



School Newsletter

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

20th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

St Mary's Nursery Places

It is about the time of year when parents make enquiries about our nursery provision. If you are interested in a place for your child or if you know someone else who is interested, please direct them to Mrs Wilson in the school office via email:

office@chorleystmarys.lancs.sch.uk or call 01257 262811.



Thank you.

Industrial Action

The National Education Union (NEU) have voted to strike in England and Wales. National strikes are scheduled to take place on **1 February** and **15-16 March**, with regional strikes taking place on other days. The published strike date for the North West region is **28 February**. At the moment, we do not know for sure how this will affect St Mary's school & nursery. We will inform our planning around strike action from advice provided by LCC's schools HR team, which is being published next week. As soon as we know exactly how the strike will affect school and what our plans will be we will let you know.

Unavoidable School Closures

We are about midway through the winter months and have escaped heavy snow so far, but in the event of a very heavy snowfall and the need to close the school, we will inform you via the *GroupCall* text, announcements on the local radio and via the school website.

Parents' Evenings – spring term

The spring term parents' evenings have been planned for the evenings of **Tuesday 7th February** and **Thursday 9th February**. A letter has been sent out this evening. Please note that the nursery class are holding meetings on Monday 6th February and not Tuesday 7th February.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY 2023 from *Parish Newsletter*

The Service of Remembrance will be led by Fr Marsden and members of the Clergy in Chorley, on **Saturday 21st January at 11.00 am**, in Astley Park. Everybody welcome. Lest we forget.

Memorial Oak Tree

St Mary's school has a living memorial to the victims and survivors of the Nazi persecution of Jews in the young oak tree gifted to us by the Association of Jewish Refugees last year. It was one of 80 planted nationally to mark the 80th anniversary of the formation of that organisation. If you get the opportunity, you might like to stop and maybe reflect by the tree. It is part way up the footpath on the school grounds up to Walgarth Drive. It is on the right hand side.

Message from Chorley Children and Family Wellbeing Team

The Chorley Children and Family Wellbeing Team have contacted schools to make them aware of the services they have on offer over the coming months to support families. You can view the services on offer via the QR code below or you can browse the What's On guide attached to this newsletter.

Hi all

Please share the Chorley Children and Family Wellbeing Service Facebook page via the QR code with your families through your communication strategies

I have also attached the most updated 'What's on' guide and 0-11years and parents group work posters

Many thanks

CFW Team



School Attendance



Chorley, St Mary's Attendance League 2022/2023



W/E 20/01/2023

CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
1 st	YEAR 4	97.01
2 nd	YEAR 2	96.57
3 rd	YEAR 5	96.34
4 th	RECEPTION	96.23
5 th	YEAR 2	96.10
6 th	YEAR 3	95.83
7 th	YEAR 1	95.22

Congratulations to **Year 1** who achieved **100%** attendance this week.

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>

Health and Safety Reminder – sickness and/ or diarrhoea

This is the time of year when there are more bugs and germs around than usual. If your child does become ill with **sickness or diarrhoea**, the guidance for schools from Public Health England gives a minimum recommended absence from school of **48 hours**. This is to limit the spread of the bug around school. Thank you.



Strep A/ Scarlet Fever

What are the symptoms of Strep A/scarlet fever?

Strep A infections can cause a range of symptoms that parents should be aware of, including:

- Sore throat
- Headache
- Fever
- A fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel
- On darker skin the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel

If a child becomes unwell with these symptoms, please advise parents to contact their GP practice or contact NHS 111 (which operates a 24/7 service) to seek advice.

If a child has scarlet fever, advise they stay at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others.

Parents/ Carers should trust their own judgement and if their child seems seriously unwell call 999 or go to A&E if:

- a child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs
- there are pauses when a child breathes
- a child's skin, tongue or lips are blue
- a child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake.

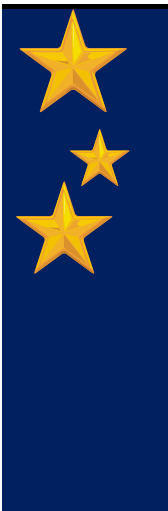
How to help prevent Strep A? To prevent the spread of Strep A, UKHSA advises children, young people and staff to implement good hand and respiratory hygiene practices.

Health and Safety Reminder – Care at drop-off and pick-up times

A parent reported to the school yesterday that there was a near miss at drop-off time. Please could I remind all those who drop-off or pick-up to take additional care when manoeuvring their cars in the roads around school.

This additional care is especially important given that it is very difficult to see many of our smaller children when reversing or turning cars near pavements. And this task is made all the more hazardous when visibility is affected by poor light or bad weather. Thank you for your understanding.

STARS OF THE WEEK w/e 20.01.23



Class	Name	Star of the Week for ...
YN	Emily C	trying really hard and making lots of progress in phonics
YR	Keeley	being a kind friend and caring for others
Y1	Charlie A	practising his number formation with determination.
Y2	Luke S	generally being a super, young man – thoughtful, hardworking and a friend to every one
Y3	Kristian	working hard on his home and school reading.
Y4	Freddie C	an excellent dilemma story using speech and adverbial openers
Y5	Harriet Mc	always listening to advice given and acting upon next steps showing 100% effort in all of her learning.
Y6	Nicolas	a very informative non-chronological report about William Shakespeare

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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.