



# School Newsletter

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

23.09.22

Dear parents/ carers,

## Phonics meeting for parents of children in nursery, reception and Y1

Thank you to all the parents/ carers of children in nursery, reception and Year 1 who came to the phonics meeting on Wednesday and to the staff who came to support. Thank you also to Mrs Grandi who explained what phonics is to us and its vital importance in the teaching of reading. Mrs Grandi talked through the phonics scheme we use at St Mary's – *Read Write Inc*, how we can support at home and where to find resources to help.

### *More meetings next week...*

## Mr Gaughan, Headteacher, Holy Cross Catholic High School – 5.30pm Monday 26.09.22

Mr Gaughan, Headteacher of Holy Cross Catholic High School is coming to give a presentation to parents of our Y6 Pupils in the school at 5.30pm on Monday afternoon who will be making their high school choices very soon.

## Nursery, Reception and Y1 curriculum meetings – Wednesday 27.09.22

On Wednesday after school next week, the teachers and staff of nursery, reception and Y1 classes will be sharing information about the curriculum for the coming year in those classes. Parents and carers will have been informed about these separately.

## FSC Week

Next week is Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Week. Teachers will be planning activities linked to preserving our forests and woodlands and taking some of our learning outside of the classroom. The class teachers will let you and the children know more next week.



## Parents Evenings

Please check your Groupcall emails for details of this term's parents' evenings.

## **Football Results**

Can the 2022/2023 football squad repeat the incredible success of last season? You may remember that St Mary's won the Chorley league and cup double last season. Well, Mr Hodge and the St Mary's football squad have got off to another flying start. The team played two fixtures on Wednesday after school and won both of them. Congratulations to the team and thanks, as always to Mr Hodge for training and taking them to the competition.

## **Cricket Holiday Camps**

We have been contacted by Tom Halstead, Community Engagement Officer. He has informed us that Chorley and West Lancs Cricket Academy are running some sessions over the half term break. Please see attached leaflet.

## **Alpha Series**

Paul J McBeth has shared details of the new Alpha Series in the New Year. It will take place at St Joseph's Parish Centre Harpers Lane Chorley PR6 0HR Thursday 19th January 2023 7:00pm - 9:00pm Join Up @ Eventbrite (search Chorley Catholic Community Alpha Series 2).

Visit the link below for more information or see attached leaflet.

<https://1drv.ms/v/s!AtbNHwPWZaEvgb9ealGbTkP18nx-Vg>

## **The Children's Commissioner for England launches The Big Summer Survey**

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, wants to hear more from children about their summer holidays to create a unique picture of children's lives over the summer. There is very little currently known at the national level about how children spend their time over the summer break and this new research will really add to that picture. You can access the survey at the link below.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-summer-survey/#msdyntrid=c0yXTRDwKe2fKUu2ggOOLjWjW2dNP64Toi2-09CKqWM>

**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>

## Election Results

Well done once again to all of our house representatives, school councillors and eco-councillors on being elected to their posts. And one again, thank you and well done to all those who worked so hard and put themselves forward for election but were not elected.

### House Representatives

House	House Captain	House Vice-Captain	House Sports Leader
Hoghton	Niamh	William	Joel
Rufford	Bella	Amelia W	Ethan
Samlesbury	Sebastian	Millie	Niall
Worden	Zach	Emilia K	Luca

### School Councillors

Year	Names
1	George, Madison
2	Finley, Luke
3	Jacob, Thea
4	Joseph, Alice
5	George, Jack
6	Niamh, William, Bella, Amelia W, Sebastian, Millie, Zach, Emilia K

### Eco-Councillors

Year	Names
1	Poppy, Ruby F
2	Tommy, Violet
3	William W, Lucy K
4	Heidi, Cody
5	Betsy, Brooke
6	Luca, Nicolas, Oliver, Megan




## Chorley, St Mary's Attendance League 2022/ 2023 23.09.22



CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
1 <sup>st</sup>	YEAR 5	98.45
2 <sup>nd</sup>	YEAR 4	97.35
3 <sup>rd</sup>	YEAR 2	97.14
4 <sup>th</sup>	YEAR 6	95.95
5 <sup>th</sup>	RECEPTION	95.84
6 <sup>th</sup>	YEAR 1	95.74
7 <sup>th</sup>	YEAR 3	95.36

No **100%** attendance this week.

## STARS OF THE WEEK w/e 23.09.22



Class	Name	Star of the Week for ...
YN	Laura	contributing lots on the carpet and participating in all of this week's activities.
YR	India	for excellent learning choices and trying always trying hard
Y1	Layla- Mae	Layla is always happy to get on and make good choices in her learning.
Y2	Nathaniel	For energy and enthusiasm in all his learning
Y3	Billy	Neat work and mature choices when completed a task.
Y4	Mattia	always working hard and trying his best
Y5	Isabelle	For her enthusiasm and participation throughout our unit of work linked to 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' by C. S. Lewis. Isabelle has been creating her own game surrounding our topic.
Y6	Ethan	Always giving his best in his work and being a wonderful example to others.

**YSA**  
**Yarrow School**  
**Alliance**

New Year, new challenge  
Train to teach with the best, to be the best!  
Open events held on the first Tuesday of each month.  
If you are interested in learning more about our School-based  
Initial Teacher Training Programme, email  
r.horne@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk for more information

Best wishes,  
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