



School Newsletter

With Christ, we live, love, learn and grow

28.05.21

Dear parents/ carers,

We have come to the end of a long and often chilly summer first half-term. Your children have been excellent in school, in both their behaviour and in their hard work. They deserve a week's rest and hopefully, we will all get a bit of sunshine and warmth next week and beyond.

COVID information

Contact tracing up until Thursday 3rd June 2021

What to do if ... ?	Action needed
Child or staff member has symptoms before 3.30pm on Sunday, 30th May and then subsequently tests positive for COVID-19.	Contact school by email at office@chorleystmarys.lancs.sch.uk as soon as possible, but before 5pm, 3rd June at the latest, so that school can inform contacts.
Child or staff member has symptoms after 3.30pm on Sunday, 30th May and then subsequently tests positive for COVID-19.	Do not contact school. Parents/ carers/ staff should follow contact-tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
Child or staff member is required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after Thursday 3rd June.	Do not inform school about absence until Monday, 7th June

School will not be involved in contact-tracing from 5pm on **Thursday 03.06.21** until 8.30am on **Monday, 7th June 2021..**

If...	School will ...
School is notified that child or staff member has symptoms before 3.30pm on Sunday, 30th May and then subsequently tests positive for COVID-19,	Inform contacts of that child or staff member up until, but not beyond Thursday, 3rd June.

Updated risk assessment

We have updated our risk assessment in light of the changes to guidance for schools from 17.05.21. This is available to view on the school website.

<https://www.chorleystmarys.lancs.sch.uk/covid-19-information/school-procedures-policies>

Letter from LCC Director of Public Health,

Dr Sakthi Karunanithi, the LCC Director of Public Health, issued an update letter to all Lancashire parents yesterday. You will have received a copy via Groupcall yesterday. I have attached a copy to this newsletter too.

Government Advice on Foreign Travel

School has been asked by the DfE to remind parents and carers that they must adhere to its travel guidance including adhering to any requirement to quarantine or isolate upon return. **See link below**

School is required to take all reasonable steps are taken to ensure that pupils who are known to have travelled abroad are not permitted to return to school until quarantine or self-isolation periods have been completed.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/red-amber-and-green-list-rules-for-entering-england#amber-list>

COVID Lateral Flow Device tests

A reminder that anyone in Lancashire is eligible to access free, rapid coronavirus tests for themselves and their families to use twice a week.

These can be obtained locally from **Woodlands Conference Centre** (opposite Parklands School), from the **Tesco Extra supermarket** on Foxhole Road, **Lloyds Pharmacy** on Devonshire Road and from The Hub pharmacy on Peel Street.

First Holy Communion

The Y4s are primed and ready for to receive their First Holy Communion over the weekends of **5/6 June and 12/13 June at St Mary's Church**. Kinga says that they have been a wonderful class to work with; they have been enthusiastic and engaged. I would like to say a big thank you to Kinga, Fr Marsden and Mrs O'Neil for working so hard over the last eight, or so, months to prepare the children and for their determination to ensure that the children can actually receive the Sacraments in these challenging times.

St Mary's Mail Pupil Newspaper – First edition out today!

That's all the COVID information out of the way! Mrs Singleton and her team of Y5 newspaper journalists have produced the very first edition of the St Mary's Mail newspaper. It is great because they have produced something for every year group. Please take a moment to have a read and share with your child. Thanks. (see attached).

Messages from Paul McBeth - Chorley Buddies

Chorley Buddies, with the support of Chorley Council, are developing a **'Get Out of The House'** programme to encourage those who have been self-isolating, shielding or are just lonely, to venture

out of the house for exercise and re-socialisation. Many of our Parishioners in the Pastoral Area are in these categories. Please see attached flyers.

We're raising £1000 to Help Chorley Buddies Put a SMILE on Peoples' Faces in Chorley. We need the money to keep and improve our phone system and other general expenses. This is our one and only appeal per year – please help!

Please donate to our JustGiving Crowdfunding Page and help make it happen:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/paul-mcbeth-3?utm_id=1&utm_term=N3Rk237m8

Thanks for your support Paul J McBeth SVP Chorley Buddies

Half-term activities

The Chorley Schools Sports Partnership (CSSP) are delivering a half-term holiday sports camp at St Peter's school in the summer half-term break. It is four weeks off yet but you may be interested. There will be a huge variety of games and sports to keep children fit, active, engaged and most importantly having fun throughout the holiday period. Each day will range from football to rounders, Basketball to athletics, dodgeball to netball and so much more! Please see the attached leaflet for details.

Messages from the School Office

- Please could all ParentPay accounts for extended day, nursery fees, uniform and lunches be settled by 31st May.
- Please ensure that if your child is in Nursery or Years 3 - 6 and has a school dinner, that your lunch account is always in credit.
- All new uniform for September must be ordered and paid for in advance by 7th June to ensure a delivery before the summer holidays. Failure to place and pay for an order before the deadline will result in a delay in receiving your items (possibly until September).

Uniform exchange

The uniform exchange will take place in the school hall (or outside if the weather is nice!) on Sunday 6th June between 2.00pm and 5.00pm. We have had a really good response. Mrs Wilson says come and grab yourselves a pre-loved bargain.

Attendance



Chorley, St Mary's Attendance League 2020/2021



CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
1 st	YEAR 3	99.04
2 nd	YEAR 1	98.94
3 rd	YEAR 2	98.72
4 th	RECEPTION	98.67
5 th	YEAR 4	98.22
6 th	YEAR 6	96.60
7 th	YEAR 5	96.41

It is very close between Year 3 and Year 1- Year 3 have just taken the lead – could Y2 or Reception still catch up? **W/E 28/05/2021** unfortunately, no **100%** this week.

Stars of the Week - 28.05.21

Class	Name	Star of the Week for ...
YN	Brodie	For working hard in all she does and super phonics work. Well done Brodie.
YR	Tommy K	for amazing reading!
Y1	Kristian	super work in mathematics
Y2	Patch	Really trying hard to improve her handwriting
Y3	Phoebe C	Wonderful detail in her written work (this week she produced a great playscript).
Y4	Elsie	Great skill and technique in design technology.
Y5	Matthew K	Matthew K has worked extremely hard during our work on the highwayman and has produced a beautiful prayer in Come and See.
	Chloe	For always being a super star and reaching for the stars.
Y6	Niamh	A fantastic discussion text about tourism.

Free School Meals – Are you missing out?

Free School Meal Eligibility and Pupil Premium Funding

Because all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal, many parents do not realise that they might be entitled to something called **free school meal eligibility**. And we understand why this might be the case because the system is confusing! At St Mary's, we have

noticed a fall in the number of infant children whose parents have claimed eligibility since the introduction of free school meals for all infants –other schools have noticed the same.

This free school meal eligibility can be applied for in Reception, Year 1 and in Year 2 even though children are receiving a school meal anyway. And parents in Y3, 4, 5 and 6 can also apply.

Why bother applying if your child is receiving a free meal anyway?

If you think you might be eligible it is very much worth applying for two reasons:

1. Your child will continue to receive free school meals on leaving the infants in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 and beyond
2. The school receives additional money (pupil premium) for children eligible for free school meals (over £1 300 per pupil).

If you receive any of the benefits below, St Mary's School can access this extra funding, called pupil premium.

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

How can you find out if you are eligible?

Apply by phone – and you can find out in a matter of minutes!

You can ring the local **Free School Meals and Pupil Premium team on 01772 531809**

It must be the person claiming the benefit that rings.

You will need to provide your:

- Name
- Date of birth
- National insurance number

They will confirm whether you are entitled over the telephone.

Apply by post

Download the application form from <http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals.aspx> and return it to your local area education office.

South Area Education Office

Level 1 Christ Church Precinct

County Hall

Preston

PR1 8RJ

Free milk If you receive benefits, your child could also get free milk. Contact us to find out what arrangements we make for school milk.

With open events not possible in person, we have decided to publish a video which offers an insight into the training course and our offer to Associate Teachers. We will put this all over our social media platforms and advertise on Facebook shortly.

Yarrow Teaching School
Alliance
Open Event:
Tuesday 1st December 7pm



This Autumn, with face to face open evenings not possible, the Yarrow Teaching School Alliance invite you to a zoom open event. Have questions about our Initial Teacher Training Course answered, meet the team and see an Alliance school. email a.hitchen@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk to RSVP and receive log in details

<http://www.yarrowteachingschoolalliance.co.uk> @YarrowTSA

St Mary's is part of the Yarrow Teaching School Alliance. If you have a degree and interested in becoming a primary school teacher, visit the website above. **P Smyth 28.05.21**