



School Newsletter

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

10th November 2023

Dear parents and carers,

Year 5 Assembly - Friday 17th November 2023.

The Y5 class collective worship will take place next Friday morning, 17th November at 9am and finish by about 9.30am. The children will share the learning that has taken place in their Come and See lessons over the last few weeks. Parents, carers and other family members are warmly invited to attend.

Catholic School Inspection celebration - Friday 17th November 2023.

Next Friday afternoon we are going to celebrate our successful Catholic School inspection which took place at the end of September. Fr Marsden is going to come and lead a short prayer and worship with us before the children return to class to enjoy a piece of cake and a cup of squash.

Ten:Ten newsletter - November

In school we use Ten:Ten resources to help us in our prayer and worship. I have attached the monthly newsletter and a link for parents below.

www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/

Poppy Appeal 2024

Thank you to all the children, parents and staff for supporting the Poppy Appeal this year. It is very much appreciated.

Y2 Remembrance Walk

On Friday, the Y2s went on their Remembrance walk around Chorley. It was very cold, so they had to keep on the move. They visited houses of soldiers who left Chorley to go to war. They visited the war memorial at Astley Park and they went to St Mary's Church, where Mrs Grzeczynska talked about

the list of the parish fallen in the Great War and World War II, on display by the baptismal font and in the Memorial Chapel. Mrs Nicklin, class teacher/ deputy head and Mrs Cahalin our history leader who accompanied the children, were mightily impressed with the children's excellent behaviour and super knowledge. Can we say a big thank you to all the parent volunteers who came along and without whom it would be impossible to make these visits. Thank you.

St Vincent de Paul (SVDP) – Big Uniform Exchange event - 2nd December 2023 Market Walk, Chorley

The SVDP has organised a uniform support event at Clinton Cards shop, Market Walk, Chorley on the 2nd December between 10am and 1pm. The uniform support event Saturday 2nd December on Market Walk, Chorley. Please share with anyone you think would benefit.

Glovers Swim School Free lesson offer to family in need

See information at end of newsletter on how to nominate.

Can you help? Do you have an old doll's house or an old rabbit hutch that you no longer need?

Doll's House

We have a pupil counsellor who comes into school on a Tuesday afternoon. She sometimes uses a doll's house in her sessions. The problem is the house has gone missing; we are worried it may have ended up in the skip over summer! If anyone has a spare that they were thinking of getting rid of and wouldn't mind donating; we would be very grateful.

Rabbit Hutch

Mrs Grzeczynska, parish administrator and school governor, told me that just before the half-term break, that a rabbit has made its home in the presbytery garden; she said it's very tame. She is worried about the health and wellbeing of the rabbit over the cold winter months and asked me to ask you, if anyone had a large rabbit hutch to give or lend her over the winter months. If you do, please could you call her on 01257 262537.

Christmas Appeals 2023

As part of our Catholic Life and Mission this Christmas, St Mary's are taking part in two campaigns to help those in need at this special time of year.

EYFS/ KS1 - Nursery/ Reception/ Y1 and Y2 - Lancashire Teaching Hospitals – Give a Gift Campaign

Locally, we will be helping to support Lancashire Teaching Hospitals making sure everyone has a gift for Christmas, even if in hospital. EYFS and KS1 are asked to bring in a gift for Lancashire Teaching Hospital by Friday 15th December. See leaflet attached.

KS2 - Y3/ Y4/ Y5 and Y6 - Ukraine Christmas Shoe Box appeal

And globally, we will be supporting Chorley and District's support for Ukraine Christmas Shoe Box appeal. KS2 The Ukraine appeal by Friday 24th November. The shoe boxes can be dropped off at school. See leaflet attached.

Please note we know this time of year can put a strain on everyone's finances so there is no obligation; this is entirely voluntary. Thank you, Mrs Nicklin

Tax-free childcare

In case you missed this just before half term – a final reminder ... one of our governors shared some information with me to pass on:

You can get up to £500 every 3 months (up to £2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare. This goes up to £1,000 every 3 months if a child is disabled (up to £4,000 a year). For every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2 to use to pay your provider.

*You can get Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as 30 hours free childcare if you're eligible for both. **You can use Tax-Free Childcare for:** childminders, nurseries and nannies and after school clubs and play schemes.*

Many of our parents and carers may not know about this or may not be accessing this. We will write to you in more detail about in the near future but if you would like to find out more now, click on the link below. <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

2024 SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES – PRIMARY

Primary School Admissions September 2024: If your child is in their last year of pre-school/nursery you can now apply for their primary school place at: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-primary-school/> for a September 2024 start.

It is quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application.

VERY IMPORTANT: You must apply even if you already have siblings in a school. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your online application.

School places are not allocated on a first come, first served basis. All applications received up to the closing date are given equal priority, but if you miss the deadline, a late application may reduce your chance of getting your preference of school. The national closing date for primary applications is **15 January 2024**. Between now and 15th January all applications are processed and all preferences are considered against the school's published admissions policy for school year 2024 – 2025
<https://www.chorleystmarys.lancs.sch.uk/our-school/admissions>

****Please remember that admissions to St Mary's, or any Catholic primary schools, also require the completion of the separate supplementary information form (SIF) - available at <https://www.chorleystmarys.lancs.sch.uk/our-school/admissions> ****

STARS OF THE WEEK w/e 10.11.23

Class	Name	Star of the Week for ...
YN	Rayne	fantastic imaginative play and discussion
YR	Laura	for always trying hard and fantastic partner work
Y1	Ewan	his polite manners, fantastic attitude to his learning & being a good friend
Y2	Whole class	behaviour and knowledge on their remembrance walk
Y3	Seb D	working hard in all lessons all week.
Y4	India	her great work in history this week.
Y5	Poppy	her hard work and efforts during maths this week.
Y6	George	great problem solving in maths

Attendance



Chorley, St Mary's Attendance League
2023/2024 W/E 10.11.23



CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
1st	YEAR 1	98.88
2nd	YEAR 6	97.64
3rd	YEAR 3	97.21
4th	RECEPTION	96.51
5th	YEAR 5	96.29
6th	YEAR 4	95.69
7th	YEAR 2	94.26

No 100% class attendance awards this week!

LCC national wraparound childcare programme survey

From Sept 2024, the government have announced funding for a 'national wraparound childcare programme.' Lancashire County Council (LCC) have asked us to share information about a survey they are doing in preparation for this with you. The letter and poster attached contains this link <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/vt082j>

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THE BIG

UNIFORM

EXCHANGE

WEAR IT, LOVE IT, THEN
SHARE IT AND SAVE IT
FROM GOING TO
LANDFILL!

10AM-1PM
SATURDAY 2ND
DECEMBER

PRE-LOVED SCHOOL
UNIFORM FREE TO TAKE
AWAY

CLINTON CARDS, MARKET
WALK, CHORLEY TOWN
CENTRE

Everyone welcome!



SVP Chorley Buddies
We're Helping
01257 542 367



**St Vincent
de Paul Society**
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

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



GRANT A CHRISTMAS WISH WITH *Glover's* swim school

Do you know a family who deserves a Christmas gift?
People who are in need, who deserve to catch a break,
or that should but never do put themselves first?

We want to Grant a Christmas Wish!

**WE ARE GIVING AWAY 6 MONTHS WORTH OF
CLASS LESSONS FOR ONE CHILD, TO OUR
CHOSEN FAMILY!**



All nominations must be sent to office@gloversswimschool.co.uk
by Sunday 17th December.



Young People
Scan this QR
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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