



# School Newsletter

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

**19.06.2020**

Dear Parents/ Carers

Good evening. I'll keep this newsletter brief as there have been a few lengthy ones of late! We are well prepared and are looking forward to welcoming Y1, Nursery and Reception children back in to school, in addition to the children of keyworkers next week.

On Monday, Y1s will return and will go into Y3 and Y4 classrooms. The childcare children will go in to Y5 and Y6. On Tuesday, the Nursery children will join them and on Wednesday, the Reception children will restart. I think we are all looking forward to returning to a little bit of normality.

## **A note of congratulations to children, staff and parents.**

During the closure, the English consultants' team at LCC have produced some wonderful English learning units. Our teachers and many other teachers across the county have used them to plan children's learning. The DfE described the Lancashire English team's work as exceptional. They asked the Lancashire advisers to present their work to English advisers from across the country today.

Nicola Martin, the lead English consultant, asked Miss Hesketh if she could gather some work from each of our classes to use in her presentation. She asked a number of other schools too. When Miss Hesketh sent them to the adviser— she was very impressed. Here is a message from Miss Hesketh:

*Mrs Martin was so impressed with the children's outcomes from their English work, she said, 'The English outcomes from Chorley St. Mary's are absolutely spectacular and amongst the best we have seen so far!' Thank you to all our staff for delivering the lessons online and to all our parents for helping the children to achieve such wonderful learning outcomes. Finally, a huge well done to the children for producing such amazing work - we are all so proud of you! Please let your children know that their work has been showcased across the country today!*

## **Other Good News**

Mrs Nicklin asked me to mention that there have been other very positive things happening too.

Mrs Ash, our Year 4 TA, and also phonics teacher, was complimented by a parent for her **phonics worksheets**. She has been producing these for home school learning over the last few weeks. The parent said the work produced by Mrs Ash was fantastic! Well done Mrs Ash!

We have been contacted by **parishioners who had received cards** from our children during this lockdown period; the children sent these as one of the optional home learning tasks set. The parishioners have said the cards were lovely to receive and really appreciated them. I want to say again a big well done, thanks to all involved and a big thank you to all the children who have sent cards.

We know this has been a very difficult time where everyone has been juggling many different aspects of their lives at home and I want to say a huge thank you for your continued support and positive feedback that you have given us during this time. It is very much appreciated and keeps us going! Thank you!

### **DfE Guidance - What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak - Published 18 June 2020**

Please click on link to see updated guidance from the Government.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

### **Local Support Services**

You don't need me to tell you that some families and some individuals will be struggling during these very challenging times. Kinga Gray-Grzeczynska has forwarded to me these contact details and addresses for local support agencies.

Please pass them on, if you know of anyone who might benefit from them. Kinga also asked me to mention that if you are aware of anyone who is struggling to put food on the table at the moment to please contact her at the parish office on 01257 262537.

#### Community support

Chorley council Tel 01257 515151

[Covid-19Support@southribble.gov.uk](mailto:Covid-19Support@southribble.gov.uk) Tel 01772 625625

hubofhope.co.uk (postcode gives local support available)

#### Domestic abuse

National Domestic Abuse Helpline Tel 0808 2000 247 (staffed 24 hrs a day)

#### Young people

[www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)

Inspire crisis helpline (drugs and alcohol-young people) Tel 07984357293

#### Food banks

Living waters store house/food bank Tel 0344 245 1294 Mon-Fri 9-5pm

Penwortham Community Centre offer pre-packed emergency parcels (Kingsfold Drive Penwortham Preston PR1 9EQ) open Fridays 9.30-12

#### Older Adults support

Coronavirus helpline-Age UK Lancashire-Tel 01772 552850 (Anyone over 70 who are struggling due to self-isolating and need support)

[www.thesilverline.org.uk/](http://www.thesilverline.org.uk/) Tel 0800 470 80 90 – free confidential helpline open 24 hrs a day

[www.gransnet.com/](http://www.gransnet.com/) advice for dealing with isolation and loneliness

### Star of the Week 19.06.2020

Class	Name	Star of the Week for ...
YN	George	Always trying hard in lots of different activities.
YR	Archie	Amazing creativity and hard work this week.
Y1	Alice	Her fantastic English work.
Y2	Hettie	Beautiful presentation of her work and handwriting.
Y3	Jaden	Detail in which he is writing amazes Mr Hodge!
Y4	Charlie and Sam	Excellent work.
Y5	Niamh C	Trying her best and being creative with her computing skills and animation.
Y6	Jane	A diary from the point of view of Fred from <i>The Explorer</i> by Katherine Rundell.

## FREE DIGITAL EDITION OF CHILDREN'S NEWSPAPER

A message from *The Week* children's newspaper



'We contacted you recently to let you know that we have temporarily added free access to our new digital edition to your school subscription. *The Week Junior's* digital edition is an easy way for your pupils to access the magazine wherever they are. It's easy to use and publishes at the same time as the print magazine, every Friday.

Please be aware that we have updated the app, and once you have downloaded the new version you and your pupils will need a voucher code to access the digital edition of *The Week Junior*.

Please feel free to share this code and instructions below with your pupils.

**Your voucher code is: TWJ2301ghi** - this code is unique to your school so please make a note of it and keep it safe.

### What you need to do:

1. Make sure you have the latest version of The Week Junior app on your iOS or Android device
2. If you had already downloaded the app, you will need to visit your app store and download an update
3. If you don't have the app yet, simply search "The Week Junior" in the iOS App Store or Google Play
4. To log into the app for the first time, select the 3 dots in the top right corner, select 'Account', select 'Voucher codes' and enter your voucher code shown above

The digital edition can also be accessed online to view in your browser at [magazine.theweekjunior.co.uk](http://magazine.theweekjunior.co.uk). To log in, select the head icon, select 'Have you got a voucher code?' and enter your code.

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Best wishes,

Patrick Smyth

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