



School Newsletter

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

18th October 2019

Dear parents,

We have come to the end of a busy, and enjoyable half-term and it has flown by. The children have settled down well into their new year groups, made a good start and have worked hard; they deserve a week's rest.

Half-term holiday

School closes this afternoon for the mid-term break. Please note that we **re-open for children at the normal time on Tuesday 29th October** as Monday 28th October is an INSET day.

Parents' Evenings

The teachers met with parents earlier on this week to discuss their children's progress and to have a look at the work in their books. Unfortunately, we were unable to arrange a session for parents of children in Y3 and Y4, but we will make every effort to do so a few weeks into the second half-term.

Good luck Miss McCluskey



Miss McCluskey, our deputy head and Y2 teacher, is getting married tomorrow. We wish her a wonderful day tomorrow and every happiness into the future.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Collection

Thank you all for your incredible generosity for the recent CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Collection. We just surpassed our £300 target which buys a mobile health team for remote communities.

You raised **£306**. Thank you!

SYNOD 2020



Please see attached poster at the end of the newsletter giving times and dates of workshops exploring Synod themes.



Half -Term Free Packed Lunches

We received an email from Home Start regarding free packed lunches for children over half term for families struggling to make ends meet. If you think you know someone who may benefit from this, please pass the information on. Many thanks.

Hi

Just to let you know that our charity Home-Start Central Lancashire are offering free packed lunches in the October Half Term Holidays on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for families who might be struggling to make ends meet. Asda at Chorley have very kindly given us funding for this project for Chorley Families. The Lunches will be provided on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during week commencing Tuesday 22nd October and Week Commencing Tuesday 29th October.

*Please could you tell all parents who normally get free school meals for their children about this service. **Anyone who would like Packed Lunch needs to phone Home-Start on 01257 241636 either the day before or before 10am on the day they want the lunch**, stating how many Adults and Children need a packed lunch. The families can then collect the packed lunches after 11am at the Home-Start Building which is on the Fleet Street Long Stay Car Park Chorley PR7 2EE. If you need any further information do give us a ring on 01257 241636.*



Thank you
Eunice

Half-Termly Update from Madame Russell, our French teacher in Y3, 4, 5 and 6



The summer holidays seem a distance away, but the children were eager to share their stories back in September when we started our French afternoons again.

In our first lesson, we all got re-acquainted singing our *Going Back to French School* song in Y3 and 4 and reciting a poem in Y5 and 6. We celebrated the **European Day of Languages** with songs, greetings in different languages and even animal sounds in other countries, also using maps of the EU to share our knowledge! Also, the Y6 were handed a History and Geography of the European Union booklet with useful information.

In Classe Trois or Y3, we introduced the French map and cities, stopping in Paris to talk about *la Tour Eiffel* and got a chance to sketch it. We looked at different ways of travelling to France, sharing own experiences and watched clips to show the country far and wide. Then we got familiar with the French alphabet in a song, discovered French words sometimes have accents and had a go at the French cursive handwriting! We also started learning simple greetings, to say our name and how we feel in songs while practising these new phrases in writing.

In Classe Quatre or Y4, we explained the colours of the French flag and why France had a French Revolution. Children loved hearing about the guillotine! We explored Paris' famous landmarks and found out about local delicacies and cheeses. Then we brainstormed questions and answers with

personal information using songs and games, role-played dialogues in partners and practised writing the new sentences in a superhero dialogue. We got a chance to revise colours and numbers at the same time.

In **Classe Cinq or Y5**, we explained the royal symbol of the Lily used by the Kings before the French Revolution and discovered French flags through history. We also looked at the shape of France as a 'Hexagon' and stopped in small towns and villages. Then we revised rules for masculine and feminine with names of animals, practised opinions of colours in a class survey and used numbers and months to use in a personal description to present to the class.

In **Classe Six or Y6**, we started our lessons with the introduction a famous French character, Napoleon, and looked at his ideas after the French Revolution. We debated whether he was a tyrant or a hero, using extended sentences with conjunctions and adjectives to describe his personality. Then we explored the beautiful island of Corsica, where he was born, and completed a map with a set of given instructions. To close on this topic, we looked at ways of transports to travel, also recorded in a written activity, while singing the verb to go in the present tense.

Merci beaucoup et à bientôt!

Mme Russell - MFL Specialist - French

ALDI's Kit for School Sticker Chart

We've completed one sticker chart and are just a few stickers away from completing the second one. We are still accepting stickers so if you collect any over the half term break, 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 – this is the Thursday of the first week back after half term.

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	98.58
2 nd	YEAR 6	97.73
3 rd	YEAR 1	97.47
4 th	YEAR 4	97.26
5 th	YEAR 5	96.54
6 th	RECEPTION	96.15
7 th	YEAR 2	96.01

W/e 18.10.19

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.

Message from the school office

A reminder for all parents to please settle their Parentpay accounts - preferably by 31st October! Please check all sections - lunches, toast, nursery fees, extended day, uniform, panto, etc.

Any queries should be emailed to Mrs Hargreaves at admin@chorleystmarys.lancs.sch.uk, which will be reviewed when we return after the holiday. Many thanks

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 18.10.19

	Class	Name	Star of the Week for ...
	YN	Violet	Fantastic effort in everything that she does.
	YR	William B	Fantastic contribution in phonics lessons.
	Y1	Eliza	A super effort this half term in all her work.
	Y2	George	Being an all-round superstar.
	Y3	Harry	Fantastic work in all subjects.
	Y4	Eleanor	For her fantastic attitude and listening skills this week.
	Y5	Grace B	Applying her excellent computing skills to her persuasive presentation.
	Y6	Scarlett	Great work finding missing angles in polygons.

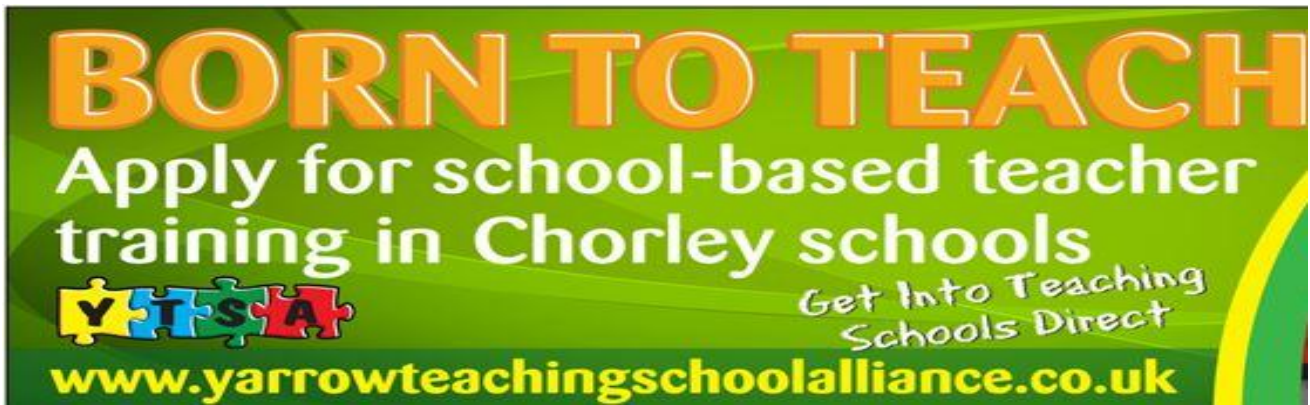
Notable Dates – There are a few dates which I have pencilled in which have yet to be fully confirmed (TBC) but I wanted to give you some advance notice of our plans.

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Autumn HT - 2		
1 PEACE Bonfire Night	October	
	29 Oct for two weeks	Remembrance Fortnight
	29	School reopens for pupils
	November	
	1	Y3-6 Attend All Saints Mass
2	4 – 8	Book People in

DIVERSITY	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.



Synod2020 Chorley Pastoral Area

Exploration of Themes

Workshop Dates

Themes	St Chad's Social Club	St Mary's Social Club	St Joseph's Social Club
All Called & Gifted by God	Tuesday 22 nd October Main Room 7.30pm	Wednesday 23 rd October Upstairs Rooms 7.30pm	Thursday 24 th October Function Room 8pm
Sharing The Mission of Jesus	Tuesday 19 th November Main Room 7.30pm	Wednesday 13 th November Upstairs Rooms 7.30pm	Thursday 21 st November Function Room 8pm
How We Pray Together		Wednesday 4 th December Upstairs Rooms 7.30pm	Thursday 5 th December Function Room 8pm
Building Community, Nurturing Belonging	Tuesday 19 th February Main Room 7.30pm	Wednesday 12 th February Upstairs Rooms 7.30pm	Thursday 20 th February Function Room 8pm

