



School Newsletter

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

9th February 2024

Dear parents and carers,

We have come to the end of the spring first half term and thereby reached the halfway point in the school year. It has been a busy five weeks and the children have done themselves proud in their work and their teachers are really pleased with their progress.

Unfortunately, during the last week or so, we have seen a lot of illness in school. This morning Our Y4 class had thirteen children out of thirty absent, due to illness, with two more sent home as the day went on. That is the most I have ever encountered, even taking the pandemic into account. I think the break will do everyone the world of good. We look forward to seeing the children return on **Monday 19th February** fully fit and raring to go.

Ash Wednesday

Unusually, the children are not in school on Ash Wednesday this year, so Mrs Grzeczynska, governor and lead catechist in the parish, is coming in on Monday 19th February to distribute the ashes to all the children. She normally does this with the infant classes on Ash Wednesday each year.

Ash Wednesday Mass at St Mary's Church - The Ash Wednesday Mass will be at 12.00 noon on Wednesday 14th February.

Spring Term Parents' Evenings

A big thank you to parents and carers for coming along to meet the staff. I hope you found the meetings informative in terms of letting you know how well your child is doing in their learning. I would like to say a big thank you to our staff, too, who stayed behind on evenings during the week to meet parents and carers.

Parent Questionnaire.

I would also like to say thank you to parents and carers for completing the parental questionnaire sent out in the last couple of weeks. We really appreciate your responses, thoughts and comments. It helps us learn what we can do better and how we can improve. One area that came across quite

frequently was the modes of communication in place. This is something we would like to explore further with you.

World Book Day

World Book Day (WBD) takes place in a few weeks on **Thursday, 7 March**. It is the annual event where authors, illustrators, books and the love of reading is celebrated. It is something the children love to take part in each year.

From the children's suggestion box and Pupil Parliament discussions, there seems support for a Pyjama Day. Hopefully they are happy that we are going to have the theme of *Bedtime Stories* this year. Children can come to school in their PJs or 'loungewear' if they feel more comfortable e.g. jogging bottoms and T-shirt. And, of course, they should bring their favourite book at bedtime.

Runshaw College Drama Department Visit



This afternoon, the children were treated to a performance by first year students from Runshaw College Drama Department.

The EYFS & KS1 watched a performance of *Tiddler* by Julia Donaldson, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

The KS2 classes were treated to *Greek Street*, a performance about Greek Gods, full of song and dance. Once again, the children loved it.

Thank Matt Moss and Rebecca Mills, from Runshaw, for organising.

Roadworks on Collingwood Road and surrounding streets

Although we contacted LCC Highways Department for further advice, we have yet to hear back. Gillibrand Primary have managed to speak to the team and they told us that they were informed of the following:

The works start 10/02/24 and end 08/03/24. During half term, they will be working "flat out" to get as much done as possible and the road will be closed 8.00am - 6.00pm every day. After half term, road will be closed between 9.30am and 3.30pm. After these hours, there will be temporary traffic lights and traffic down to one lane. The works begin at the very bottom of Collingwood at the corner of Stansted Road and go all the way to the top to the crossroads at Pall Mall.



I hope that this helps you in planning your journeys for drop-off and pick-up.

Children's Mental Health Week

I have attached a leaflet from the Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families on speaking to children about mental health. It was also sent out earlier this week.

Site Supervisor

We are looking for a part-time site-supervisor (caretaker) to work 15 hours a week, 0600 - 0900 each day, with some flexibility to work additional hours, if possible. If you are interested or if you know anyone else who is, please let the office know.



Chorley, St Mary's Attendance League 2023/2024 W/E 09.02.24



CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
1st	YEAR 1	97.33
2nd	YEAR 5	96.66
3rd	YEAR 3	96.56
4th	YEAR 6	96.45
5th	YEAR 2	95.03
6th	RECEPTION	94.38
7th	YEAR 4	93.81

Not surprisingly, there is no 100% attendance this week.

STARS OF THE WEEK w/e 09.02.24

Class	Name	Star of the Week for ...
YN	Ozias	a super effort in learning new routines.
YR	Sebastian B	fantastic balancing biking.
Y1	Keeley	her enthusiasm and confidence in our poetry performance.
Y2	Ruby F	super work in science (everyday materials).
Y3	Sebastian P	much improved focus and concentration with his writing.
Y4	All of Year 4	their hard work and wonderful performance during their class assembly on community.
Y5	Oscar	putting 100% effort into reading his school book.
Y6	Alex	using figurative language to create an amazing atmosphere in his writing.

Year 4 Assembly - Community

Well done to our Y4 class who shared what they have been learning in their **Come and See** lessons with their parents/ carers and the rest of the school in their class assembly on Wednesday morning. They spoke to us about *Community*, they performed a short drama, sang a beautiful song about how together we can build higher and they led us in prayer.

Well done Y4 on a great job, especially as a number had to cover for friends who were off due to illness. Thank you parents, carers and family members for coming along to support and thank you to Mrs Banwell, Mrs Singleton and Mrs Root for preparing them so well.

Mental health and emotional wellbeing support for children. (Contacts below).

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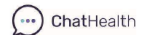
Young People
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code to find
support

SCAN ME

Text a school nurse directly to talk about
health or emotional wellbeing:
If you're 11-19 text our ChatHealth line on:

07507330510

or scan the QR code



Parents scan
this QR code to
find support

SCAN ME

If you're a parent of 5-19 year old text our
Lancashire ParentLine for support on:

07312263554

or scan the QR code



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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
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