



School Newsletter

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

1st November 2019

Dear parents,

The children settled in very quickly to another week at school following their half term break. Lots of children have come to see me to show me their wonderful work, especially their writing. Y1s have been showing me their writing about a mysterious dragon that turned up in their class and Reception class have been writing about *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*. Y2s have produced some wonderful art work which they invited their families to come and see.

Mass for All Saints



Today, Years 3 to 6 attended Mass at St Mary's to celebrate the feast of All Saints. Father Marsden reminded us that on this particular day of the year we remember not only the named Saints but also those ordinary people who, from our own community and families, lived good lives and are now with God in heaven.

And like this time last year, a number of lucky children who correctly answered some of Fr Marsden's questions received some 'soul cakes'; he explained that these were probably the origin of the tradition of the 'Trick or Treat' custom. Once again, the children's behaviour was impeccable, especially after Father placed the Blessed Sacrament on the altar in the monstrance.

Reception Stay and Play – Phonics

Each day next week, Reception parents are invited to come and watch phonics lessons in Reception from 0900 – 0930. Parents can see how the children are taught about letters and the sounds that they make and then enable them to support their children at home in learning to read.

PTFA Monster Ball

Thank you to the PTFA for organising tonight's Monster Ball at the parish centre; I hope you all have a great time.



Book People Book Fair



Miss Hesketh asked me to inform you that there will be a book fair after school next week from Tuesday to Friday in the Y6 classroom after school.

Y2 Visitors

Year 2 showed off some of the art work that they have been doing under the tutelage of volunteers from the Chorley Art Lodge. Mrs Nicklin invited parents in to let children show their parents what they have been up to in their Art in recent weeks.

Then later on in the week, Mr Cree, a history teacher at St Michael's and a local history expert, gave up some of his half-term holiday from school to come and speak to our Y2s about the incredible story of former St Gregory's teacher, Suzanne Knight, in their study of Chorley during the war. You can see pictures on the St Mary's Twitter page: <https://twitter.com/Chorleystmarys>. The children were inspired – thank you so much to Mr Cree!

Parent Questionnaire

Mrs Wilson sent out a questionnaire to parents via GroupCall today. Please take time to have a look at and complete. It helps us as we continually try to improve what we do in giving the children the best education possible. We'll be giving the children the chance to have their say over the next couple of weeks too.

ALDI's Kit for School Sticker Chart

We've completed two sticker charts which is the maximum allowed. And we will keep our fingers crossed in the competition. We are still accepting stickers because Mayfield School were asking for spares to complete their charts. Many thanks.




Congratulations Mrs and Mr Banwell

Congratulations Mrs and Mr Banwell on the birth of their beautiful baby son; he was born late last night. The staff have already seen the photos!

Congratulations Mrs Nicklin



Congratulations to Miss McCluskey who following her wedding in the half-term, returned to us on Monday as Mrs Nicklin, and we've all been busy this week trying to remember her new name.



Synod2020 Chorley Pastoral Area
Theme 2 - Sharing The Mission of Jesus

Can the Church in Chorley rise to the challenge?


3 Big Questions

What does the Church in Chorley, need to do to:

1. *more effectively evangelise and lead people to a deeper relationship with Christ? Catholics, lapsed Catholics and non-Catholics*
2. *show the compassionate love of Christ in Chorley & Beyond*
3. *equip lay people to be the presence of Christ at work, at home, in the street?*

Come and Have Your Say! – You Will Be Listened To!

Themes	St Chad's Social Club	St Mary's Social Club	St Joseph's Social Club
Sharing The Mission of Jesus	Tuesday 19 th November Main Room 7.30pm	Wednesday 20 th November Upstairs Rooms 7.30pm	Thursday 21 st November Function Room 8pm



Applying for School Places September 2020

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 %
1st	YEAR 3	98.65
2nd	YEAR 6	97.80
3rd	YEAR 4	97.47
4th	YEAR 5	96.83
5th	YEAR 1	96.40
6th	RECEPTION	95.05
7th	YEAR 2	94.68

W/e 01.11.19

Message from the school office

A reminder for all parents to please for voluntary contributions to be completed for the trip to the pantomime in December. Many thanks. Any queries should be emailed to Mrs Hargreaves at admin@chorleystmarys.lancs.sch.uk

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 01.11.19

	Class	Name	Star of the Week for ...
	YN	Sebastian	Playing well with his friends.
	YR	Jacob	Super, independent writing.
	Y1	Cody	Much improved, independent writing.
	Y2	Faith	Offering intelligent contributions in class.
	Y3	Annabelle	Excellent answers to questions in class.
	Y4	Macey	Excellent attitude this week; especially for listening so well.
	Y5	Lucia	Great work throughout our persuasive writing unit.
	Y6	Harrison	Great work in art when drawing an eagle.

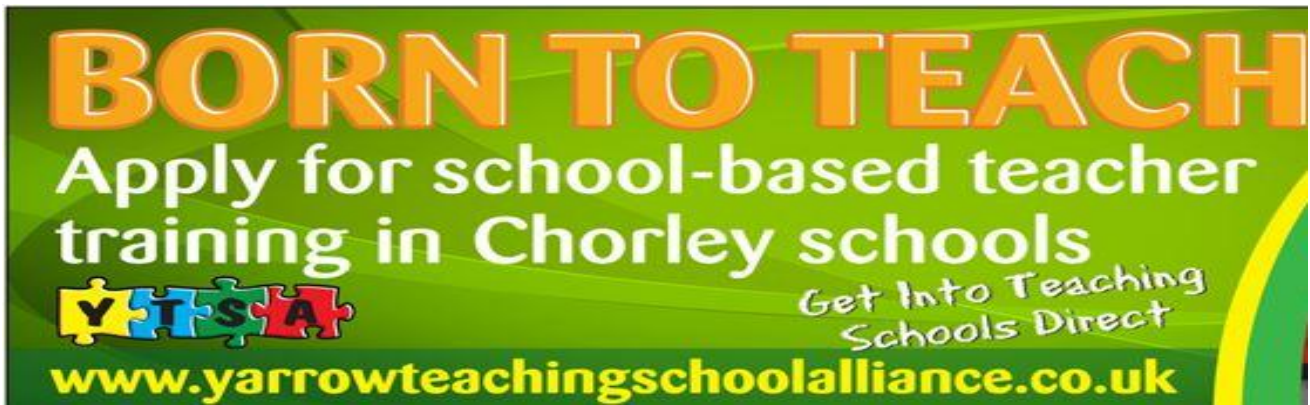
Notable Dates – There are a few dates which I have pencilled in which have yet to be fully confirmed (TBC) but I wanted to give you some advance notice of our plans.

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Autumn HT - 2		
	November	
2 DIVERSITY	4 – 8	Book People in
	6	EYFS Stay and Play (phonics lesson)
3 PEACE 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 DEMOCRACY	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.