



School Newsletter

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

24th May 2024

Dear parents and carers,

We have come to the end of the penultimate half-term in the school year. We have had a very enjoyable health week albeit slightly curtailed due to the heavy rain. As you will be aware, we were forced to postpone the 'sports day' and 'colour run' events. However, we will make every effort to rearrange them and will give you plenty of notice of our revised plans. I wish you all a very happy half-term break and look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 3rd June.

Polling Day Thursday 4 July – School closed

I am sure you will have seen, read or heard that there is a general election taking place on **July 4th**. St Mary's is a polling station. The school and nursery will be closed on that day. We are sorry for any inconvenience that may cause you.

Year 1 Trip 'Bring Yer Wellies'



Mrs Cahalin took her Y1 class on the 'Bring Yer Wellies' trip to Riccroft Nurseries in Hoghton. Mrs Cahalin told me what an enjoyable experience it was for the children, how well behaved they all were and how proud she was of them. They were all given 'Star of the Week' this week. They learnt how to pot a plant and how to look after it, as well as den building and racing their team rafts on the stream! I think this is one of the best trip photos I have seen too. There are a few thank yous too: to Mrs Grayken, Mrs Ash, Mrs Morgan, Mrs St. John, Mrs Hodge and Mrs Gallery for coming along to help out on the trip.

Book Fair

Miss Hesketh has also asked me to share news of the arrival of the Book Fair from 26th June until 3rd July.

Library Book Return

Miss Hesketh has asked me to send out a reminder for children and families to find and dig out any library books that may be at home and return them to school on Monday 3rd June, please. The Lancashire Library van is coming to school in first few days that we are back and we need to return them. Thank you.

First Confessions



On Monday afternoon this week, children in year 4 received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time, in the school grounds. Father Marsden and Kinga came along with Fr Crowther and Fr Ball. Mrs Singleton said that the children were just outstanding. Their grace, elegance, respect and thoughtfulness shone through all afternoon.

Congratulations Y4s from all of us on this important step in your journey of faith. Thank you Mrs Singleton, Mrs Banwell, Mrs Root, Fr Marsden and Kinga for facilitating. When we return after the half term break the Y4s will have a practice with Kinga in school before receiving their First Holy Communion at St Mary's Church on Sunday 9th June at the 10am Mass.

New Reception Intake Meeting

On Wednesday afternoon, we welcomed our new reception children to enjoy an hour in the reception class so that they could be introduced to the new classroom environment in which they will be learning from September. We also welcomed their parents and carers to share important information to help their children settle into school as well and as quickly as possible.

Sports News - COMETS GIRLS FOOTBALL SESSIONS for children with special educational needs and / or disabilities.

Diane Moss, a very experienced sports coach who works at Holy Cross and gives coaching sessions here, has asked us to publicise football sessions for girls who have special educational needs and/ or disabilities. *Over at Euxton Girls we are hosting our very first Comets football session for young girls who are on the special needs and/or disability register and might want to have a go at football in a safe place. It starts on the 1 June at West Way Sporting Hub 10am - 11am.*

School Week from 4th September 2024

A reminder that from 4th September 2024 the school day will have a new start and end time. We will register children at the earlier time of **0850** and school will finish at the slightly later time of **1520**. Please note that the nursery class start and end times will be unaffected in September. The **nursery** day will remain as start at **0845 and end at 1515**

Chorley Schools Sports Partnership – Learn to Ride 29-30 May 2024 at St Peter’s Chorley

It’s

CHORLEY
SCHOOL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

LEARN TO RIDE
WEDNESDAY 29TH & THURSDAY 30TH MAY

CHORLEY ST PETER'S
C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL
Eaves Lane PR6 0DX

Ages 4-12

£25 PER SESSION

SESSION ONE | **SESSION TWO**
10:00AM - 11:30AM | 12:30PM - 2:00PM

ONLY ONE BOOKABLE SESSION REQUIRED

CALL: 01257 449278
WHATSAPP: 07306403255
BOOK ONLINE AT:
www.chorleyssp.co.uk

Half term holiday activities

Caroline Hesketh of the Friends of Adlington Library has asked to us to make pupils, staff, and parents aware that Friends of Adlington Library are having an Art/Craft session during half term. This will be on 30th May at Adlington Library.

FRIENDS OF ADLINGTON LIBRARY
MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY'S CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES
SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE
THURSDAY 30TH MAY
MASKS TO DECORATE, THEATRES TO MAKE, PLUS POSTERS FOR D-DAY MEMORIAL
10AM TO 12NOON
ADLINGTON LIBRARY
RAILWAY RD. ADLINGTON
FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

D-DAY
JUNE 6, 1944

Mental Family Wellbeing Festival Sunday 16th June 2024

Mr Robinson, one of our parents, and organiser of the ***It's Mental, Family Wellbeing Festival*** came into school and spoke to the children in assembly about the family festival taking place at Rivington in a few weeks' time (see leaflet attached).

He sent the information about a free ticket giveaway below – apparently Sacred Heart Catholic Primary and St Gregory's are the two schools currently in the lead!

THE TICKET GIVEAWAY!!!!

Competition on Facebook - We have £500 worth of tickets to give away to a local school to pass onto their families. Parents have to comment and tag the name of their nominated school. If they would like to add a reason behind the nomination, they can. See competition link: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/LuVHgCXvMKdPnYML/?mibextid=WC7FNe>

The school with the most comments wins!

10 x family pack of 2 adults and 2 children. So 40 tickets in total.

The school will also receive a special ***Wellbeing Warrior*** plaque which will be presented by one of our Celebrity Ambassadors, Sam Jaloh

The deadline is **Friday 31st May 2024** to nominate, we will contact the winning school directly to let them know they've won.

Kooth Mental Health and Wellbeing support

Kooth is an 11-18 mental health & wellbeing support service. Their age band just about catches our Y6 children. That said there are some good resources which I think would support most parents in supporting their children and these can be accessed here:

<https://cloud.brandmaster.com/shared/assets/319b4803b82fecf307bc>

From the Kooth website: *We're Kooth Digital Health: the UK's largest and longest-serving digital mental health service. We've worked with the NHS for over 20 years and are the UK's only BACP accredited digital mental health service. We currently operate one service for children and young people (Kooth) and one for adults (Qwell). Learn more about us by watching our short video or visiting koothplc.com.*

Reception September 2024 places

We still have some places for our reception class in September, so if you know of anyone moving into the area and looking for a place in a Catholic school for September, please let them know. Sometimes families move into the area and are surprised the school is here because it is tucked away.

We still have a vacancy for a site supervisor!

We are looking for a part-time site-supervisor (caretaker) to work 15 hours a week, 0600 - 0900 each day, with some flexibility to work additional hours, if possible. If you are interested or if you know anyone else who is, please let the office know.

Free School Meals, Pupil Premium and School Budget

Our school budget, like most school budgets, is becoming increasingly stretched by the rising costs of goods and services. There is a source of funding that we think our school could be possibly missing out on. It is called **pupil premium** funding. Schools receive this money for each child that is entitled to the **free school meals** benefit (this is something different to infant free school meals).

The school may be missing out on this funding because it does not receive it automatically. It requires parents/ carers to apply for it and many of us may not even realise they we are entitled to this benefit.

To confuse matters further, all children in reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to universal infant free school meals but this is different to free school meals as it does not bring in pupil premium funding for school. Parents of children in the infants may be entitled to free school meals in addition to universal infant free school meals.

What can parents/ carers do to help?

Therefore we would like to ask all of our parents/ carers from reception to Year 6 to consider whether they might meet the criteria for free school meals for their child(ren). This could help to ensure that the school does not miss additional pupil premium funding.

There is a simple way to check to see if your child(ren) may be entitled to free school meals. It is accessed through Lancashire County Council and it is a very quick, straightforward process. See link: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/?page=2>

There is a very good article on the *Martin Lewis: Money Saving Expert* website which provides more information.

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/family/free-school-meals/>

Messages from the school office:

ParentPay

Please can we settle ParentPay accounts as soon as possible. Thank you.

School Uniform


Please check the uniform requirements on the school website and complete the Groupcall form by 2nd June. Payments must be made in advance before 5th June. if you do not pay for your order in time, we will be unable to process your order before the deadline given by our suppliers and you will not receive your items by the end of the summer term. The school uniform order form has now been sent to parents electronically.

We can submit late orders/payments to our suppliers by 12th July, but you will not receive items until September. <https://www.chorleystmarys.lancs.sch.uk/our-school/school-uniform>

Fleece and Jogger samples to view in Mrs Hargreave's office.

We have a sample of 1 x 7-8 yo fleece and 1 x size 28" joggers in the office for anyone to view for the uniform order which must be completed by 7th June.

Star of the Week 24.05.24



| Class | Name | Star of the Week for ... |
|-------|------------------|--|
| YN | Theo | super discussion about his pet lizard. |
| YR | Thomas | his outstanding answers about cold countries. |
| Y1 | The whole class! | their brilliant behaviour on our class trip! 😊 |
| Y2 | Zendaya | herfantastic work on fractions |
| Y3 | Finn H | enthusiasm for Health Week activities |
| Y4 | Jacob W | always going above and beyond in everything he does and setting a great example to others. |
| Y5 | Victoria | always giving 100% in all she does and having a positive attitude towards her work. |
| Y6 | Hettie | working hard on her writing. |

Attendance



Chorley, St Mary's Attendance League
2023/2024 w/e 24.05.24



| CURRENT POSITION | CLASS | CURRENT % |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1st | YEAR 5 | 97.16 |
| 2nd | YEAR 6 | 96.99 |
| 3rd | YEAR 1 | 96.85 |
| 4th | YEAR 3 | 96.73 |
| 5th | YEAR 2 | 95.46 |
| 6th | RECEPTION | 95.07 |
| 7th | YEAR 4 | 95.02 |

No 100% attendance this week.

Blast In The Grass family festival at the Albany Academy on the 25th & 26th May

We received a letter from a family festival organiser to publicise the following event:



We hope you are all keeping well and holding up better than the weather! We just wanted to drop you an email as the organisers of the upcoming family festival, Blast In The Grass, which is taking place at the Albany Academy on the 25th & 26th May.

We wanted to make sure as many of the local parents with young children knew about the event as it will certainly offer them something to do over the bank holiday weekend and offers a cheap day out for the family.

The festival will be open to the public from 11am - 7pm on both days, and will feature a centre stage with performances from local bands, singers, and entertainers.

We have a large fairground on-site as well as a huge inflatable zone, as well over 50 trade stalls made up of local crafters, traders and business, and multiple food vendors. Even a couple of bars for

the parents!

I have attached a poster of the event for you to look at, please do feel free to share it amongst the pupils and parents if you think this is something they may enjoy, or if you would like some posters dropping in to send home with the parents please do just shout!

More information can be found at www.blastinthegrass.co.uk and festival progress can be followed at <https://www.facebook.com/blastinthegrass/>.

Thank you, Mark, Dare 2 Event

Chorley Catholic Community Annual Festival - Sunday 8th September 1pm - 5pm, St Gregory's Church, Weldbank, Chorley

Mr Paul McBeth the organiser of the *Chorley Catholic Community Annual Festival* has written to us to give advance notice of this year's event in September on Sunday 8th September 1pm - 5pm at St Gregory's Church, Weldbank, Chorley

He asked us to let you know about and offer you an official invitation to take part this year. It would be good to know if you want to take part. If interested, could you reply to cnocl@hotmail.com please? It's the same format as last year - you get a double gazebo but have to supply a table(s) and chairs.

Mental health and emotional wellbeing support for children. (Contacts below).



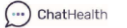
P Smyth 24.05.24



Young People
Scan this QR
code to find
support

SCAN ME

Text a school nurse directly to talk about
health or emotional wellbeing:
If you're 11-19 text our ChatHealth line on:
07507330510
or scan the QR code



Parents scan
this QR code to
find support

SCAN ME

If you're a parent of 5-19 year old text our
Lancashire ParentLine for support on:
07312263554
or scan the QR code



care think do.