



School Newsletter

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

11th October 2019

Dear parents,

Parents Evening – Tuesday October 15th

Autumn term's parents' evening will take place next week on **Tuesday October 15th**. As we did this time last year, we are giving parents the option to book a 5-minute appointment with their child's teacher, or to drop in and look at the books without meeting the teacher or to just wait for a more in-depth consultation in the spring term. The spring term parents' evening will take place over two evenings and last up to 10 minutes.

In summary, the options are as follows:

- Book a 5-minute appointment with class teacher, come in and look at child's work/ books on **Tuesday 15th October between 3.45pm and 7pm**
- Drop in and look at child's work/ books without meeting with the class teacher on **Tuesday 15th October between 3.45pm and 7pm**
- Do not come in on this occasion, wait until the February parents' evening and contact school/ teacher, as and when the need arises.

A separate Group Call letter was sent to parents giving more details about this. The booking system will close at Monday lunch time.

Please note there will be no parents' evening in Y3 or Y4 next week, although pupils' work will be left out for parents to look through.

Y6 Class assembly

The Y6 class performed their class assembly on Thursday morning and it was great. The theme of the assembly was the *importance of family and the unconditional love provided by our parents and by God*. Children performed mini-drama, read prayers clearly and shared work from their RE lessons. Well done Y6, Mr Cahalin and Mrs St John.



PTFA Annual General Meeting 09.10.19

Mrs Root passed this to me for inclusion in the newsletter:

The PTFA held their AGM this week and would like to pass on their thanks to everyone for supporting the various events throughout the school year. Together, we raised **£4,500** which will be used to support the pupils at St.Mary's including school trips, equipment, groundwork projects and maintenance etc.

We couldn't have achieved this without help from parents, pupils and staff at the school.

Thank you for attending the events; for providing toys, bottles, chocolates and very generous raffle prizes; thanks for helping to set up, clear away and run the stalls, from the tuck shop to the tombola; and thanks to those that bake the cakes, heat the hotdogs and stand in the stocks.

Thanks to Mr.Cahalin for transforming our shed into a magical grotto for Santa every year; everyone involved in the Business Enterprise stalls; and Mrs Rogerson and Mrs Wilson who have been at the heart of the PTFA for so many years.

Thanks also to our PTFA Chair, Mrs Gorman, who is busy planning events for 2020.

The popular Monster Ball has sold out already and will be a great night out.

The Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 29th November, with a visit from Santa; and Mrs Wilson is already busy organising the popular Ladies Night, which will take place on 19th June 2020. Watch this space for details of all PTFA events in 2020.

ALDI's Kit for School Sticker Chart

We've completed one sticker chart and are three quarters of the way through completing the second one. We are still accepting stickers so if you collect any over the weekend please send them into school. Many thanks.



Applying for School Places September 2020

SECONDARY

Year 6 - due to transfer into high school in September 2020.

The statutory **closing date is 31 October 2019.**

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

****Please remember that admissions to Holy Cross or any secondary Catholic primary schools, also require the completion of the separate supplementary information form (SIF).****

PRIMARY

Nursery/ pre-school children – due to start Reception class in primary school in September 2020.
The statutory **closing date is 15 January 2020.**

The application to be made by the closing date using this direct link:
<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>

Should you need any help, support or guidance, the Pupil Access Office Contacts are listed below
Preston, South Ribble, West Lancashire and Chorley
01772-532109

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

****Please remember that admissions to St Mary's, or any Catholic primary schools, also require the completion of the separate supplementary information form (SIF).****

Break time snacks

Children (and staff) do get a bit peckish around about break time and we are happy for them to have a snack. Our policy is for this snack to be toast or a piece of fruit on Monday to Thursday and a snack of their choice on a Friday. The school provides toast which works out at 20p a day on a pre-ordered basis. Alternatively, children may bring in a snack from home. We do ask that all pupils adhere to this rule. **Chocolate bars, sweets and crisps are not allowed on Monday to Thursday.**

Little Church

Little Church is the Liturgy of the Word for children. St Mary's Church 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 10.30am Sunday Mass.



Chorley, St Mary's Attendance League 2019/2020



CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
1 st	YEAR 3	98.79
2 nd	YEAR 1	98.27
3 rd	YEAR 6	97.77
4 th	YEAR 4	97.29
5 th	YEAR 5	96.82
6 th	YEAR 2	96.25
7 th	RECEPTION	96.05

W/e 11.10.19

Sports News

Sport Camp at Bolton Arena October Half-Term –

I received a letter from an outside provider and have passed on for your information (leaflet attached):

Dear School,

This October we will be running our very popular Sports Camp again at Bolton Arena – please can you pass the attached details to you pupils & families to make them aware of this great opportunity to stay active during the school holidays. Please feel free to also post the details on social media to help spread the word!

Sports Camp @ Bolton Arena (October 2019)

The camps will run Monday 21st October to Friday 25th October 2019 from 9am – 3pm for children aged 5-12 years. (Registration will open at 8.45am)

Please Note

- If you would like to pay via childcare vouchers please email Kerry MacDonald KerryMacDonald@boltonarena.com
- Gymnastics Camp will only take place 12pm – 3pm (*Please see the full day offer with Multi-Sports*)
- There will be no Gymnastics Camp on Wednesday 23rd October

If you would like to book, please call our reception team on 01204 488100.

If you have any questions or if you would like any further information please feel free to call me direct on 01204 488131.

Kind Regards, Jennie Swarbrick

Fun Fest School Holiday Club

We have been asked to inform you about a children's holiday club named Fun Fest by Leanne Horrocks, its owner. It operates at Euxton Primrose Hill Primary School every school holiday apart from Christmas. See leaflet attached.

Health and Safety notices

To prevent accidents from happening please keep children from playing on school equipment at the end and start of the school day. I will remind children in school as well. Thank you.

Parking

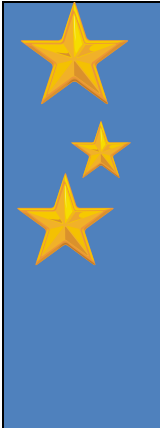


By way of a reminder at the start of the school year, I would appreciate your co-operation in parking safely and considerately at drop-off and pick-up times. **Please do not park on the staff carpark**, the **yellow zig zag lines** outside the gates and please do not park **across resident's driveways**. Thank you.

School entrance

At the start and end of the school day there are two entrances to the school in use: Walgarth Drive and Warton Place. The Warton place entrance can also be accessed from Hornchurch Drive via the alleyway that runs parallel to the staff car park. **Please do not use the path in the staff car park entrance**. This may only be used during the school day when the other entrances are locked.

STAR OF THE WEEK w/e 11.10.19

	Class	Name	Star of the Week for ...
	YN	Jack	For following class rules and being a good friend.
	YR	Jacob	Excellent, independent writing in class.
	Y1	Winter-Rose	Her independent sentence work in our non-fiction writing.
	Y2	Tilly	A super innovated poem based on <i>At the Playground</i>
	Y3	Dylan	An excellent explanation about clauses and subordinate clauses.
	Y4	Akeyo	An excellent fantasy story.
	Y5	Aaron	Super listening in maths and a great week all round.
	Y6	Darcey	Confidently stepping in when required during the class assembly.

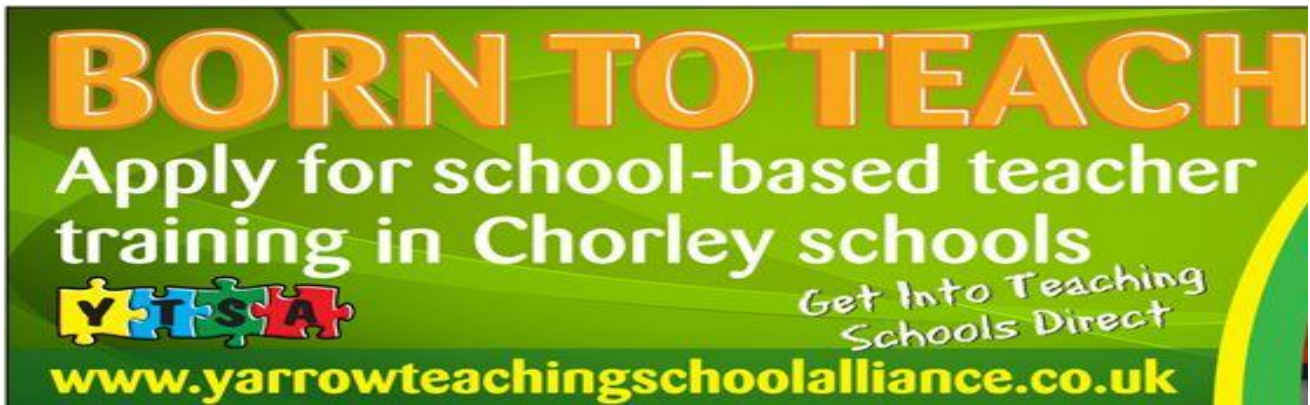
Notable Dates – There are a few dates which I have pencilled in which have yet to be fully confirmed (TBC) but I wanted to give you some advance notice of our plans.

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Autumn HT - 1		
VALUES OF THE WEEK	September	
7 MERCY <i>October</i> <i>Month of the Rosary</i>	14	Judo Presentation in assembly
	15	Parents' Evening
	18	End of half-term
	21-25	Half term break
Autumn HT - 2		
1	28 Oct for two weeks	Remembrance Fortnight

PEACE Bonfire Night	29	School reopens for pupils
	November	
	1	Y3-6 Attend All Saints Mass
2 DIVERSITY	4 – 8	Book People in
	6	EYFS Stay and Play (phonics lesson)
3 JUSTICE Judaism Week Anti Bullying Week	11 – 15	Judaism Week
	11 - 15	Anti-Bullying Week
	11	Remembrance Day
	14	BBA Launch
4 HUMILITY	19	Nasal Flu Vaccinations from 0900 - 1430
	21	World Philosophy Day
5 COMPASSION		
	December	
6 CELEBRATION	2	Sacramental Class - First Confessions School
	6	Nativity EYFS Dress Rehearsal 0915 - 1015
	6	Nativity KS1 Dress Rehearsal
7 TOLERANCE	9	Y3-6 Attend Mass Immaculate Conception/ Advent Mass
	10	Nativity - KS1 performance to parents 0930 – 1030 TBC - Details to follow
	10	Nativity - KS1 performance to parents 1830 – 1930 - TBC - Details to follow
	11	Nativity – EYFS performance to parents 0915- 1015 - TBC - Details to follow
	11	Nativity – EYFS performance to parents 1700- 1800 - TBC - Details to follow
	12	KS2 Carol Concert Practice – Church
	13	Panto Trip - Rec - Yr 6
8 FORGIVENESS	16	Carol Concert
	19	Party Day
	20	End of term

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Are you interested in training to become a primary school teacher?

Have you considered school-based training?

We have vacancies now to start training **in September 2020** and we would be very interested to hear from you if you are thinking of becoming a teacher, or know someone who is. We are looking for people who have (or will have) a degree, have a passion for teaching and want to make a difference to the lives of the children of Chorley.

To help you if you're interested our next open event is

Thursday 7th November at 6.00pm

The events will take place at;

St George's CE Primary School, Carr Lane, Chorley, Lancs PR7 3JU.

Please contact the Director of Teaching School, Bernard Golding,

b.golding@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk to reserve your place.

Visit our website www.yarrowteachingschoolalliance.co.uk to find out more about

what is on offer.