds you well. After the success of all of our instrument days this year we culminate next month with the fantastic Jazz Day 2023!

This was a massive success last year with young people from across the county joining workshops that feature members of our big bands and Street Band as well as small band classes and work on improvisation.

<https://www.lancashiremusichub.co.uk/site/events/jazz-day-2023/>



We really appreciate all the support in making sure as many young people as possible attend our instrument days! Please advise schools, pupils and private teaching colleagues of the day! We hope to make this year the best year ever!

Volunteer Readers at Church

Kinga Grzeczynska, St Mary's Parish Administrator, has asked me to ask you if there any parents or members of our school community who would like to read at the 10 am Mass at St Mary's. Please contact Kinga at the parish office – see parish newsletter for contact details.

Sacramental Class Parents/ Carers Meeting

Thanks to Kinga Grzeczynska, Mr Riley and to the parents/ carers of children in Y4 at St Mary's and St Joseph's, Withnell, for their attendance at this week's meeting. Kinga shared final details of the arrangements for the upcoming First Holy Communion Mass at St Mary's Church in just over five weeks' time, on Sunday 11th June.

SVP Chorley Buddies

The Chorley Buddies are doing some fantastic work around Chorley, I have been sent some information about the Good Food Clubs they are running around the Chorley area. If you or you know anyone who might benefit please contact them on the number below.






SVP Chorley Buddies Good Food Clubs


Over 2 million tonnes of good food goes to landfill EACH YEAR...

Join the club that helps divert that food from landfill!

For just £5 per week, you will receive at **least** £25 worth of food of your choice.

£10 lifetime membership.

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| Buttermere Community Centre Chorley Runs every Thursday from 10:30am | St John the Divine Parish Hall Coppull Runs every Wednesday from 10:30am Breakfast club 9-10am | St Joseph's Parish Centre Thornhill Runs every Tuesday from 10:30am Breakfast club 9-10am | St Paul's Church Adlington Due to open Monday 17th April Will run every Monday from 10:30am Breakfast club 9-10am | Clayton Brook Village Hall Clayton-le-Woods Due to open Friday 5th May Will run every Friday from 10:30am |



SVP Chorley Buddies
We're Helping
01257 542 367

It's Mental - Family Wellbeing Festival - 24th June 2023

A letter from Tom Halstead, Community Engagement Officer, Chorley Borough Council

“The Family Wellbeing Festival is a large-scale event, targeting families of all ages. The aim is to get families spending time together outdoors, taking part in activities and workshops to help them understand how they can better manage their wellbeing, to prevent them needing intervention from health services in the future. We hope to bring together a range of businesses, organisations, clubs and charities to provide information to attendees and to host tasks and activities for the families to take part in as taster sessions, whilst promoting their services and sessions and any volunteering opportunities they may have.”

Early bird tickets currently available - <https://www.itsmental.co.uk/familywellbeingfestival>



Chorley & District Support for Ukraine

We have been contacted by the charity, Chorley & District Support for Ukraine to ask if we could share the details below of their ongoing appeals in support of the people of Ukraine.

Can you help?

As well as the ongoing need for:
Clothing, Shoes, Toiletries, Baby Products,
Blankets, Towels, Bedding, Food...

We are also collecting for:

"Soldier Appeal"

Razors, Tinned/Packet Soups, Wet Wipes,
Thermal Underwear, Socks, Heat Pads.

"Children Appeal"

Colouring Books, Pens, Crayons, Sweets.

"Medical Appeal"

Bandages, Plasters, Paracetamol,
Ibuprofen, Equipment, First Aid Kits.

"On Yer Bike for Ukraine"

Any bicycle of any condition.

You can find us at:

'Ukraine Unit', off Market Walk, Chorley,
Lancashire, PR7 1FD.

Wednesdays 2-4pm & Saturdays 10am-12



Please check Facebook in advance for
updates, new appeals, useful information, etc.



Thank you for your continued support.



Chorley, St Mary's Attendance League

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| CURRENT POSITION | CLASS | CURRENT % |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1st | RECEPTION | 97.22 |
| 2nd | YEAR 4 | 96.92 |
| 3rd | YEAR 3 | 96.63 |
| 4th | YEAR 6 | 96.56 |
| 5th | YEAR 5 | 96.15 |
| 6th | YEAR 2 | 96.12 |
| 7th | YEAR 1 | 95.78 |

No 100% attendance this week.

Free School Meals – Are you missing out?

Find out if you are eligible and find out how to apply – follow this link.

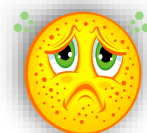
<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/?page=2>

Charity Ice Hockey Game Blackburn Arena 13.05.23

We have been asked to publicise a charity ice hockey game to raise money for mental health awareness. It's next Saturday at Blackburn Arena. Tickets are **£3 for Adults and £1 for under 16s**. Everything raised goes to charity. See flyer at the end of the newsletter.

Health & Safety Notices Sickness and/ or diarrhoea

If your child does become ill with **sickness or diarrhoea**, the guidance for schools from Public Health England gives a minimum recommended absence from school of **48 hours**. This is to limit the spread of the bug around school. Thank you.



STARS OF THE WEEK w/e 02.05.23

| Class | Name | Star of the Week for ... |
|-------|------------------------|---|
| YN | All of Nursery Class | fantasic behaviour on the trip to the farm and during our coronation celebrations. |
| YR | All of Reception class | superb behaviour on the trip to Blackpool Zoo |
| Y1 | Lucas | his beautiful solo singing and his enthusiastic participation in the Coronation song. |
| Y2 | George | such a sensible and hardworking attitude during our practice tests. |
| Y3 | Jacob W | always trying his best and being quietly efficient. |
| Y4 | Oscar | shining out in all areas. He has also worked hard on his times tables. |
| Y5 | George | a super piece of descriptive writing to set the scene. |
| Y6 | Niamh | massive improvement in her arithmetic scores |

Are you interested in training to become a primary school teacher? Visit the YSA website

www.yarrowteachingschoolalliance.co.uk

to find out more about what is on offer.

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YSA
Yarrow School
Alliance

New Year, new challenge
Train to teach with the best, to be the best!
Open events held on the first Tuesday of each month.
If you are interested in learning more about our School-based
Initial Teacher Training Programme, email
r.horne@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk for more information

PLANET ICE BLACKBURN

13TH
MAY 20
23



FACE OFF 5.30PM

ROB CRAIG MEMORIAL
ICE HOCKEY GAME



ANDY'S MAN CLUB
#ITSOKAYTOTALK



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RAISING AWARENESS FOR MENTAL HEALTH.