



School Newsletter

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

29th November 2019

Dear parents,

PTFA CHRISTMAS FAIR



Many thanks for your generosity and for all your donations of gifts of bottles, chocolates and toys over the last few weeks; it has been greatly appreciated. Many thanks to all the parents, staff and volunteers who helped put together the Christmas Fair this year and for giving your time and energy to make sure it is going to be a success.



I hope everybody has an enjoyable evening and I hope the children will enjoy meeting Father Christmas in his superb grotto. There was a rumour going around today that he was having a sleep in the gardening shed on the KS2 playground in preparation for this evening.

Parent Questionnaire

Please see the results of the recent parental questionnaire attached. Thanks again for taking the time to reply.

Christmas Performance Times: EYFS (Nursery, Reception), KS1 (Y1, Y2) and KS2 (Y3, 4, 5 and 6)

Tuesday 10th December:

- 0930 KS1 (Y1 and Y2) performance for parents
- 1830 KS1 (Y1 and Y2) performance for parents

Wednesday 11th December:

- 0915 EYFS Nursery/ Reception performance for parents.
- 1700 EYFS Nursery/ Reception performance for parents.

Monday 16th December

- 1800 Junior Carol Concert at St Mary's Church





Children and staff have been rehearsing tirelessly over the last few days in readiness for their Nativity performances in just over a week's time. I've managed to catch one or two of the EYFS practice sessions and the children are fantastic; they will be performing ***A Miracle in Town***

Y1 and Y2 are also looking forward to treating their mums and dads to a performance of ***A Magical Christmas Journey***.

As per the letter sent earlier tickets will be issued over the coming days along with DVD order forms.

The juniors are also in the middle of rehearsing for their carol concert on Monday 16th December. They will be visiting church on two occasions over the next couple of weeks to practise. On **Monday 9th December**, they will attend Mass and so can be dropped off from 0845. Please could I also ask you to drop off the children from Y3-6 again at Church on **Monday 16th December** from 0845.

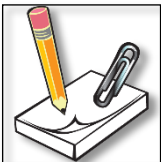
First Confessions – In school on Monday 2nd December

Father Marsden will be joined by Father Crowther from St Joseph's, Brinscall and Father Ball, from Sacred Heart, Chorley on Monday evening next week, here at school to hear the First Confessions of children in the Sacramental class.



The children will be carrying out written activities prepared by Mr Hodge while enjoying a drink and a snack. We ask that the children wear school uniform on the evening. If any child is off school ill on Monday, every effort will be made to ensure that they can receive First Confession at a later date in Church. Thank you to Mrs Gray-Grzeczynska, Mrs O'Neil and Fr Marsden for preparing the children so well.

A couple of messages from Mrs Hargreaves in the office:



- Please can all monies be settled by the end of this month on ParentPay accounts.
- Blackburn Hawks ticket requests need to be in the office by 12.00pm Monday 2nd December. I have spare forms if needed.

A message from Mrs Wilson, School Business Manager

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



Thank you to all those who have signed up; we have raised nearly £50 already!

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 29.11.19

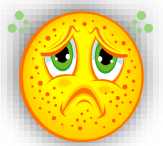


CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
1 st	YEAR 3	98.38
2 nd	RECEPTION	96.96
3 rd	YEAR 4	96.04
4 th	YEAR 2	95.91
5 th	YEAR 1	95.58
6 th	YEAR 6	95.31
7 th	YEAR 5	94.98

You can see how the winter bugs have hit attendance this week. We have had nearly 30-40 children off most days this week (25 today). Ordinarily, it is always under 5 absences a day.

Health and Safety Reminder – sickness and/ or diarrhoea

This is the time of year when there are more bugs and germs around than usual. If your child does become ill with **sickness or diarrhoea**, the guidance for schools from Public Health England gives a minimum recommended absence from school of **48 hours**. This is to limit the spread of the bug around school. Thank you.



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.

Height and Weight Checks

The school nurses are coming in on Wednesday next week to carry out the height and weight checks on the children in Y5 and Y6

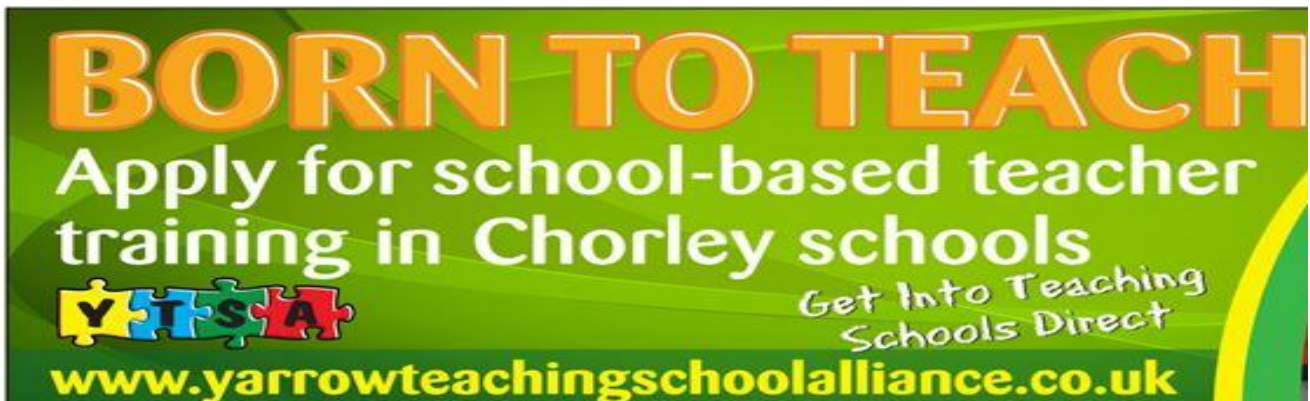
STAR OF THE WEEK w/e 29.11.19

	Class	Name	Star of the Week for ...
	YN	Jake	Being polite, kind and caring to his friends.
	YR	Lucy A	For working hard and trying her best all week.
	Y1	Harrison	Excellent work in both mathematics and English, showing much improvement.
	Y2	Jacob	Super effort with joined up handwriting.
	Y3	Izzy	Hard work in all lessons.
	Y4	Jessica	Great listening and being so helpful this week.
	Y5	Peter	Excellent work on multiplication and reasoning in mathematics.
	Y6	Ella	A great graphic score in music.

Notable Dates –

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Autumn HT -		
	December	
6 CELEBRATION	2	Sacramental Class - First Confessions School
	2	Nasal Flu Vaccination Catch - Up
	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	School closed to children – Polling Day
	13	Panto Trip - Rec - Yr 6
8 FORGIVENESS	16	Carol Concert 1800
	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 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.