



# School Newsletter

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

07.10.22

Dear parents/ carers,

## Harvest 2022

Father Marsden came to celebrate Harvest Mass with us on Monday afternoon. The children sang beautifully (without musical accompaniment!) and read the readings and bidding prayers clearly. Fr Marsden brought a range of interesting food, including mung beans, to talk about with the children.



We reflected on what the harvest is, how fortunate we are to have such an abundance of food and the importance of our responsibility to help those in our community who are less fortunate.

Thank you everyone for your kind donations of food items. We received almost 50 bags full of mainly canned foods. We took them to the Living Waters/ Churches Together Storehouse in Chorley.

## CAFOD Brighten up the Harvest Appeal

**BRIGHTEN UP** Thank you also for your generous donations to the CAFOD *Brighten Up the Harvest Appeal*. The children looked great with their imaginative and bright accessories. I will try and give you a total next week – our collection bucket was full!

## Y6 Class assembly

The Y6 class will be performing their class assembly on Wednesday to the school. As always, parents and grandparents are warmly invited to attend. The theme of the assembly is *Loving* part of the Domestic Church – Family unit of work they have been studying in their RE *Come and See* this half term.

## St Mary's loves reading! – Messages from Miss Hesketh

### ***National Poetry Day***

We celebrated National Poetry Day yesterday. The theme was *The Environment*. Mrs Cassidy was telling me that the children in reception and nursery took their learning outdoors and enjoyed poetry and rhyme on the subject of 'mud.' National Poetry Day - environment theme.

Mrs Grandi and the Y1 children went on a nature walk and created their own class poem. Year 5 did a Kennings poem based on the sun which they performed with actions and the video is on SeeSaw.

Kennings are great for reading, writing and even performing. But what is a kenning? It's simple - it's just two words, often nouns, brought together - and in doing so they give something a new image or meaning. Most often the second word ends in the -er sound. What kenning are you right now? A 'word – reader'! The Vikings invented kennings over a thousand years ago, and their kenning for a sword was 'skull – splitter!'

### ***School Book Fair***

Thanks to everyone for your incredible support for our school book fair on Thursday and Friday. Just a reminder this will be open in the Year 5 classroom again on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th October at 3.20- 3.40pm.

### ***Author visit - Sean Perkins***



Sean Perkins, a local author, who specialises in children's picture books is coming to visit EYFS and KS1 on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Sean has recently written and illustrated his third book and second in the Oscar and Ben series entitled 'Oscar and Ben - The Birthday Party.' During his visit, Sean will introduce the characters in his new book, sing songs and answer any questions the children might have.

Information about how to purchase any of Sean's books will be sent home after his visit via the school office.

### **Lenny Henry –author visit (virtual!) 11th October.**

Lenny will introduce his brand new brilliantly inventive, action-packed magical middle grade story ***The Book of Legends*** and talk about his adventure book ***The Boy With Wings***. He'll take questions from the audience, talk about where all of his ideas come from, his love of comic books and chat with our event host. We'll also screen a clip of Lenny talking to his illustrator Keenon Ferrell in New York, showing just how he brings Lenny's characters like *Bran Fran* and *Tunde* to life.

Sir Lenny Henry said he wrote ***The Boy With Wings*** because he didn't see black heroes in the books he read growing up, and wants all children to see themselves appear centre stage in exciting, inspiring stories.

*"I want to make sure as many kids as possible have access to books and this project brilliantly targets those kids who don't have books at home. Reading – with lots of trips to my local library in Dudley – was such an important part of my childhood, it took me on so many different adventures and to so many different worlds."*

### Message from West Lancashire Scouts

Attached is a flyer inviting local families to an Open Evening being held at St Mary's Scout Group in Chorley. Friday 14th October 5.00pm - 6.00pm at St. Mary's Parish Centre, Devonshire Road, Chorley, PR7 2BW. See leaflet attached.

### Parents Evenings

Please check your Groupcall emails for details of this term's parents' evenings.

### Messages from Mrs Grzeczynska, Parish Administrator at St Mary's

1. We are looking for volunteer church cleaners on Thursdays at 09.30 -10.45. We really need some extra help and we would appreciate it if any parents could help us out.
2. Each Christmas Day, St Laurence's puts on a Christmas Lunch for those who need it. St Laurence's are having a volunteers meeting in their church, on Tuesday 11th October 2022 at 19.00. The meeting will discuss how to manage the food service and how many sittings there will be and the duty rota. Perhaps you could encourage your older teenagers and undergraduates to help out in this very worthy cause. Thank you.

### Football Results

Mr Hodge took the St Mary's football team to the final league fixtures of the autumn season. Could St Mary's continue their 100% winning from and qualify for the finals next week? It was tough, they played three, lost two and won one, beating St George's in their final match. St Mary's finished second overall in the league and have qualified for next week's finals night.

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Balshaw Lane	7	7	0	0	20	1	19	21
Chorley St Marys	7	5	0	2	15	5	10	15
Anderton	7	3	2	2	11	12	-1	11
St George's	7	3	1	3	8	7	1	10
CCCR	7	2	2	3	7	11	-4	8
Eccleston St Marys	7	1	3	3	5	10	-5	6
Rivington	7	1	1	5	6	13	-7	4
Anderton St Josephs	7	0	3	4	2	15	-13	3

## Cricket Holiday Camps

We have been contacted by Tom Halstead, Community Engagement Officer. He has informed us that Chorley and West Lancs Cricket Academy are running some sessions over the half term break. Please see attached leaflet.

## Health Notice

See attached health information about Hand, Foot and Mouth disease.

## Alpha Series

Paul J McBeth has shared details of the new Alpha Series in the New Year. It will take place at St Joseph's Parish Centre Harpers Lane Chorley PR6 0HR Thursday 19th January 2023 7:00pm - 9:00pm Join Up @ Eventbrite (search Chorley Catholic Community Alpha Series 2).

Visit the link below for more information or see attached leaflet.

<https://1drv.ms/v/s!AtbNHwPWZaEvgb9ealGbTkP18nx-Vg>

## The Children's Commissioner for England launches The Big Summer Survey

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, wants to hear more from children about their summer holidays to create a unique picture of children's lives over the summer. There is very little currently known at the national level about how children spend their time over the summer break and this new research will really add to that picture. You can access the survey at the link below.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-summer-survey/#msdyntrid=c0yXTRDwKe2fKUu2qgOOLjWjW2dNP64Toi2-09CKqWM>

**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>



**Chorley, St Mary's Attendance League**  
**2022/ 2023** 07.10.22



CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
1 <sup>st</sup>	YEAR 4	98.39
2 <sup>nd</sup>	YEAR 5	98.33
3 <sup>rd</sup>	YEAR 2	97.36
4 <sup>th</sup>	YEAR 6	96.74
5 <sup>th</sup>	RECEPTION	96.30
6 <sup>th</sup>	YEAR 3	96.18
7 <sup>th</sup>	YEAR 1	95.03

W/E 07/10/2022 Congratulations to **Y4** on their **100%** attendance for the second week in a row - well done! Can they make it three-in-a-row?

### STARS OF THE WEEK w/e 07.10.22

Class	Name	Star of the Week for ...
YN	Joshua N	For having a super week listening and learning really well
YR	Sophia	for always giving 100% effort in everything he does.
Y1	Alice B	For always being ready to learn.
Y2	CiCi	for being super independent and working her socks off especially in her maths work
Y3	Jacob B	Super contributions to class discussions.
Y4	Alice G	Writing a fantastic magazine article based on our topic of The Loch Ness Monster
Y5	Phoebe	For always having a great attitude to all her work.
Y6	Megan	A fantastic survival story blending action and description.



## 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](mailto:r.horne@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk) for more information

Best wishes,  
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