



School Newsletter

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

13.03.20

Dear Parents and Carers,

Coronavirus

As I wrote in my letter to parents earlier in the week regarding (coronavirus) COVID-19, these are challenging and of course, worrying times for us all. The key message from the government, for us in school: children, staff and visitors, is that we should maintain the best possible standards of hand and respiratory hygiene. I want to commend your children on how well they are doing with that. They are taking it very seriously and doing a great job. I also want to commend the staff in the way they have supported children in doing this too, through lessons, videos and regular reminders.

The school's leadership team has put together an action plan in response to COVID-19. It deals with information sharing, promotion of good hand and respiratory hygiene, cleaning, planning for short-term closure and for long-term closure.

You will have noted that the government has decided not to close schools for now, but we cannot rule out the possibility that at some stage in the future this might become an option for it. If we are forced to close, we have agreed to look at ways in which we can provide education for you children at home e.g. videos of lessons and online learning software. We would aim to provide a morning's worth of work each day. Naturally, this would depend on whether the class teacher was well or not. It would also depend on children's ability to access the internet at home. It would be useful for us to know if there are any children/families who would not be able to access learning online; I would be grateful if you could inform the school office if this is the case.

I realise that not everyone agrees with the government's current approach, but as a school we must follow the advice that we are given by the Department of Education (DfE). I will continue to pass on to you the daily email I receive from the Department of Education, so you can see the guidance which informs the decisions we make.

In terms of when children should be absent from school regarding COVID-19, the current advice is that if anyone shows these symptoms:

- A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above) and /or
- A new, continuous cough

They should stay at home for seven days, regardless of whether they have travelled to affected areas. This means people should stay at home and avoid all but essential contact with others for seven days from the point of displaying mild symptoms, to slow the spread of infection.

There may come a time when we have to close the school for a shorter period of time. If so, we would, in all instances, take advice from Public Health England first. For example, if we had a confirmed case of COVID-19 in, we might need to close down temporarily for a deep clean before reopening. It might not be possible to provide schoolwork for short-term closures depending on the situation.

Questions will emerge for all of us over the coming days and weeks, which we may not know the answers to immediately but we will have to make decisions on or seek further advice about e.g. if a *family member has a cough, does that mean all the family should stay off school* and there's many more besides. I thank you in advance for your support and understanding. In the meantime, we pray that God looks after us and keeps all our families safe.

POSTPONED- Deanery Mass Celebration of Chorley Martyr, Blessed Roger Wrenno

The Deanery Mass planned for Roger Wrenno's Feast Day on Wednesday 18th March next week has been postponed due to the coronavirus outbreak.

School News

School Council

Jane and Sophie, the secretaries on the school council have produced this for the newsletter:

What does the school council do?

The school council does a variety of things. We help the school get the best resources. We ask classes what they want and we try our best to make that happen. If someone has an idea we will do a vote and use democracy to decide what to do. Recently, we bought a bike rack

and we used democracy to decide whether to buy it. The majority of us voted for the bike rack so we bought it. This is what the school council does to help the school.

Eco- Council News

An invitation from Eco Council:

Dear parents,

Week beginning Monday 23rd March, eco-council have planned a climate change week to support working towards the UN's SDG 13: Climate Action. They have asked all year groups across school to take part in lessons based on Climate Change to take an active role in an issue that impacts us all as global citizens. On Friday 27th March you are invited to a whole school assembly at 9am where all classes will present their Climate Change learning, showcasing their new knowledge and enabling them to really take action on this important issue. Refreshments will be available afterwards where Mrs Nicklin and the eco-council will also ask you for feedback about our learning that has taken place and whether it has inspired you to take action to make small changes for climate change.

Thanks, Mrs Nicklin and Eco-council

Year 3 Assembly

The children in Year 3 will be performing their class assembly to the school this coming Thursday at 9am. They will be sharing their learning in Come and See RE with us. Parents and grandparents are welcome to come along for now, I will inform you if there needs to be any change to that. It would be a shame if this were not the case as having parents and grandparents there are a part of what make them so special.




Chorley, St Mary's Attendance League

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CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
1 st	YEAR 3	97.76
= 2 nd	YEAR 4	96.52
= 2 nd	YEAR 2	96.52
4 th	YEAR 1	96.28
5 th	YEAR 5	95.58
6 th	YEAR 6	95.45
7 th	RECEPTION	95.29

Star of the Week 06.03.20

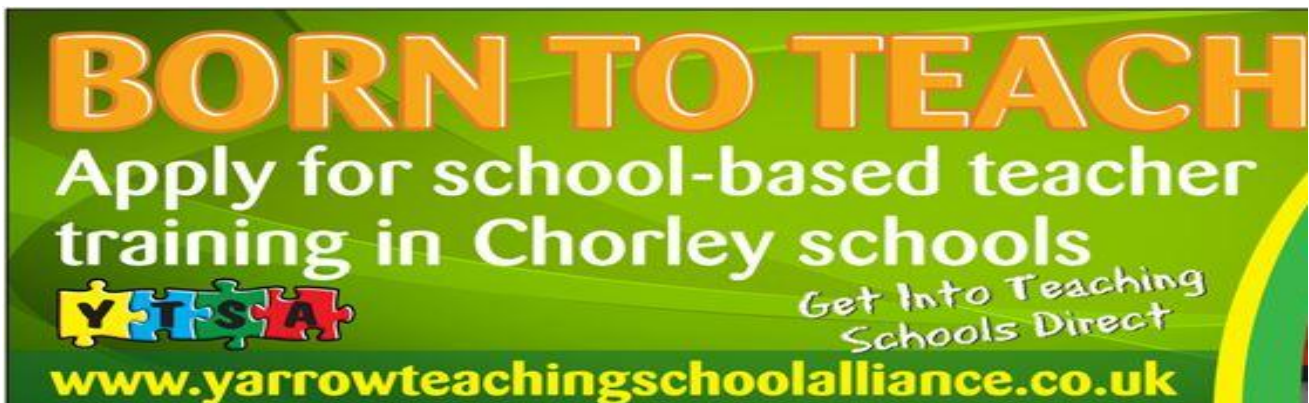
 Class	Name	Star of the Week for ...
YN	Mickey	Playing well with his friends
YR	Veronica	A brilliant recount of our trip to the zoo.
Y1	Poppy	Always trying her best
Y2	Owen	Offering intelligent contributions in Y2
Y3	Niall	Enthusiasm to answer questions in class.
Y4	Amelie	Great presentation and being ready to learn.
Y5	Florence	Answering questions and showing great enthusiasm in all areas of learning.
Y6	Harry O	A great new version of <i>The Lord's Prayer</i>

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 Class	Name	Star of the Week for ...
YN	Sam W	Writing his name independently.
YR	Joseph Mc	An excellent attitude to his learning.
Y1	Sophia	Her lovely English work about Beatrix Potter.
Y2	Eva	A beautifully written, innovated story.
Y3	Zach	A super week of effort all round.
Y4	Sienna	Thinking 'outside of the box' in science and collecting evidence in a different way to everyone else
Y5	Amelia	Excellent behaviour and putting one hundred percent effort into all areas of learning.
Y6	Jane	A great hybrid text about Chester Zoo

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.



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 keep an eye out for Open Events.

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.