



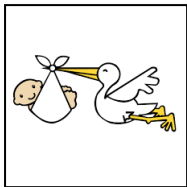
# School Newsletter

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

20<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear parents,

## New arrival



Congratulations to Mrs Ainscough on the birth of her baby daughter last week. The staff, and the children in Y1 in particular, were very excited to hear the news. We're delighted for Mrs Ainscough and her family and we cannot wait to meet the new arrival.

## Harvest Mass 2019



Father Marsden will be celebrating Harvest Mass with us in just over a week's time, on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 2.15pm** in the school hall. All are welcome. We would be very grateful for donations of tinned and packet foods and flowers rather than fresh fruit and vegetables (avoiding possibility of perishables going to waste).

Donations can be boxed/packaged or delivered in plastic bags and will be displayed in the hall on our Harvest tables. **Please can the food come in with the children on the morning of Monday 30th September**

The food will be distributed to elderly or sick parishioners and Churches Together Food Bank. Offers of help to distribute to our community will be gratefully received. Any parents/ grandparents who wish to attend Mass are very welcome. Reception and Nursery class will not be attending but will instead have its own Harvest celebration.



## Visit of Fr Marsden and Martin Fyles

Fr Marsden came into school with trainee priest, Martin Fyles, to visit the children on Monday afternoon. The children really enjoyed the visit and learned a lot from it. They were highly engaged and were fascinated to learn about Martin's time in college in Rome. One girl in Y2, expressed her deep disappointment when she found out that they weren't coming in again on Tuesday. Thanks to both for coming in.

## Roots to Roots Competition

Last term Miss McCluskey invited the children to take part in a county-wide competition to investigate and present their family histories/ trees. There were some wonderful entries and amazing designs. Fittingly, Mrs Root put the display together and soon afterwards we were visited by the competition's judges.

We found out at the end of the summer term that we were the winning primary school. On Wednesday, in assembly we were presented with our prize, a wonderful circular floor mat which depicts a map of the world. Fr Marsden will be pleased to know that the children remembered where Rome and Italy were on the map.

## National Eye Health Week 23-29 September

Next week is National Eye Health Week and we will be visited on Monday by an optician from Chorley's Eye Designs Ltd who will come in and speak to the children in assembly about the importance of taking care of the eyes. Then, one of our parents, Mrs Marsh she will be visiting all our classes and talking to the children about visual impairments and mobility.



## FSC Friday – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September



Next Friday is FSC Friday. FSC - *Forest Stewardship Council* is an international non-profit, multi-stakeholder organisation established in 1993 to promote responsible management of the world's forests. Miss McCluskey is arranging for us all to take some learning outside of the classroom involving studying trees and

sustainability **on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September**. Since they will be doing hands-on learning outside for some of the day, they can wear **non-uniform** but please ensure that they wear suitable outdoor clothing and footwear – not their best clothes! They will also need to wear their PE pumps when they are inside the building. Thanks. Should be a good day!

## Ralph Snape OBE

We learned earlier in the week of the sad news of the passing of Ralph Snape OBE last weekend. Many of you will have known Ralph well from his role as a local councillor over many, many years. Ralph was a very frequent visitor to school and a great supporter of St Mary's; indeed, Ralph served on the governing board at St Mary's as the local authority representative for many years too. We will keep Ralph, his wife, Joyce and his family in our thoughts and prayers. Ralph's funeral is next Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at St Lawrence's Parish Church at 2.30pm.

## Advance notice for Y6 (and Y5) parents - Hothersall Lodge Residential Visit Dates

We have booked the dates for this year's Y6 residential visit to Hothersall Lodge. It will take place from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020. This is the week we return after the half term break in the summer term. For parents of children in Y5 we are looking at a



potential change with an earlier than usual visit. We are looking at dates in autumn 2020 for their residential visit when they move into Y6.

### **PE and Sports Steering Group Meeting Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

Mr Hodge is holding meeting for the PE steering group on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept at 5.30pm in the school hall. ALL welcome especially new members wanting to get involved in the direction of

### **Prospective Parents Open Day/ Open Evening**



There will be an open day/evening event on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** for parents interested in a place for their child in St Mary's Reception class for September 2020. More details will follow.

### **Early Years 'Stay and Play' Session Nursery and Reception – 18.09.19**

Thank you to all the parents who were able to come to the 'stay and play' session in Nursery and Reception last Wednesday morning to see what their little ones get up to in a typical morning at school and nursery. I am sure that they were very proud to show you round their territory.

### **Y2 Parents' Meeting 18.09.19**

Miss McCluskey and Mrs Grayken met Y2 parents after school on Wednesday to share information about what to expect in Y2 over the coming year. Thank you to Miss McCluskey and Mrs Grayken for your time and thanks to parents for attending.

### **2020 SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES – PRIMARY AND SECONDARY**

**Nursery Pupils/Primary School Admissions:** If your child is in their last year of pre-school/nursery you can now apply for their primary school place at: [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)  
It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application.

**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.

***The closing date for primary applications for September 2020 is 23:59 on 15 January 2020.***

**\*\*Please remember that admissions to St Mary's, or any Catholic primary schools, also require the completion of the separate supplementary information form (SIF).\*\***

### **Year 6 Pupils**

Secondary school admissions: If your child is in Year 6 you can now apply for their secondary school place at [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application.

**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.

***The closing date for secondary applications for September 2020 is 23:59 on 31 October 2019***

### **Volunteers**



I would like to express my thanks to a group of volunteers who have joined us in school: Mrs Casey, Ms. Mikailionyte, Mrs. Simpson and Mrs Southern. And a big thank you to all the volunteers who help support the children in their learning. Many thanks.

### **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.

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

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Hargreaves have asked me to pass on a couple of messages.



#### **Sickness/ Diarrhoea**

If your child is suffering from sickness and/ or diarrhoea, then the minimum absence must be 48 hours. This is to prevent the spread of any infection such as norovirus (winter vomiting bug).

#### **Absence**

If your child is absent, please inform the office directly by calling in or by telephone. Please do not pass messages on via siblings or *Class Dojo* or indeed class teachers, thank you.

#### **Medical absences**

If your child has an appointment with the doctor or dentist, please inform the office prior to the absence where possible. Thank you.

## SPORTS NEWS - Netball



Mrs Blackwell and Miss Hesketh took the St Mary's Hi-5 netball team to play two matches at the central venue after school yesterday. St Mary's lost the first match but won the second. Miss Hesketh commented on how well the team performed and how well they behaved and supported one another. Well done team, thanks Mrs Blackwell and Miss Hesketh and thank you parents for supporting.

## PALs

Children in Y5 received training from the Chorley Schools Sports Partnership this week in order for them to become play leaders in the infant playground at lunchtimes.



### Chorley, St Mary's Attendance League 2019/2020



CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
1 <sup>st</sup>	YEAR 6	99.40
2 <sup>nd</sup>	YEAR 4	98.88
3 <sup>rd</sup>	YEAR 3	98.64
4 <sup>th</sup>	YEAR 2	98.08
5 <sup>th</sup>	YEAR 1	97.82
6 <sup>th</sup>	YEAR 5	96.88
7 <sup>th</sup>	RECEPTION	94.17



### *Some beginning of school year and nursery year reminders*

**Earrings and Jewellery** - For safety reasons, earrings are not to be worn in school. If parents wish their children to have their ears pierced then please have them done at the beginning of the six-week break to allow ears to heal. The only form of jewellery children are permitted to wear is watches.

#### **Hair styles**

We expect pupils to have sensible hair styles. Cuts, dyed hair or styles which in the judgement of the school are extreme, are not acceptable. Please keep the school and nursery a fashion-free zone!



**Shoes** Pupils are expected to wear plain black shoes. Again, we want school to remain a fashion-free zone. Some sports companies make black trainers for children. We ask you not to use these for school. They



are trainers and not shoes and of course the children will prefer to wear them! However, once one

has them this puts pressure on the other children to ask their parents for them. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.



### Labelling Uniforms

The children really look smart in their uniforms but so that bits and pieces do not go missing please ensure that **all items** are labelled clearly with your child's name. Thank you. If items do go missing, then the lost property box is available on **Tuesdays** after school by the front entrance.

### Health and Safety notices

#### Nut allergies



We have a number of children in school who have an allergy to nuts and may experience a severe allergic reaction. We therefore make every effort to be as **nut-free** as possible in school. Therefore, we ask that you do not to send food products into school which may contain nuts. Thank you for your understanding.

#### Grapes in lunch boxes

If your child brings grapes to school either as a snack or as part of their packed lunch, it is very important that they are halved first. This is because whole grapes present a significant risk of choking hazard to children.



#### 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.

#### High School Open Evenings



**Holy Cross**  
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL


**Holy Cross Catholic High School** will be holding their annual Open Evening for prospective parents on the evening of Thursday 10 October. Parents of children in Y5 and Y6 will shortly be receiving written invitations from the school.

In addition to this, Mr Gaughan, Headteacher and the head or assistant head of Y7 will also be visiting **St Mary's** to speak to our Y5 and Y6 parents about all that Holy Cross has to offer on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm** – this date has now been confirmed and Y5/6 parents have been given a letter about this.

Secondary School Open Days

School	Day	Date	Time
Holy Cross	Thursday	10/10/2019	1800 – 2000
Albany	Thursday	26/09/2019	1700 – 1930
Bishop Rawstone CE	Thursday	03/10/2019	1700

### STAR OF THE WEEK w/e 20.09.19

	Class	Name	Star of the Week for ...
	YN	James	Always following the rules and being a good friend.
	YR	Arthur	For showing lovely manners and being a fantastic help.
	Y1	Marnie	Always ready to listen and learn.
	Y2	Teddy	Fantastic number work.
	Y3	Jensen	Super answering in class (especially in science)!
	Y4	Eleanor	A wonderful explanation text written in her English lesson.
	Y5	Harrison	Really trying hard in his place value work during maths.
	Y6	Olivia	A fantastic letter from the people of Crete to St Paul.

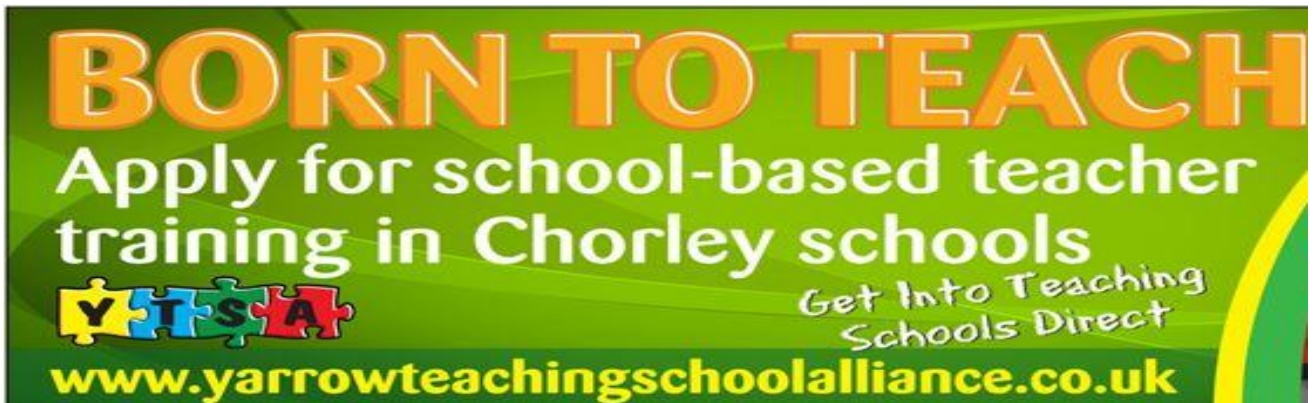
**Notable Dates** – There are a few dates which I have pencilled in which have yet to be fully confirmed (TBC) but I wanted to give you some advance notice of our plans.

### AUTUMN TERM 2019

Autumn HT - 1		
VALUES OF THE WEEK	<b>September</b>	
4	23 - 27	National Eye Health Week
RULE OF LAW	23	Y6 Gifted and Talented Assessment (Hall)
Harvest RE	25	Holy Cross Parents' Meeting
FSC Friday	27	FSC Friday
Wks 5/ 6	30	1415 Harvest Mass School
TRUTH/ GENTLENESS	<b>October</b>	
October	2	Chorley Lodge Artists Y2
Month of the Rosary	3	Open Day - am session and evening session
	7	Chorley Lodge Artists Y2
7	14	Judo Presentation in assembly
MERCY	15	Parents' Evening
October	18	End of half-term
Month of the Rosary		
	<b>21-25</b>	<b>Half term break</b>
Autumn HT - 2		

1 PEACE Bonfire Night	28 Oct for two weeks	Remembrance Fortnight
	29	School reopens for pupils
	November	
	1	Y3-6 Attend All Saints Mass
2 DIVERSITY	4 – 8	Book People in
	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





**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 we are having two **Open Events:**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:b.golding@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk) to reserve your place.

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