



School Newsletter

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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

First Holy Communion - Sunday 16th June – Trinity Sunday

For a short moment there was a break in the rain last Sunday as our Y4s were receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time in Church. It was a beautiful occasion and a truly special day which I am sure will live long in the children's memories. We would like to thank parents, children and the parish Catechists: Father Marsden, Mrs. Grey-Grzecznska, Mrs. Knight and Deacon Norman for their hard work and commitment over the last few months in preparing the children for this wonderful occasion.

Mrs. Grey-Grzecznska visited the Y4s this afternoon in school, to finish off her work with them on the programme. She gave the children time to reflect on all the work and preparation they have done over the year and it was lovely to hear their responses; children remarked on how special the day had been or how they enjoyed spending time with their parents working on the programme. One boy said he would like to tell next year's class not to worry but to have courage – it's not as scary as you think – quite the opposite in fact!

Tea Party – Blessing of First Holy Communion Gifts.

There was a tea party in school the day after on Monday where parents and children came to enjoy a cup cake and a cup of coffee or tea. Father Marsden came to bless the gifts that the children received on their special day. He also presented the children with a special certificate and a St Oscar Romero crucifix.

Nursery Graduation

The children in the nursery class celebrated the end of their year in nursery (some have been here for two years, some just for a few months). They sang their parents a couple of songs and revealed what they would like to be when they grow up in a video message and were presented with a certificate. Thank you to Mrs Singleton and all the staff who work in nursery for putting on the lovely ceremony and thank you to the parents who were able to attend in such great number. And well done to the nursery children – you were brilliant.

Nursery New Intake Evening

There was a meeting for parents of children starting in nursery in September on Wednesday. Mrs Cassidy shared with the parents the information they need to assist them in making the children's start to nursery as smooth as possible. Thank you Mrs Cassidy and all the parents that attended.

Year 5 Science Day at Holy Cross

Year 5 had a wonderful science day at Holy Cross earlier in the week. The class were praised for their behaviour and positive attitude, which is wonderful to hear! The children enjoyed working in a laboratory and carrying out various experiments. Thank you to Holy Cross for inviting us and a special thank you to your past pupils Grace R and Zach M for helping us on the day.



Mrs Smith Holy Cross Head of Mathematics visit to Y6

Mrs Smith, head of mathematics at Holy Cross, came to deliver a challenging lesson in algebra to our Y6s yesterday, to give them a taste of high school maths.

The children absolutely loved the lesson. Again, thank you to former pupils, Erin H, Zach M and Oliver T for supporting our children in their learning. Mrs Smith praised the children in Y6 for their perseverance and resilience in their problem solving and also on their excellent behaviour.

Author visit – Sarah Roberts.



Children's author, Sarah Roberts, came to school to visit our infants this afternoon – Y5 managed to get a look in too. She shared a video of some of the adventures that she gets up to. She discussed her passion for looking after our planet and the plants and animals on it.

She spent some time signing copies of her book for the children too.



Year 4s attend Good Shepherd Mass at St Mary's, Leyland



Mr Cahalin took the Y4s to St Mary's Church in Leyland this week, to take part in the annual celebration of the Nugent Care Good Shepherd appeal.

Thanks to the efforts and hard work of all the children in school and nursery, we were able to deliver a cheque for £649.50 which is a phenomenal amount and will go to support a very good cause. Thank you Y4 and thank you everybody for your hard work and donations.



Chorley, St Mary's Attendance League 2018/2019



CLASS	CURRENT %	CURRENT POSITION
RECEPTION	97.96	1 st
YEAR 3	97.56	2 nd
YEAR 1	97.51	3 rd
YEAR 2	97.36	4 th
YEAR 4	96.88	5 th
YEAR 5	96.50	6 th
YEAR 6	96.24	7 th

100%

Congratulations to **Reception** and **Year 1** classes who both registered 100% attendance this week. Well done to both classes!

Synod 2020

Mr Hodge prepared a whole school assembly on Wednesday to explain to the children what the Synod is all about, that together we are on a journey give the children a chance to reflect on the Synod's questions. He told them that Archbishop Malcolm McMahon wants to listen to what they think. They generated lots of ideas and Mr Hodge will be sifting through to take the ideas to the Synod meeting.



Mr Hodge is one of the St Mary's parish representatives for Synod 2020. He has asked me to share a list of ways with you on how to become involved in the process.

Coming up this week:

SYNOD 2020 event at Sacred Heart School

25th June 2019 at 6.30pm in Sacred Heart school hall

You are invited to come along on Tuesday 25th June 2019 at 6.30pm where we will be holding our Synod Gathering in the school hall. This will be an informal gathering with tea and coffee of listening and chatting about the Synod. Please come along and find out what it all about and let us hear what you would like included to be put forward to the diocese on the agenda for 2020.

Why a Synod?

To enable the Archbishop to lead the local church as it faces the challenges of our time and place. In today's modern world the Catholic Church are looking at changes that are suitable for the needs of our families today and the challenges of our time. Our voices need to be heard to be the Church that God is calling us to be. So Archbishop Malcolm has called this Synod to catch a vision to move us all forward together on the road. We want to hear what you have to say every person has a voice.

- When we look to the future what causes you concern or worry?
- Where in your every day life do you experience love, goodness hope and Joy?
- What is the purpose of the Catholic Church today?
- What would you like to change?
- What would you like to see in the future for our Churches?
- What would you like to see on the Synod 2020 agenda?

These are just some of the topics we will discuss and if there is anything you would like to have discussed but do not feel you can say, you can email me your topics at mickt@mac.com . If you can not make the evening feel free to email me anything you would like to say or include.

Everyone is welcome, I hope to see you there.

Marie Threlfall

Synod member

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St. Mary's Parish - Ways to be involved;

a) Complete the **Paper Copy** of the **Synod Questionnaire** (complete & return to church by Sunday 30th June 2019).

b) Complete the **Synod Questionnaire Online** at www.synod2020.co.uk/resources/survey (to be completed by Sunday 30th June 2019 also).

c) Use the St. Mary's Parish Synod 2020 **E-mail** address at synod2020stmarys@gmail.com

d) See the **Synod 2020 display** board near the Our Lady Altar in Church.

Finally, all the Synod members are happy to **talk one-to-one** if you prefer. We have already spoken over the phone to some people and received cards and letters from others.

The Catholic Church is at a crossroads. It is an exciting time. Please can I encourage you to make your thoughts and opinion's known and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will get to where Almighty God wants us to be... *Mr Hodge*

Important dates for Y6s and their parents

Miss Hesketh has sent out some important dates for Y6 parents regarding details of events/ activities happening over their last four weeks at St Mary's. Below is a summary:

Wednesday 3rd July

Year 6 transition day at their chosen high school. Children to wear their St Mary's school uniform - please refer to the information given by your high school of choice.

Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th July

Bikeability - all forms have been received - thank you. Please refer to the letter and class Dojo sent out regarding arrangements.

Wednesday 10th July

Dress rehearsal of 'We're all going on a SUMMER HOLIDAY (to the whole school only) during the school day.

Thursday 11th July

Year 6 Production 'We're all going on a... SUMMER HOLIDAY'

Friday 12th July

PTFA Summer Fair -Y6s to man their enterprise stalls if possible.

Monday 15th July

Leavers' Mass 6.30pm.

Tuesday 16th July - Trip

Buzz Lightyear and Woody visit school today

Unfortunately, I don't have any photos to hand but the children in the infants and juniors were astounded to be visited by Toy Story characters, Buzz Lightyear and Woody. They caused quite a stir when they visited us at lunchtime today – it made many a child's day. Thank you to **Rhythmicality** for organising Buzz and Woody's visit today – I'll try and get some photos for next week.



Summer Sports Camp 2019

I have been contacted by a summer holiday activity provider – the details are below and I have attached the leaflet to the newsletter.

Dear School,

It's that time of the year again for parents/ guardians to start planning their childcare for the summer holidays and we have 5 weeks of fun sports camps planned!

I would be very grateful if you could print off the attached flyer and post this up on your school notice boards, class windows or even include this in your newsletter. If you would like any brochures delivered to your school, please reply to this email with the number that you require.

Please find below the details of our Sports Camps and how parents/ guardians can book.

- Sports Camp will run Monday – Thursday only
- There will be no Sports Camp on week 6 (26th – 30th August) due to staff holidays
- We accept Childcare Vouchers – if you would like to book via vouchers, please contact kerrymacdonald@boltonarena.com
- Packed Lunches are available from our café (price £2.50)

Special Offer – Book a full week and receive 20% discount

If you would like to book please call 01204 488100

For further information please contact jennieswarbrick@boltonarena.com

Sports News Rounders

After school yesterday, Mr Hodge took the school's rounders team to take part in a friendly competition at Holy Cross. They played two matches and demonstrated wonderful behaviour, skill and team work. Mr Hodge praised them on their independence and maturity and the way in particular that they were able to organise themselves, team positions etc and change things if they weren't working. Well done! Thank you to Mr Hodge and to the parents who came along to support.

Chorley Schools Sports Partnership - Cycle Training Opportunity

Saturday June 22nd

9:30 – *Adult Learn to Ride* - A class for anyone over the age of 16 who would like to ride a bike but has never learned. Our experienced, supportive instructors have taught people from 4 to 84 to ride a bike. We will work in small groups, in a safe, private environment. **FREE – funded by Lancashire CC**



Saturday June 29th

9:30 *Back on the Bike* - This is a confidence-building session for adults of any age who have ridden a bike in the past but would like some support to rediscover their cycling skills. The session takes place in the safe, private environment of the school playground, where we will work in small groups on balance and bike control. For trainees who feel ready to do so, there is the opportunity to move on to quiet local roads with an experienced, qualified instructor and start to introduce some strategies for safe riding on the road. **FREE – Funded by Lancashire CC**

Summer Term Notable Dates - Dates are also available on school calendar at www.chorleystmarys.lancs.sch.uk

Please note the change in date for the YR assembly - it is now not 3 July it is now Thursday 4th July

June	
22	Lancashire Adult Learning - <i>Let's Do Lego</i> – details to follow
27	Y4/5 to attend Science Fest - UCLAN
July	
1	Mass Y2-Y6 to Church to celebrate Feast of SS Peter & Paul TBC
1	Book Fair after school
4 Thursday	YR Assembly
8	Bikeability Y6
9	Bikeability Y6
12	End of year school reports out
12	PTFA Summer Fair
15	Y6 Leavers' Mass & Disco
19	End of term

Interested in teaching in a Catholic Secondary School?



Wigan & West Lancashire Catholic School Direct

We believe in nurturing the whole child, to grow in faith and realise their full potential.

We believe that you will have the best start in your teaching career by choosing to train within our supportive Catholic community.

Teachers trained by us make a positive difference to children's lives.

School Direct is a teacher training programme which puts schools/colleges at the heart of the process.

You will be trained in two of our good or outstanding Catholic schools in the Liverpool Archdiocese (Section 48). This will lead to the award of Qualified Teacher Status (QTS).

Our partner, Liverpool Hope University, will work with us to provide additional high quality training which leads to the Post Graduate Certificate of Education (PGCE).

(Our schools / colleges work closely together to provide an on-going programme of Continuing Professional Development to enhance your career.)

We welcome enquiries and applications from committed graduates who wish to join us in shaping Catholic education in the future.



We have training places for September 2019 in the following subjects;

Mathematics

English

Physics

Chemistry

Biology

History

Physical Education

Geography

Religious Education

Computer Science

MFL—Spanish with French

MFL - Spanish

MFL—French with Spanish

MFL—French

Music

Drama

SEARCH FOR UCAS COURSE CODE : 27Q

 St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School Ashton-in-Makerfield
 St Beale's Catholic High School, Ormskirk
 St Mary's Catholic High School, Astley
 St John Fisher Catholic High School, Wigan
 Holy Cross Holy Cross Catholic High School, Chorley
 St John Rigby Catholic Sixth Form College, Wigan
 Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Engineering College, Salford
 St Peter's Catholic High School, Orrell
 St Gregory's Catholic High School, Warrington

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Apply for school-based teacher training in Chorley schools
Y-T-S-A
Get Into Teaching Schools Direct
www.yarrowteachingschoolalliance.co.uk

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 2019** 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.

Keep your eye out for open evenings over the coming months.

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.