



School Newsletter

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

22nd November 2019

Dear parents,

It has been another busy week in school with lots of really good work being done across school and nursery. I have been really impressed with the quality of writing that the children have been producing as I have visited various classes which is why it is no great surprise to see so many writers as *Stars of the Week*, this week. Well done to all the children and the staff.

Year 5 Assembly



Yesterday morning, the Y5 children performed their class collective worship to the school and to their parents and families. It was a bit of a 'squash and a squeeze' in the hall with the stage up, and with so many parents in attendance. The children shared with us their learning from their Come and See RE lessons all about *Life Choices*. They read their lines well, put together some very

thoughtful prayers, performed short dramas and sang beautifully. Well done and good job Y5! Thank you, parents and families, for the great turnout, thank you to Y5 governor, Mr Nigel West for attending and thank you Miss Hesketh and Mrs Blackwell for preparing the children so well.

Message from the Chair of Governors – Kath Smith

It is a privilege to have been appointed to Chair of Governors and I am look forward to continuing to work with the Mr. Smyth, Staff and the Governing Body. In my role, my initial priorities with be to:

- Promote our Mission - With Christ, we live, love, learn and grow
- Focus on School Improvement Areas for 2019/2020
 - review and redevelop the whole school curriculum so it is purposeful, broad and rich.
 - promote well-being of staff and pupils
 - develop the role of the subject leader so that standards are high across all areas of the curriculum.
 - close the gap in attainment between boys and girls particularly by the end of EYFS and KS1 and particularly in reading and writing.
- Work towards Ofsted 2020

Parents Evening Y3 and Y4

I hope that those parents of children in Y3 and Y4 who wished to attend the parents evening on Wednesday found it useful. I hope you were able to find out how well your child has settled into their year group and see some of the progress that they have made by looking through their work books. Thank you, parents, for coming along and thank you Mr Hodge and Mr Jenkins for your time on Wednesday.

Parent Questionnaire

There was an excellent response to our parent questionnaire, and I intend to publish the results in next week's newsletter Thank you very much to all those who took part.

A message from Mrs Wilson, School Business Manager

We've registered with **Easyfundraising** and we need your help!



Easyfundraising is a great website where you can help Chorley, St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursery raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping with over 4,000 big name retailers like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S.

Every time you shop, we receive a small donation to say 'thank you' and it's completely free too! We want to raise as much as possible so please sign up and help us at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/chorleystmaryscatholicprimaryschoolandnursery/>

Synod 2020 Chorley Pastoral Area

Another message from Mr Hodge regarding SYNOD 2020:

The dates for Theme 3 meetings have changed and are now scheduled as follows:



- Tuesday 21st January – St Chad's Social Centre 7.30pm
- Wednesday 22nd January – St Mary's Social Centre 7.30pm
- Thursday 23rd January – Sacred Heart Primary School 7.30pm

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.**



Chorley, St Mary's Attendance League 2019/2020



CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
1 st	YEAR 3	98.85
2 nd	YEAR 4	97.61
3 rd	RECEPTION	97.19
4 th	YEAR 1	97.18
5 th	YEAR 6	97.00
6 th	YEAR 2	96.47
7 th	YEAR 5	96.18

W/e 22.11.19

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.

Health and Safety notices

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 22.11.19

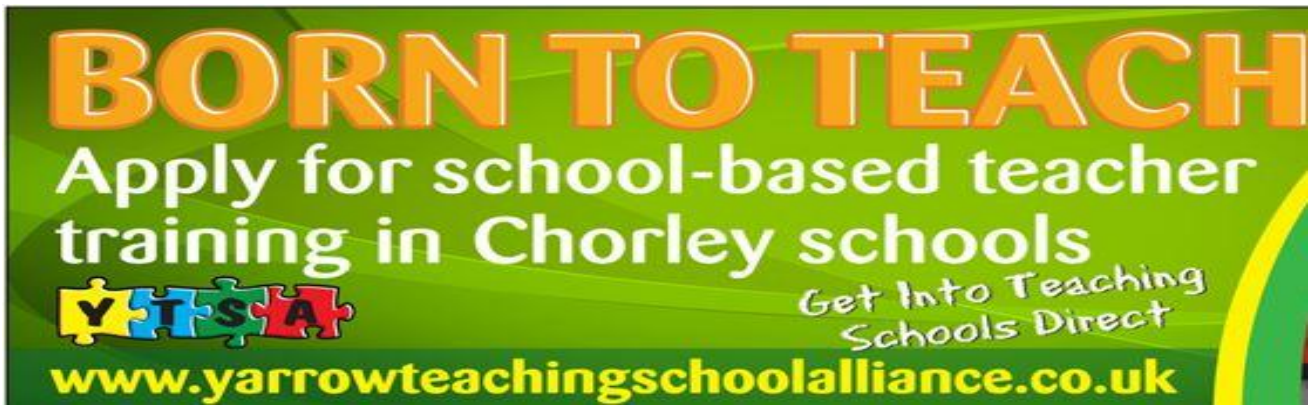
	Class	Name	Star of the Week for ...
	YN	Jack	Sharing his toys and playing with lots of different friends.
	YR	Lucy	Excellent use of phonics when writing descriptions of food.
	Y1	Kyle	Excellent sentence work in his story writing.
	Y2	Evan	Fantastic innovated writing based on 'Where the Poppies now grow.'
	Y3	Joel	Working hard on his 'hot task' fable story.
	Y4	Matthew	For great listening this week and always being ready to start learning.
	Y5	Daisy	Excellent work on her Fair Trade leaflet
	Y6	Evie	Great work on pie charts.

Notable Dates –

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Autumn HT -		
	November	
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
	10	Nativity - KS1 performance to parents 1830 – 1930
	11	Nativity – EYFS performance to parents 0915- 1015 -
	11	Nativity – EYFS performance to parents 1700- 1800 -
	12	KS2 Carol Concert Practice – Church
	12	School closed to children – Polling Day
	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 keep an eye out for Open Events.

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.