



School Newsletter

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

11.11.22

Dear parents/ carers,

We are well into the second half of the autumn term now and the children have enjoyed yet another busy and productive week.

Year 5 Come and See Assembly

A reminder that next Wednesday it is the Y5 collective worship for the school - all Y5 family members are welcome. It starts at 9am and will be finished by 9.30am.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2022

Thank you, parents, carers, children and staff, for supporting this year's RBL Poppy appeal.

Well done to the children for their art work in their beautiful display on the fence to the wooded area – it will help us remember those who have given their lives for the freedoms we have today. And thank you Mr Cahalin for your hard work in organising and arranging this.



St Mary's loves reading - messages from Miss Hesketh

Alex T Smith, visiting author

On Tuesday 8th November, the children in Year 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 all met the author Alex T Smith virtually. The children were very excited to hear that some of their questions which had been sent in had been answered live. All the children enjoyed drawing one of Alex's new characters and listening to part of his new story '*The Grumpus*'.

Next week is World Nursery Rhyme Week

World Nursery Rhyme Week promotes the importance of nursery rhymes in early childhood development and education.

Sports News

Football v Anderton St Joseph's

Mr Hodge reported that the St Mary's Y5 boys team and the St Mary's girls football team enjoyed a wonderful night of football tonight at school. He said there were smiles all around. We welcomed teams from Anderton St Joseph's and the results are in the pictures below:

**Football
Friendlies vs
Anderton St.
Joseph's**



**Boys Won
3-0**

**Girls drew
2-2**



Well done to both our teams and thanks to Mr Hodge for organising the event.

Christmas Joy New Toy Appeal



As part of The Christmas Joy Project, co-ordinated by SVP Chorley Buddies and St Laurence's, the Catholic Community in Chorley, has in the past years been extremely generous in donating new toys for distribution to families in Chorley. Last year we collected over £4,000 of new toys!

If you want to donate new toys, then please just bring them into school, **unwrapped.**

From w/c Monday 5th December, SVP Chorley Buddies will collect the toys from school, take them to St Laurence's for storage and distribution by Chorley Council to families who might need some help this Christmas. The last collection will be on Monday 12th December.

And thank you for bringing some Joy into people's lives this Christmas!

Sleep help (leaflet attached)

Does your child suffer with sleep issues? Do you struggle with your child's bedtime? Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

We have been contacted by The Sleep Charity to help parent/ carers find advice on sleep issues.

We are sending information about this wonderful free resource that can help parents and children to learn more about their sleep and develop better bedtime routines. Sleep is essential to brain function, by helping children to sleep better, we can help them to succeed in school.

At any given time up to 40% of adults and 50% of children (this rises to 80% with a SEND diagnosis) have difficulties with their sleep. Yet in a recent survey, almost 60% of adults felt there was a lack of support for sleep issues. Sleep problems can leave people feeling isolated and lonely.

Our free helpline is run by trained sleep advisors, many of whom are specialists in working with SEND. We can talk to young people directly, or parents (we can also talk to adults, including older people, about their sleep issues).

The helpline is open 5 times a week, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday evenings 7-9pm, and Wednesday mornings 9-11am. The number is 03303 530 541.

You can read more here: <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/national-sleep-helpline/>

Little Church - What is Little Church?

"Little Church" is the "Liturgy of the Word for Children". Our Parish welcomes families and the full participation of young children in the celebration of the Mass. Since 1987, children at St Mary's have enjoyed their own Liturgy of the Word through 'Little Church' at the 10.00am Sunday Mass. There are two groups: 3-6 and 7-10 year olds.

We try to ensure that Children's Liturgy is an enjoyable experience for the children which helps develop their relationship with God. We discuss the Gospel of the day at a level the children can understand and enjoy. We enrich this with discussion, prayers, songs, and readings. We also try to raise awareness of God's love, the humanity of Jesus, the Seasons of the Church, the understanding of symbols in the Mass and the context of the Bible.

The children gather in Church for the beginning of the Mass with their families and after a blessing from Father they go out to the activity rooms with the leaders and helpers.

We return to lead the offertory procession and join our families for the rest of Holy Mass

Governor News

Congratulations to Mr Matthew Simpson who has been appointed to serve as a governor of St Mary's for the next four years. One of the two parent governor posts is up for election in the coming weeks; please look out for information regarding that role if you are interested.

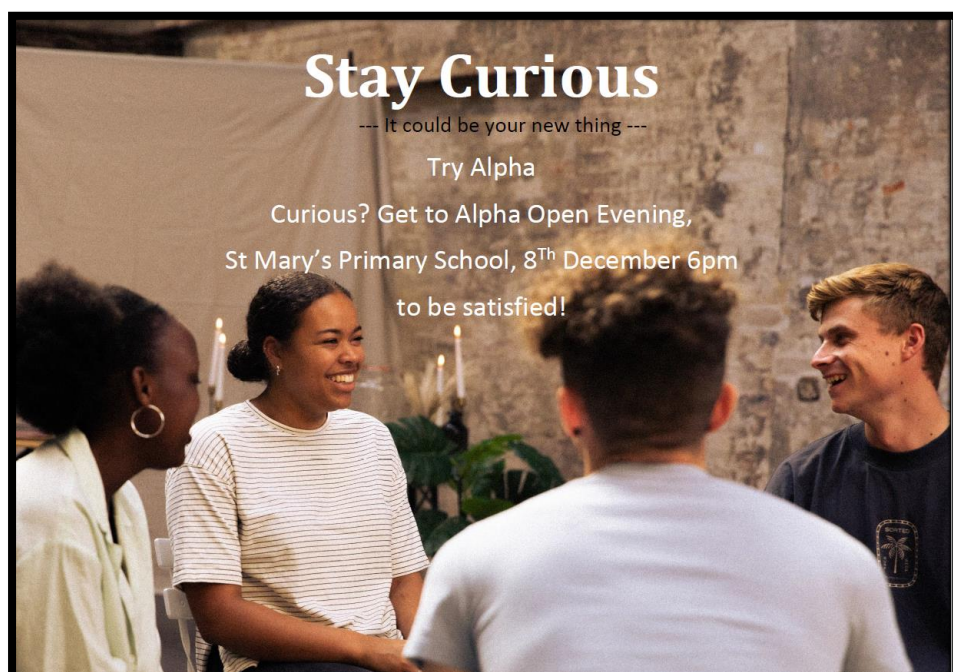
Alpha Series

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/u/s!AtbNHwPWZaEvgch0QiYlh7N9H5mcSw?e=yZX65e>

There will also be an information evening at St Mary's school hall on Wednesday 8th December at 6pm.



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 11.11.22



CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
1 st	Year 6	97.21
2 nd	Year 5	96.98
3 rd	Year 4	96.85
4 th	Year 2	95.97
5 th	Reception	95.80
6 th	Year 3	95.23
7 th	Year 1	95.05

There were no classes with 100% attendance this week.

STARS OF THE WEEK w/e 11.11.22

Class	Name	Star of the Week for ...
YN	William R	being caring towards his friends and thinking of others needs and wants.
YR	Rose	or beautiful poppy art work
Y1	Willow	trying super hard with her learning this week, especially in phonics.
Y2	Finley N	being so helpful and independent in his learning
Y3	Lucy A	Excellent work all week in maths (adding and subtracting).
Y4	Mattia	Perseverance in maths
Y5	Evan	a superb effort towards learning his times tables and applying them in our math's lessons.
Y6	Scarlett	sharing their bikes during <i>Bikeability</i> so that others could practise riding



Best wishes,

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