



School Newsletter

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

12.06.2020

Dear Parents/ Carers

Thank you for your hard work supporting your children in their learning at home and for the kind words of support that you have been giving to the staff all the way through this period of closure; it's greatly appreciated.

I know that many (maybe not all!) children will be bitterly disappointed to have learned this week that they will not be able to return to school before the summer holidays. I imagine that they were excited at the possibility of being reunited with their friends and teachers and simply to experience a normal day at school once more.

I know that for you as parents, it is likely that you will be concerned about the harm being done to your children's education by them not being in school each and every day. No doubt, you will also be concerned about the continued uncertainty around how the school will operate in September. Unfortunately, I do not have any concrete answers to give you. I can assure you though, that we are working hard and exploring many different avenues to find a way of opening the school up to more and more children as soon as possible within the safety guidelines given and with the resources available to us.

On Monday 15 June, Dr Sakthi Karunanithi, Director of Public Health at Lancashire County Council will be reviewing his advice about whether he believes it is safe for schools to open for more children or not. The staff and governors here are hoping that we will be given the 'go-ahead' to begin the reopening from 22 June to children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1.

With that in mind, if we do get permission to proceed, Mrs Wilson will send out yet another survey for all parents to complete on Monday evening. This will be to ascertain how many parents are intending to send in their Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and critical workers' children. If we receive that survey information by Tuesday next week, we will be able to determine and inform you which children are in which bubbles by Wednesday or Thursday - depending on how quickly we can turn around the information.


As I said in last week's newsletter, we appreciate that it is becoming more and more difficult for you to support home learning; understandably you are having greater demands placed upon you in terms of your own employment, with the gradual lifting of restrictions.

I think that there is also possibly an element of fatigue setting in about 'home learning' – not in every case and not just here in particular, but across the nation generally. Parents, children and staff are frustrated and want a return to normality. The teachers and teaching assistants are desperate to

be standing in front of their classes teaching with the children once again. We all want a return to school. In the meantime, we will just have to continue do our best under the circumstances.

Like we have said throughout the period of the pandemic, just do the best you can – that is more than good enough. The sooner that children can safely return to school the better. And when they do return, we will pick up with them wherever they are in their learning and tailor their education to their individual needs.

Star of the Week 12.06.2020

 Class	Name	Star of the Week for ...
YN	Joshua W	Brilliant 'Under the Sea' dancing.
YR	James E	for his amazing creativity and perseverance with his writing!
Y1	Kyle Riley	Excellent understanding and independent learning especially in mathematics. Always ready to complete his home learning every day. Well done!
Y2	Phoebe	Bravery and balance doing her equestrian PE
Y3	Owen R	His detailed uploads in all subjects, unbelievable spelling scores, and for going above and beyond in terms of creativity.
Y4	Eleanor	Continued effort and high standards of work.
Y5	Ethan	for working hard throughout our maths work involving multiplication and division
Y6	Sam	for his voice over video about Ernest Shackleton.

Private Prayer Church opening. 15th June 2020 – messages from Kinga Grzeczynska. Administrator. St Mary's Parish Church, Chorley

St Mary's Church, Chorley has been given permission from the Archbishop to open for private prayer from Monday 15th June. The opening times will be 11.00 -13.00 Mon – Sat but closed on Sundays.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will take place during these times and you will be able to visit the church and enjoy the calm and peace in front of the true presence of Jesus Christ. We have had to follow strict Archdiocesan H&S Advice.

A risk assessment has been completed and PPE will be available. Social distancing must be maintained and there will be certain places available to sit in the church. Parts of the church will be off limits and unfortunately there will not be a toilet available. Public Masses may resume in July.

Can you help us please?

We are looking for volunteer marshals and cleaners to assist us in making sure that a visit to our church is safe.

If you would like to help and have no health problems or you don't live with anyone who is self-isolating or over 70, please contact the parish office (01257 262537) or email your details stmaryschorley@yahoo.co.uk Thank you. It will be greatly appreciated.

Kinga Grzeczynska.

Administrator. St Mary's Chorley

Best wishes,

Patrick Smyth

Headteacher