



School Newsletter

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

14.07.23

Dear parents and carers,

This is the first newsletter for a few weeks and we have been very busy over that time.

Bishop Tom Neylon visit to school

Bishop Tom Neylon, Auxillary Bishop of Liverpool, came to visit us on Monday 26 June. He popped in to see each class and was very impressed with the knowledge and excellent behaviour of the children. With the Y6 class, he shared some of the very special objects he had brought with him including: his crozier, mitre and a special medal. He also sat with the infants and the nursery children to have his lunch. He is coming back to celebrate Mass with us on All Saints' Day, November 1st at St Mary's Church.

SS Peter & Paul Mass

On the 29 June, children from Y2-Y6 attended Mass for the Feast of St Peter and Paul. It was the first visit of the Y2 class to a school Mass at St Mary's Church. The children behaved beautifully.

Nursery Graduation

Also on 29 June, the children from the nursery class (all bar one!) celebrated the end of their nursery year with a lovely graduation ceremony in front of their proud parents and families. Thank you nursery staff for all your hard work and care this year; it was great to watch the children share what they like doing and what they hope to become when they grow up – a pirate and an Easter Bunny featured there! Thank you family members for coming along to support.

Holy Cross Science Day

The Y5 class went to Holy Cross on Monday 3 July for a day of science with staff from the high school. The children had a fantastic time learning lots of new things and taking part in exciting experiments. Miss Hesketh and Mrs Southern reported that the children's behaviour was superb. Thank you to Holy Cross for inviting us up and giving the children a highly memorable experience.

'Moving up' morning

Over the last couple of weeks, most of our Y6 children have had the opportunity to visit their new high schools. Holy Cross had their induction day on Wednesday 5 July; that is where the majority of our Y6 are moving up to. So with most of the Y6s gone, we had a moving up hour. Children moved up to the new year group and had a taste of what it is going to be like in September.

Classes and teachers next year

I will let parents know which teachers are teaching which classes next year next week.

Book Fair

Miss Hesketh organised the book fair last week and this week. Thank you once again for coming along to support. And thank you to Miss Hesketh and all the other staff who helped to run it.

Chorley Library Summer Reading Challenge - Reading Heroes

Librarians from Chorley Library came to school on Monday to speak to the children about their exciting summer reading challenge. Please read on ...

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/libraries/lancs-reading-heroes/>

This summer, we are challenging children across Lancashire to become a Reading Hero and help Dr Paige Turner to stop the evil super villain "The Spoiler"!

Reading Heroes is the brand-new summer reading programme offered in all libraries across Lancashire, which encourages children aged 4 to 12 (although not exclusively) to keep reading through the summer holidays, offering prizes for those who manage to read 5 books over the summer, and additional incentives for those who manage to also complete a number of challenges.

How it works

Sign up at your local library and receive a booklet containing all the information you need to help defeat The Spoiler, including a comic book story which can be unlocked along the way.

To become a Reading Hero, you will need to **read five books** over the course of the summer, collecting stickers and prizes along the way!

To become a Reading Superhero, you will need to read five books and complete 3 of the suggested tasks in the booklet. Doing this will enter you into a prize draw for a special prize!

We'll be running some fantastic events to help you defeat The Spoiler in our libraries.

If you can't make it to one of our libraries you can complete the challenge online

Follow the link to find out more:

<https://my.nicheacademy.com/lancashirereadingjourney/course/33147>

We'll also be offering a colouring competition in our libraries. Best of luck!

PTFA events

Ladies Night

The PTFA held their annual Ladies Night. By all accounts, it was hugely enjoyable. Thank you to those of you who were able to come along and support and thank you to the PTFA members for your hours of time and effort in organising the event, arranging the catering, decorating the room and tables and so on. The event raised an amazing **£965** for the PTFA. Thank you!

PTFA Own clothes days donations

On behalf of the PTFA and of the school, I would like to say a big thank you to you all for your generous donations for the summer fair tombolas.

Summer Fair

Last Friday the weather was kind to us and we enjoyed a warm, dry evening for our annual summer fair. Thank you all for turning out in such great number. I hope you enjoyed various games and activities on offer. A big thank you to the PTFA members for organising the event, coming in to sort the tombola prizes over the last couple of weeks, the volunteers who ran the various stalls, set the fair up and those that stayed behind to tidy up afterwards. It was a great effort and a hugely enjoyable event. Thanks to your generosity the PTFA raised an incredible **£1, 375**.

Y6 Leavers' Play

Over the last couple of days the Y6 have performed their end of year play to the rest of the school and to their families. They were superb. It was a comic look back on typical primary school experiences and memories. The children's acting and singing was great. Although it was hard work preparing for the performance in such a busy term, it was absolutely worth it. The Y6 children had great fun. They all had beaming smiles on their faces and I think their proud parents and families did too. Well done Y6, and thank you to Mr Cahalin, Mrs Blackwell, Mrs Holt and Mrs Owsianska in coaching and preparing the children so well and thank you to our front of house team, Mrs Wilson in ensuring everyone got the tickets they needed!

Leavers' Mass

On Monday at 6pm, Fr Marsden will be coming to school to celebrate Leavers' Mass with the Y6 class and their families. Due to the weather forecast, it will take place indoors this year. Following the Mass, the children will be having a party and disco with food and drinks provided by the PTFA. Thank you PTFA!

Outdoor elements

The Y2 and the Y4 classes went to the Outdoor Elements outdoor and adventure activity centre near Burnley, today for a day packed with activities. They had lots of fun trying out lots of new challenges. Thank you to the volunteers who accompanied the children on the trip and thanks to Mr Hodge for organising the event.

School Games Gold award



We are delighted to announce that we, St Mary's, have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2022/23 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success again this year.

Thank you to Mr Hodge for his excellent leadership of PE and sport; he has this message for all those who have contributed this year:

'Could I thank all those who have helped in any way, shape or form in terms of the PE delivery this year - Giving the opportunity to a broad range of children to participate in PE could not have been possible without that support.'

End of year reports

The children will be bringing home their end of year report tonight in an envelope. Having read the reports, it is clear that our teachers have been very impressed with the hard work and enthusiasm of the children and of the progress that they have made.

Parents of children in Y1 will also receive the phonics screening check scores that their children attained, as will parents of children in Y2 who repeated that check this year.

Parents of children in Y2 will receive the results of the end of KS1 assessments.

Parents of children in Y4 will receive their child's result in the multiplication table check and parents of children in Y6 will receive end of KS2 test results and teacher assessments.

Open training session at Chorley FC

Free opportunity from Chorley FC for their young fans.
Please see below and attached.

Kind Regards,

Tom Halstead
Chorley Borough Council,
Community Engagement Officer



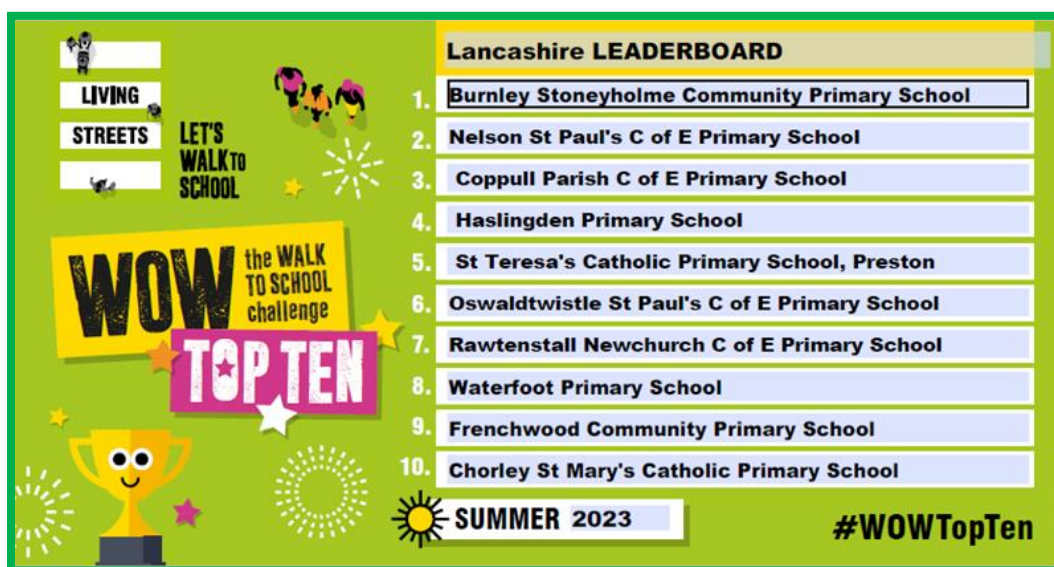
Walk to School Challenge - WOW – St Mary's are in the top 10 in Lancashire!

News from the WOW Walk to school team ...

June's **WOW Top Ten challenge** is finished! We were delighted to see so many schools taking part by increasing their engagement rate on the WOW Travel Tracker and encouraging pupils to travel actively to school!

This term's #WOWTopTen schools in Lancashire are:

St Mary's is in the top 10 – well done everyone!



Chorley Superheroes Hunt - 19th August – 10th September Astley Park Walled Garden

We received an email asking us to publicise a Chorley Superheroes Hunt event ...

Hi,

My name is Rachael Harty and along with my husband we run the charity association Rory's Box, based in Chorley.

I am a mum of 2 young boys, Noah who is 5 and Rory who was 2. Rory, my youngest son died following a leukaemia diagnosis in December 21, just 12 weeks after diagnosis.

I was hoping you would be able to let your teachers, staff and importantly the parents of the school know about a childhood cancer awareness event that we are running in Astley Park over the summer holidays.

Chorley's Superheroes Event is a free event, in the walled gardens at Astley Park. The superheroes the children have to find are all Chorley children who have had a cancer diagnosis. For the adults, along the way there is vital and lifesaving information about the common signs and symptoms of all Childhood Cancer. Our opening day is the 19th August where there will be glitter tattoos available for the children and it will run until the 10th September. September being childhood cancer awareness month.

As teachers and school/nursery staff, you see our children just as much as we do, so for ALL adults to be aware of the symptoms of childhood cancer includes teachers/school/nursery staff immensely.

The aim of the event is to bring more awareness of the symptoms of childhood cancer, which will then bring earlier diagnosis, saving many of our children's lives. Childhood cancer is the biggest killer of our children, but the education and knowledge surrounding it is very little compared to other childhood illnesses.

Our event is supported and endorsed by Regent House Surgery in Chorley, and Chorley Borough council.

We would be very grateful if you are able to communicate this to your Childrens parents, via any online apps you use and newsletters. Also, if you can make all the teachers and staff aware.

I completely understand that the open communication about Childhood Cancer is taboo, and not widely spoken about. It's sad, its heartbreaking and unthinkable. However, whilst society doesn't talk about it, children will continue to get late diagnosis of childhood cancer, children will continue to die from Childhood Cancer. 1 in 450 children in the UK will receive a diagnosis by the age of 15. When you think of the attendance of schools, and the number of children per school, it suddenly doesn't seem as rare as we are made to believe.

We are hoping along with the GP surgeries and council, that this event will give adults the knowledge to be able to advocate for their child in a medical setting. It will give teachers the confidence to mention something to a parent that doesn't seem quite right, it may be nothing, but with the correct knowledge behind you, teachers can feel confident in giving the advice that a child needs to be checked out.

I have attached the poster to the event for your own use. Please feel free to use on online platforms and in paper form.

Thank you for your time.

Rachael Harty - Noah and Rory's Mummy

Supported by Regent House Doctor's Surgery.

Chorley's Superheroes Hunt

CHORLEY'S VERY OWN SUPERHEROES HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED A MISSION TO EDUCATE US, ON THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF CHILDHOOD CANCER. FIND THEM ALL, BEFORE THEY MOVE ON TO SAVE MORE LIVES!

19TH AUGUST - 10TH SEPTEMBER
ASTLEY PARK WALLED GARDEN
CHORLEY

Children's colouring in hunt sheet available from Astley shop throughout event.
Complimentary superhero tattoos for all children who complete hunt on opening day.

Brought to you by Rory's Box

The poster is a vertical strip with a black border. On the left side, there are six small panels: a green hand holding a plant, two pink stars, a red 'POW!' sound effect, a superhero cape, a green 'BANG' sound effect, and a yellow mask. The main area is white with a blue lightning bolt graphic. At the bottom, there is a blue banner with white text.

Attendance

This year we are going to re-introduce attendance certificates for every child who has achieved 98% attendance with a special note for those who attained 100% attendance. Keep an eye out for those!



Chorley, St Mary's Attendance League 2022/2023

W/E 14.07.23



CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
1st	YEAR 4	97.21
2nd	RECEPTION	97.12
3rd	YEAR 6	96.80
4th	YEAR 5	96.73
5th	YEAR 3	96.53
6th	YEAR 2	96.43
7th	YEAR 1	95.31

No 100% attendance this week.

Upcoming vacancy on the Governing Board

The governors asked me to give you advance notice of an election that will take place in October this year for the role of parent governor on the governing body. This following is a link from the LCC website which gives you further information on the role of governor.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/become-a-school-governor/#parent>

Kath Smith, the Chair of Governors, is one our long-serving foundation governors.

I have been involved with St Mary's School since 1994 and I am currently Chair of Governors. My children went to the school and benefitted from an excellent education and a wealth of extra curricula activities.

As a parent, I was originally involved in setting up the After School Club and was encouraged to apply to become a foundation governor. I love my involvement with the school, and I believe that every child should have the chance to reach their full potential and deserve the best education we can provide for them Being a governor is rewarding and I enjoy feeling part of a team who is working to improve the life chances of our children.

The Wednesday Word

The Primary School Wednesday Word is an outreach, which shares Sunday's Gospel with all school families, in a unique way. This is a weekly Gospel 'gift' from the school to the child to take home, which then becomes a 'gift' from the child to the whole family.



It is downloadable from the school website here. Wednesday Word | St. Mary's Catholic Primary School & Nursery chorleystmarys.lancs.sch.uk

Chorley School Sports Partnership – Summer Camps

Please see below details of this year's CSSP summer camps

Chorley
SCHOOL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

SUMMER SPORTS CAMP

Ages 5 – 11 years

£70 FOUR DAYS
£20 SINGLE DAY

WEEK 1 – 31 JUL
WEEK 2 – 7 AUG
WEEK 3 – 14 AUG
WEEK 4 – 21 AUG

CHORLEY ST PETERS
EAVES LANE, PR6 0DX
CLAYTON LE WOODS
Back Lane, PR6 7EU
HESKIN PEMBERTONS
Withington Lane, PR7 5LU

9.30AM-3.00PM

CONTACT US
camp@chorleyssp.co.uk
07306403255 / 01257449278

JOIN US..
Monday to Thursday for 4 funfilled weeks, with lots of fun games, sports, arts and crafts, cooking and food education. A packed lunch with lots of water will be needed.

www.chorleyssp.co.uk/holiday-events

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ATHLETICS SUMMER CAMP

Ages 5 – 15 years

£70 FOUR DAYS
£20 SINGLE DAY

MONDAY 14TH AUGUST – THURSDAY 17TH AUGUST

WESTWAY SPORTS HUB
Westway PR7 1FG

9.30AM-3.00PM

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Monday to Thursday for 4 funfilled days, with lots of fun games, event specific training, with every discipline covered. A packed lunch with lots of water will be needed.

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Vandalism

Sadly, we had a couple of individuals on site at around 4.30am one morning this week. They climbed on the roof and scrawled an obscene message on a whiteboard outside Y1. Unfortunately, they have also caused damage to the outdoor play area, including ripping the slide and ladders off the nursery children's playhouse. We don't know quite the full extent of the damage yet as we're finding things

out as we go along. The incident has been reported to the police and we do have some CCTV footage although the individuals were wearing balaclavas.

SVP Chorley Buddies Good Food Clubs

The Chorley Buddies are doing some fantastic work around Chorley, I have been sent some information about the Good Food Clubs they are running around the Chorley area. If you or you know anyone who might benefit please contact them on the number below.


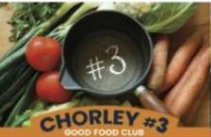


SVP Chorley Buddies Good Food Clubs

Over 2 million tonnes of good food goes to landfill EACH YEAR...

Join the club that helps divert that food from landfill!

For just £5 per week, you will receive at least £25 worth of food of your choice.

£10 lifetime membership.

				
Buttermere Community Centre Chorley Runs every Thursday from 10:30am	St John the Divine Parish Hall Coppull Runs every Wednesday from 10:30am Breakfast club 9-10am	St Joseph's Parish Centre Thornhill Runs every Tuesday from 10:30am Breakfast club 9-10am	St Paul's Church Adlington Due to open Monday 17th April Will run every Monday from 10:30am Breakfast club 9-10am	Clayton Brook Village Hall Clayton-le-Woods Due to open Friday 5th May Will run every Friday from 10:30am




SVP Chorley Buddies
We're Helping
01257 542 367

STARS OF THE WEEK w/e 07.07.23

Class	Name	Star of the Week for ...
YN	William R	Some super contributions to class discussions and always trying his best
YR	Jacob	trying hard in everything
Y1	Sienna F	Always working to the best of her ability
Y2	Tommy K	Working so hard on his maths- a speedy arithmetic genius
Y3	Noah	An amazing effort with his writing this week (writing his own version of the <i>Spider and the Fly</i>).
Y4	Poppy	Excellent use of speech in her BFG inspired story and beautiful presentation
Y5	Emily	Creating a fantastic ancient myth!
Y6	Jaden	An amazing study in watercolours of the Eiffel tower

STARS OF THE WEEK w/e 14.07.23

			
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YN	Ella S	being so helpful to adults this week.	
YR	Ewan	always giving 100% in everything he does	
Y1	Theo	trying so hard with his spellings and phonics work.	
Y2		ON TRIP	
Y3	Evie		
Y4		ON TRIP	
Y5	The whole of Y5	All of Year 5 for a wonderful and successful year. A year to be truly proud of!	
Y6	Jamie	Y6 all gave great performances but Jamie worked really hard on his 51 lines.	

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>

Are you interested in training to become a primary school teacher? Visit the YSA website

www.yarrowteachingschoolalliance.co.uk to find out more about what is on offer.

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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