



# School Newsletter

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

14.10.22

Dear parents/ carers,

## CAFOD Brighten up the Harvest Appeal

Thank you also for your generous donations to the CAFOD *Brighten Up the Harvest Appeal*. You raised **£337**. This is a great total given this time of increasing cost of living and on top of your donations of tinned food for the Living Waters Food Store last week.

**BRIGHTEN UP**

## Y6 Class assembly

It was great to be able to welcome parents/ carers and other family members back into school to watch the Y6 collective worship this week.

The theme of the assembly was *Loving*, part of the Domestic Church – Family unit of work they have been studying in their RE *Come and See* this half term. The messages of 'love' children read out to their parents were very powerful. Well done Y6 and well done Mr Cahalin, Mrs Blackwell, Mrs Holt and Mrs Owsianska for helping them prepare.

Thank you parents/ carers for your kind comments afterwards.

## St Mary's loves reading! – messages from Miss Hesketh

### Author session – Lenny Henry

Key Stage 2 enjoyed the virtual Lenny Henry author session on Tuesday morning. All the children enjoyed listening to Lenny's journey to becoming an author and his explanation linked to the themes of his new book. They were treated to a preview of Lenny reading from his new book *The Book of Legends* and he even shared some of his favourite jokes. Year 5 were particularly excited when Lenny mentioned that one of his favourite books of all time is *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* which they are currently studying and thoroughly enjoying in their English lessons.

### School Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our *Scholastic Book Fair*. It was lovely to see lots of families sharing their love of reading as they browsed the bookshelves. Our commission reward for the

school was **£852.77** which we can now spend with *Scholastic* on books for our school to enjoy for years to come. So once again thank you, Miss Hesketh.

*And thank you to Miss Hesketh for organising the fair and to all the staff who helped to run it.*

### **Author visit - Sean Perkins**



Sean Perkins, a local author, who specialises in children's picture books is coming to visit **EYFS and KS1** on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October**. Sean has recently written and illustrated his third book and second in the Oscar and Ben series entitled 'Oscar and Ben - The Birthday Party.' During his visit, Sean will introduce the characters in his new book, sing songs and answer any questions the children might have.

Information about how to purchase any of Sean's books will be sent home after his visit via the school office.

### **Parents Evenings**

Please check your Groupcall emails for details of next week's parents' evenings. Mrs Wilson has also set up some reminders to go out.

### **Football News**

As mentioned last week, the St Mary's football team qualified for this week's football finals night at Westway. This phase of the competition moved to a knockout format. Three wins would make St Mary's champions once again; however, it was not to be this time. But, they did progress to the final for the third year in a row – a fantastic achievement in itself. They beat a strong St Laurence's, 1-0, in the quarter-finals. They overcame a skilful Primrose Hill team in the semis on penalties following a goalless score line after extra-time.

However, in the final they went down to a 2-0 defeat to St Gregory's in what turned out to be a very tightly contested match, which, in all honesty, could have gone either way. The lads were disappointed, of course, but they and Mr Hodge can be very proud of themselves for finishing second out of twenty-eight schools.

Well done to the boys and Mr Hodge on a great achievement and thanks to Mr McVittie and the Chorley Schools Sports Partnership for organising another great competition.



## **Messages from the school office:**

### **Secondary School Applications - Deadline for applications 31st October 2022**

The deadline for high school applications is fast approaching and according to our records there are a number of families who have not yet submitted an online application. A reminder that if Holy Cross is one of your chosen options - they must have received a completed Supplementary Faith Form/ Supplementary Information Form by 31.10.22. You can download this from their website:

<https://www.holycross.lancs.sch.uk/hcs/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Supplementary-Faith-Information-Form-2023.pdf>

As with all faith schools - this is a vital part of the application and without it, your child's application will be ranked at a lower criteria level. Just a word of warning, Holy Cross close for half term before us, on Wednesday 19th October and re-open on Monday 31st October, this means after today, there are only 5 days in which to call at school to get the form in on time.

### **Spooktacular Dress Up Day – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

The PTFA are holding a 'Spooktacular Dress Up Day' next Friday 21st October, in lieu of the usual Spooky Monster Ball/Disco', which they are unable to host due to the parish centre already being booked

There is a suggested voluntary donation of £1 for this day, which should be sent in an envelope labelled with 'Spooky Dress Day Donation'.

For the dress up day could we please ask the following:

School shoes must still be worn and all outfits must be able to fit their school coat over the top!  
NO face paints - a whole school day is a long time to have face paint on their skin and it will rub off!  
Remember they need to be comfortable in their outfit and be able to go to the toilet without assistance! And nothing too scary that will frighten our youngest children! Thank you.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

### Message from Micaela from the Chorley Schools Sports Partnership CSSP

Hello,

We are running our October holiday camp during half term. I have attached the flyer if you could send out to your parents and share our social media across your channels that would be amazing. If you as a school would like to book anyone on just reply to this email and I can get that sorted for you.

Thank you 😊

**Micaela Brindle**



**Messages from Tom Halstead, Community Engagement Officer, Chorley Borough Council.**

### *Cricket Holiday Camps*

Tom has informed us that Chorley and West Lancs Cricket Academy are running some sessions over the half term break. Please see attached leaflet.

### *Inspire Youth Zone Brochure*

He has also asked us to share the updated list of programmes and opportunities for young people at Inspire Youth Zone, see attached leaflet.

### **Messages from Mrs Grzeczynska, Parish Administrator at St Mary's**

1. We are looking for volunteer church cleaners on Thursdays at 09.30 -10.45. We really need some extra help and we would appreciate it if any parents could help us out.
2. Each Christmas Day, St Laurence's puts on a Christmas Lunch for those who need it. St Laurence's are having a volunteers meeting in their church, on Tuesday 11th October 2022 at 19.00. The meeting will discuss how to manage the food service and how many sittings there will be and the duty rota. Perhaps you could encourage your older teenagers and undergraduates to help out in this very worthy cause. Thank you.

### **Health Notice**

See attached health information about Hand, Foot and Mouth disease.

## 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/v/s!AtbNHwPWZaEvgb9ealGbTkP18nx-Vg>

## The Children's Commissioner for England launches The Big Summer Survey

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, wants to hear more from children about their summer holidays to create a unique picture of children's lives over the summer. There is very little currently known at the national level about how children spend their time over the summer break and this new research will really add to that picture. You can access the survey at the link below.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-summer-survey/#msdyntrid=c0yXTRDwKe2fKUu2qgOOLjWjW2dNP64Toi2-09CKqWM>

## 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 14.10.22



CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
1 <sup>st</sup>	YEAR 4	98.61
2 <sup>nd</sup>	YEAR 5	98.16
3 <sup>rd</sup>	YEAR 6	97.18
4 <sup>th</sup>	YEAR 3	96.61
5 <sup>th</sup>	RECEPTION	96.16
6 <sup>th</sup>	YEAR 2	95.63
7 <sup>th</sup>	YEAR 1	94.55

Congratulations to **Y6** on their **100%** attendance, this week.

## STARS OF THE WEEK w/e 14.10.22



Class	Name	Star of the Week for ...
YN	Annie C	for doing so well and coming in every day with no tears all week.
YR	Alex	for always giving 100% effort and super home learning.
Y1	Joshua W	Always ready to work.
Y2	Sebastian P	for determination to improve in all areas, working really hard and contributing to discussions.
Y3	Sam	Consistently good effort and good work
Y4	Addison	for effort in her school work at school and at home
Y5	Noah	For working hard on his handwriting and sentence composition in his opening to his recent story.
Y6	Oliver	A brilliant story ending.



Best wishes,  
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