



School Newsletter

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

27th September 2019

Dear parents,

As you will be able to tell from the newsletter, it's been another very busy week in school. There have been lots of special events and national days of something or other. The children have enjoyed the opportunity to learn about a wide variety of different things in addition to their reading, writing maths and other usual subjects.

Harvest Mass 2019



Father Marsden will be celebrating Harvest Mass with us on **Monday 30th 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.

Prospective Parents Open Day/ Open Evening



There will be an open day/evening event on **Thursday 3rd October** for parents interested in a place for their child in St Mary's Reception class for September 2020. The morning session runs from 9.30 am and the evening session starts at 6pm.

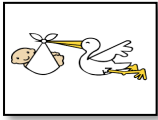
Coffee morning Macmillan

Thank you to Mrs Grandi for organising our annual Macmillan coffee morning. The staff got busy baking cakes on Wednesday evening and enjoyed working their way through them



yesterday lunchtime, washed down with tea and coffee. The event raised approximately £ 160 for Macmillan's Cancer Support charity. Well done everyone!

Another New arrival!



Congratulations to Ms Lang, our nursery assistant, on the birth of her baby daughter this morning. We wish her and her family all the very best on this wonderful occasion.

House Captains, Vice Captains and Sports Leaders

Well done and thank you to all the Y6s who put themselves up for election for the posts of House Captain, Vice-Captain or Sports Leader. It takes a lot of hard work to put a persuasive speech together to convince your house members to vote for you. I think it also takes a lot of courage; firstly, to stand up and give a speech or presentation on which you will be judged and secondly, to risk not being elected. So, there will be a number of disappointed Y6s; that said it will make them stronger in the long run and hopefully will not discourage them from taking similar risks in the future. Congratulations to the following children on their appointments:

	House Captain	House Vice-Captain	Sports Leader
Hoghton	Matilda	Kian	Joshua
Samlesbury	Sophie	Brooklyn	Olivia
Rufford	Bethany	Jane	Freya
Worden	Evie	Harrison	Tilly

National Eye Health Week 23-29 September



St. Mary's children have had plenty of learning opportunities this week for National Eye Health week. First, we were visited by Sarah from Eye Designs Opticians in Chorley and she reminded the children about the importance of

having their eyes tested annually, even if they don't wear glasses. We were also joined by Mrs Marsh who is a teacher for the visually impaired who did a workshop with each class regarding visual impairments and mobility. Miss Hesketh and her class loved it so much they even wrote her a letter to say thank you which said:

Dear Mrs Marsh,

We just wanted to say a huge thank you from all of year 5 for your time and input this afternoon. We have all discovered lots of information and feel we now know a lot more surrounding the subject of our eyes and the vision of others. We particularly enjoyed looking at the lovely books you brought in for us to look through. Furthermore, the activities you planned for us to do were exciting and enjoyable, as well as



educational. We hope you enjoyed your day in St Mary's as much as we enjoyed having you here.

Kind regards, Miss Hesketh and Year 5.

William in Year 2 has also educated his class about his condition of childhood cataracts and has been to Manchester Eye Hospital this week where a retinol cope has been used to look at his eyes and has discussed his prescription with the optician! Well done William!



Thank you very much to all our helpers!

European Day of Languages



Madame Russell and the KS2 classes celebrated this week's European Day of Languages in their French lessons. They sang songs in different languages and Madame Russell shared some interesting European information passport materials for the children to keep.

National Poetry Day October 3rd 2019

Next Thursday we will be marking National Poetry Day. National Poetry Day is a UK-wide celebration of poetry taking place every October. Each year there's a different theme and **in 2019 the theme is Truth.**



Celebrating National Poetry Day isn't just for schools! We have a [book list](#) * of brilliant poetry books for children aged 0 to 11 - why not see if you can pick some up from your local library ahead of 3 October?

The organisers also spoke to poet Joseph Coelho who shared his [tips](#) * for engaging children with poetry, and created a fun poetry ['mad libs' game](#) * to print and play with your child.

- Press 'ctrl' and 'click' on the links in [orange](#)

Online Safety NSPCC / O2



Here is a link to a short video (just over a minute long) by the NSPCC and O2. It provides a link to simple practical advice on keeping your children safe online.

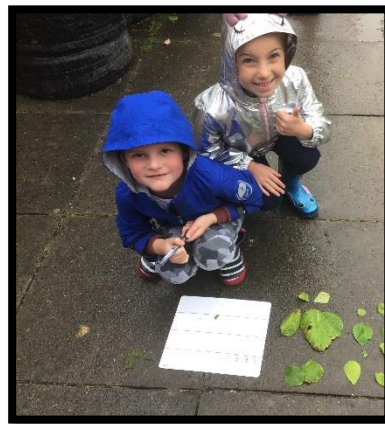
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b0NjtLbwxa4>

FSC Friday – Friday 27th September



Today 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 arranged for us all to take some learning outside of the classroom involving studying trees and sustainability. In the morning, the rain did not deter the children or the adults from enjoying the outdoors. The Y2s were even praying for rain so that they could do their rain paintings. Y6s took a trip to the local woods and took part in a range of activities. The photos below show some of the things that they got up to.



Unfortunately, the afternoon's torrential downpours did keep a couple of classes from their planned outdoor activities. That said they managed to do some FSC -related art work in class.



2020 SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES – SECONDARY AND PRIMARY

SECONDARY

Year 6 - due to transfer into high school in September 2020.
The statutory **closing date is 31 October 2019.**

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 Holy Cross or any secondary Catholic primary schools, also require the completion of the separate supplementary information form (SIF).****

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

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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.



Chorley, St Mary's Attendance League 2019/2020



CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
1 st	YEAR 3	98.84
2 nd	YEAR 1	98.06
3 rd	YEAR 6	97.92
4 th	YEAR 4	97.67
5 th	YEAR 2	97.04
6 th	YEAR 5	96.70
7 th	RECEPTION	95.29

Sports News

Football



The St Mary's football team played their first matches of the season against Whittle-le Woods and St Peter's CE Primary Schools. They won their first match 1-0 and the second 2-0. Jacob in Y5 contributed a goal in each game and Joshua in Y6 scored a stunning volley in the second match. Mr Hodge complimented the team on their skills, effort and their listening.

PE and Sports Steering Group Meeting Thursday 26th September

Thank you to Mr Hodge, our pupil sports leaders and the parents who were able to attend the PE steering group meeting yesterday evening. They discussed events and successes from the last academic year and also plans for the coming academic year.

Sport Camp at Bolton Arena October Half-Term –

I received a letter from an outside provider and have passed on for your information (leaflet attached):

Dear School,

This October we will be running our very popular Sports Camp again at Bolton Arena – please can you pass the attached details to you pupils & families to make them aware of this great opportunity to stay active during the school holidays. Please feel free to also post the details on social media to help spread the word!

[Sports Camp @ Bolton Arena \(October 2019\)](#)

The camps will run Monday 21st October to Friday 25th October 2019 from 9am – 3pm for children aged 5-12 years. (Registration will open at 8.45am)

Please Note

- If you would like to pay via childcare vouchers please email Kerry MacDonald KerryMacDonald@boltonarena.com
- Gymnastics Camp will only take place 12pm – 3pm (*Please see the full day offer with Multi-Sports*)
- There will be no Gymnastics Camp on Wednesday 23rd October

If you would like to book, please call our reception team on 01204 488100.

If you have any questions or if you would like any further information please feel free to call me direct on 01204 488131.

Kind Regards

Jennie Swarbrick

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.

Holy Cross Catholic High School will be holding their annual Open Evening 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.



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On Wednesday evening, Holy Cross headteacher, Mr Gaughan visited us the head of Y6-7 transition, Miss Calvert and one of the governors. It was nice to see former pupils of St Mary's Ellie and Ned (Y11) and Reuben and Daisy (Y7), speak so eloquently and so well of their high school.

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Secondary School Open Days

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

STAR OF THE WEEK w/e 27.09.19

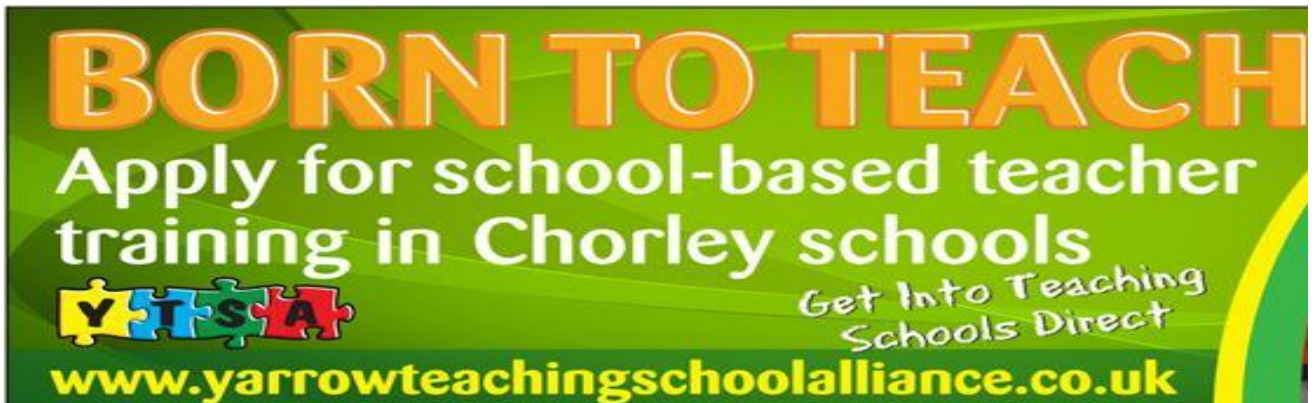
	Class	Name	Star of the Week for ...
	YN	Jude	Settling into Nursery and developing his independence.
	YR	Lydia	A positive attitude to learning.
	Y1	Alice	Excellent reading and writing in our phonics.
	Y2	Declan	Showing great understanding in history, linking different sources of evidence to draw a conclusion.
	Y3	Amelia W	Good answering of questions.
	Y4	Adam	Great work in science using scientific vocabulary e.g. <i>conductor</i> .
	Y5	Joey	A real improvement in his handwriting – keep up the good work!
	Y6	Josh	Never stopping at cookery club; cleaning and tidying up after everyone else had stopped.

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	September	
Wks 5/ 6 TRUTH/ GENTLENESS <i>October</i> <i>Month of the Rosary</i>	30	1415 Harvest Mass School
	October	
	2	Chorley Lodge Artists Y2
	3	Open Day - am session and evening session
	7	Chorley Lodge Artists Y2

7 MERCY <i>October</i> <i>Month of the</i> <i>Rosary</i>	14	Judo Presentation in assembly
	15	Parents' Evening
	18	End of half-term
	21-25	Half term break
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 26th September at 6.00pm

Thursday 7th 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 to reserve your place.

Visit our website www.yarrowteachingschoolalliance.co.uk to find out more about

what is on offer.