



# School Newsletter

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

08.07.22

Dear parents and carers,

## Moving Up Morning

On Wednesday morning this week, the children visited the year group classrooms where they will be taught next September. The Y6s spent the day at their new high schools.

## Class teachers 2022 / 2023

Nursery	Miss Lewis
Reception	Mrs Ainscough (M/T/W) & Mrs Cassidy (Th/F)
Year 1	Mrs Grandi
Year 2	Mrs Ayres
Year 3	Mr Hodge
Year 4	Mrs Cooper
Year 5	Miss Hesketh (acting assistant headteacher: February 2023 to July 2023)
Year 6	Mr Cahalin (acting assistant headteacher: September, 2022 to February 2023)
Associate SENDCO	P Smyth/ Mrs Taylor

As many of you will know, we have three teachers leaving us temporarily on maternity leave at the end of this term: Mrs Singleton (SENDCO), Mrs Nicklin (DHT) and Mrs Banwell.

Covering those classes from September, will be Miss Lewis, who will teach in the nursery class and Mrs Ayres, who will teach in the Y2 class. They have both been into school this week to speak with the teachers about the classes being handed over to them. Mrs Cooper, who currently works for one day a week in Y4, will work full time in Y4 from September.

I will cover the SENDCO (special educational needs and disabilities co-ordinator) role in Mrs Singleton's absence but I will be supported over the year by a very experienced associate SENDCO, Mrs Taylor.

In the absence of Mrs Nicklin, our deputy headteacher, Miss Hesketh and Mr Cahalin are both stepping up to the role of acting assistant headteacher. They will carry out that role for half of the academic year each.

### **Sports News**

#### **Health Week**

The children enjoyed a fantastic health week last week. Most classes were able to do their sports day events (Year 1 and 2 was postponed due to rain - but it is taking place next week). They experienced a wide range of activities and events including: foot darts, gymnastics in the hall with all the apparatus out, football tournaments led by our Y6 sports leaders and helpers, the colour run and many other things besides.

Thank you, once again to Mr Hodge, for organising another unforgettable week of health and sporting activities; thank you to all the staff and children for getting stuck in and thanks parents/ carers and other family members for coming along to support on the sports days.

#### **Quad Kids Events**

Last week children from Ys 2, 4 and 6 took part in the Chorley Schools Sports Partnership (CSSP) Quad Kids event at Westway Sports Centre. This is a multi-discipline event: a sprint, a long run, a throw and a jump. There were some fine individual performances with many winners in running heats. Y2s came seventh out of fourteen teams, Y4s came fifth and Y6s finished in seventh.

A notable performance was that of George in Y6; he finished up as the overall champion boy in Chorley accumulating the most points over the four events. Congratulations to the three teams for their great performances and on their wonderful sporting behaviour. A big thanks, too, to Mr Hodge for taking them along.

#### **Chorley Headteachers Football Cup**

A few weeks ago, a local headteacher asked if any schools fancied a friendly football match because, due to the pandemic, their Y6s had not had chance to play many games over the last couple of years. That idea quickly snowballed into a mini-tournament. The CSSP, kindly agreed to organise it and they arranged for over twenty local schools to take part. It was great to see all these children have one last opportunity to represent their school and wear their school football shirts with pride.

On Tuesday evening last week, St Mary's played two group games, a semi-final and a final, winning them all. This meant they qualified for the grand final at St George's, last Friday evening. Here they met Balshaw Lane, the winners from the other half of the draw. In a great encounter, St Mary's emerged as winners. St Mary's now can call themselves League and Cup double winners! That's a first since I have been at St. Mary's. Congratulations to the team and to Mr Hodge.

### **Leavers Mass – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm**

This year's Leavers Mass will take place at school on Monday 11th July at 6pm. Fr Marsden will celebrate Mass outdoors on the school grounds and family members are warmly invited. Following the Mass, there will be a party/ disco for the Y6 children.

### **Bastille Day**

Madame Russell has asked that on the day that the KS2 children do their French and PE that they wear their normal PE kit to school but that they wear a t-shirt that is red, white and/ or blue (the colours of the French flag). This is to celebrate Bastille Day in their French lessons.

### **Educational Visits**

#### **Nursery Trip to the Sea Life Centre**

The nursery class went on visit to the Sea Life Centre in Blackpool a week ago on Monday. They had a fantastic day learning about sea life and seeing lots of fascinating sea creatures. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents that came along to support the visit.

#### **Y5 Science Day at Holy Cross**

Thank you to Holy Cross high school for hosting a wonderful science day for our Y5 class earlier this week. The class had a great day at Holy Cross taking part in many exciting science activities and experiments. Miss Hesketh said that the class engaged superbly well and that their behaviour was exemplary.

#### **Y2 and Y4 trip to Outdoor Elements Outdoor and Adventurous Activity Centre, Burnley**

The Y2 and Y4 classes went on a trip to the Outdoor Elements outdoor and adventurous activity centre in Simonstone, yesterday. They took part in a range of adventurous activities including den building and tree climbing. They had a great time testing themselves in a variety of outdoor challenges.

#### **Chorley Catholic Community Festival - Sunday 4th September, St Gregory's Gardens, 12pm to 4pm**

Please see short video clip below advertising the Chorley Catholic Community Festival - Sunday 4th September, St Gregory's Gardens, 12pm to 4pm



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## Alpha Course - September 2022

Please see attached Alpha Series pamphlet.

All the Catholic Parishes in Chorley are working together to put on an Alpha Series, starting in September. Alpha can best be described as an Introduction to Christianity and tries to give answers to the big questions in – why am I here, is there a God, what has Jesus got to do with it, etc etc? It is suitable for both those with no background in Christianity but are searching and for those with a background in Christianity but are perhaps looking for a 're-boot'. Follow this link for an explanation of how Alpha works: <https://player.vimeo.com/video/214170130> 'Alpha is Coming [Alpha in a Catholic Context Introductory DVD \(extended version\) - English - YouTube](#)

## CSSP Summer Activity Club

See attached, the CSSP flyer for their summer holiday camp. Within this flyer are details of the HAF programme and their paid camp. The HAF programme, as previously, is **FREE** to those children who qualify for government funded free school meals, or who are classed as vulnerable. They receive 4 days a week free supervision with the CSSP and free food and drinks.

For the children who do not qualify for this scheme, there is the option to come on the paid camp for £20 a day.

[2022 Summer Camps & HAF - BOOK NOW! - News - Chorley SSP](#) which has further details and also the different links to book.

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2022 Summer Camps & HAF - BOOK NOW! Our 2022 HAF programme is on again this Summer Term, providing 4 days of FREE activities and food for eligible young people over the Summer Holidays.

[www.chorleyssp.co.uk](http://www.chorleyssp.co.uk)

Both HAF and paid camps were popular last year and they hope to keep that momentum going throughout the four weeks they are holding them.

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## Health and Safety Reminder

Please do not use the staff car park for dropping off and picking up even for breakfast and after school clubs. Thank you.

## Car Parking – Pick up and Drop off

Can I ask all parents/ carers, when dropping off and picking up:

- Please bear in mind especially, the safety of child pedestrians
- Please do not park across driveways.
- Please do not park in the hammerhead on Warton Place. Signs are now in place there.
- If possible, set off a little earlier, park a little further away and walk the rest of the way. The children get rewarded for a *Park and Stride*.

SHOW YOU CARE, PARK ELSEWHERE!

## Free School Meals – Are you missing out?

### Free School Meal Eligibility and Pupil Premium Funding

Because all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal, many parents do not realise that they might be entitled to something called **free school meal eligibility**. And we understand why this might be the case because the system is confusing! At St Mary's, we have noticed a fall in the number of infant children whose parents have claimed eligibility since the introduction of free school meals for all infants –other schools have noticed the same.

**This free school meal eligibility** can be applied for in Reception, Year 1 and in Year 2 even though children are receiving a school meal anyway. And parents in Y3, 4, 5 and 6 can also apply.

### Why bother applying if your child is receiving a free meal anyway?

If you think you might be eligible it is very much worth applying for two reasons:

1. Your child will continue to receive free school meals on leaving the infants in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 and beyond
2. The school receives additional money (pupil premium) for children eligible for free school meals (over £1 300 per pupil).

If you receive any of the benefits below, St Mary's School can access this extra funding, called pupil premium.

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

**How can you find out if you are eligible? Apply by phone – and you can find out in a matter of minutes!**

You can ring the local **Free School Meals and Pupil Premium team on 01772 531809**

It must be the person claiming the benefit that rings.

You will need to provide your:

- Name
- Date of birth
- National insurance number

They will confirm whether you are entitled over the telephone. **Apply by post**

Download the application form from <http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals.aspx> and return it to your local area education office.

#### **South Area Education Office**


Level 1 Christ Church Precinct

County Hall

Preston

PR1 8RJ

#### **STARS OF THE WEEK w/e 08.07.22**

	<b>Class</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Star of the Week for ...</b>
	YN	Joey G	super speaking and expressing his ideas clearly with the rest of the class
	YR	Nevaeh	trying hard with maths work and numbers.
	Y1	Nathaniel	his excellent use of vocabulary in his writing.
	Y2	James	conquering his fears and climbing the tree!
	Y3	William	excellent spelling and neat writing.
	Y4	Krystian	always doing above and beyond in mathematics.
	Y5	Megan	her wonderful contributions during our work on Ancient Greek myths.
	Y6	George	a positive attitude and hard work all year.



**Chorley, St Mary's Attendance League**  
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CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
1 <sup>st</sup>	YEAR 3	96.18
2 <sup>nd</sup>	YEAR 4	95.73
3 <sup>rd</sup>	YEAR 2	95.71
4 <sup>th</sup>	YEAR 5	95.69
5 <sup>th</sup>	YEAR 1	95.56
6 <sup>th</sup>	RECEPTION	94.70
7 <sup>th</sup>	YEAR 6	93.59

**Yarrow Schools Teaching Alliance**

**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

P Smyth, Headteacher 08.07.22