



School Newsletter

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

30.09.22

Dear parents/ carers,

Harvest Mass



Fr Marsden is coming into school on Monday afternoon to celebrate Mass in thanksgiving for the harvest.

While we give thanks for the food we have, we know that there are many people in our community who will be struggling to put food on their tables at this present time.

Therefore, we would like to ask our families, if they are able, for donations of food which will be taken to the Living Waters Food Bank in Chorley. I spoke with the food bank earlier today and they would be extremely grateful for donations of tinned food e.g. hot dogs, tinned meat products, tinned vegetables - tomatoes, carrots, potatoes, peas, tins of soup and beans and tinned fruit such as peaches.

The bags can be left in the space marked out on the staff car park on **Monday morning (3rd October)**. Thank you.



CAFOD Brighten Up Harvest Fast Day - Friday 7th October 2022 – message from Mr Hodge.

Friday 7th October is the date of the annual CAFOD Harvest Appeal, which we support. On Monday 3rd October, pupils will take home an envelope and collect loose change at home if they so wish. They can bring the money in on Friday 7th October.

On Friday pupils may wear ONE item of 'BRIGHT' clothing (e.g socks, headband or tie) in exchange for a voluntary donation using the envelope given - no donation is necessary to wear the bright item of clothing! During the day, children will experience a lesson or collective worship centred around the work done by CAFOD entitled "Brighten Up the Harvest".

Messages from English Subject Leader – Miss Hesketh – about exciting English events planned!

National Poetry Day

This year, National Poetry Day is on Thursday 6th October 2022 and the theme is *The Environment*.

From the National Poetry Day website...

National Poetry Day is the annual mass celebration on the first Thursday of October that encourages everyone to make, experience and share poetry with family and friends. Each year we come together because voices, words and stories help to bridge understanding in our community.

Each class will spend part of Thursday next week, enjoying and celebrating poetry.

Lenny Henry –author visit (virtual!)

About the event - it's on the morning of 11th October.

Lenny will introduce his brand new brilliantly inventive, action-packed magical middle grade story *THE BOOK OF LEGENDS* and talk about his adventure book *THE BOY WITH WINGS*. He'll take questions from the audience, talk about where all of his ideas come from, his love of comic books and chat with our event host. We'll also screen a clip of Lenny talking to his illustrator Keenon Ferrell in New York, showing just how he brings Lenny's characters like *Bran Fran* and *Tunde* to life.

About the books

THE BOOK OF LEGENDS - Bran and Fran love living with their mum, who is the storyteller at the Once Upon a Wow bookshop. But when she goes missing and her stories turn out to be a portal to another world, they strap on their books to embark on a huge, magical adventure. Luckily, they have Wilma, the Wizard's Wife, and Zack, a wisecracking Zebracorn, to help them on their journey and tackle the evil princes, mud monsters and Viking armies all standing in their way...

THE BOY WITH WINGS - Twelve-year-old Tunde is an average kid with average friends whose life is turned upside down when in the middle of a football match he leaps for the ball and stays in the air - on an enormous pair of wings. He discovers new found powers and a secret past, and finds out how just how an average kid can become an extraordinary hero.

The event will be live be hosted by Newham Books, and run in partnership with independent bookshops across the UK. The event will be signed and live streamed from a school in Newham.

Book Fair

Good news! We once again will have the popular book fair in school. It will be running on the following dates:

Thursday 6th October, Friday 7th October, Monday 10th October and Tuesday 11th October in the Year 5 classroom from 3.20 to 3.40 p.m. Please access the fair via the Year 5 classroom door - not the main entrance. On these days, all gates will remain open until 3.50 p.m. to allow you to return to parked cars.

Payment can be made in cash or new for this year, online via a QR code.

Children will have the opportunity to visit the book fair to view the books on offer with their class during the day on Thursday 6th October. Please note that they are unable to purchase any books at that time.

Please see the attached information leaflet that shows some of the books on offer.

St Mary's Catholic Primary School & Nursery Awarded Primary Science Quality Mark September 2022



Primary Science Quality Mark is a one-year school improvement programme for primary science

The Primary Science Quality Mark is led by the University of Hertfordshire in collaboration with the Primary Science Teaching Trust.

Schools that have achieved a Primary Science Quality Mark have demonstrated a significant commitment to science teaching and learning. The profile and quality of science in each awarded school is very high. Children are engaging with great science both in and outside the classroom, developing positive attitudes towards science as well as secure scientific understanding and skills. Science subject leaders, their colleagues, head teachers, children, parents and governors should be very proud.

Well done to Mrs Banwell (our science subject leader) and to Mrs Ainscough for leading us in gaining this prestigious award and well to the whole school community in a great achievement.

PE and Sports School Games Award – Gold – September 2022



St Mary's has been awarded the prestigious School Games Gold Award yet again! It has been awarded to acknowledge the high standard of PE and sports provision by school over the course of the last school year and the wide variety of sporting opportunities children experience.

Thank you to Mr Hodge for his excellent leadership of PE and Sports and thanks to our staff and the members of the Chorley Schools Sports Partnership who help provide those opportunities. Well done all!

Message from West Lancashire Scouts

Attached is a flyer inviting local families to an Open Evening being held at St Mary's Scout Group in Chorley. Friday 14th October 5.00pm - 6.00pm at St. Mary's Parish Centre, Devonshire Road, Chorley, PR7 2BW. See leaflet attached.

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

Thank you to Mr Gaughan, Headteacher, of Holy Cross Catholic High School who came to give a presentation to parents of our Y6 Pupils in the school last Monday afternoon and thank you to our parents for attending.

Nursery, Reception and Y1 curriculum meetings – Wednesday 27.09.22

On Wednesday this week, the teachers and staff of nursery, reception and Y1 classes shared information about the curriculum for the coming year in those classes. Thank you to our staff for doing these meetings and thank you parents for your support, in attending.

FSC Week

This week was Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Week. The children and staff enjoyed taking their learning outside of the classroom.



Parents Evenings

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

Football Results

The St Mary's football team's winning streak continues! Mr Hodge took the football team to another set of fixtures at Westway sports centre this week. They played matches against Anderton and against St Joseph's. They came away with two more wins in two very well contested games against very talented opponents. Well done St Mary's, again, and thanks once more to our coach, Mr Hodge.

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=c0yXTRDwKe2fKUu2qgOOLjWjW2dNP64Toi2-09CKqWM>



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

House Representatives

My apologies to Oliver S-G in Y6, new joint vice-captain of Rufford! In last week's newsletter, I accidentally omitted him when announcing the house representatives.

House	House Captain	House Vice-Captain(s)	House Sports Leader
Rufford	Bella	Amelia W & Oliver S-G	Ethan



Chorley, St Mary's Attendance League
2022/ 2023 30.09.22




CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
1st	YEAR 5	98.68
2nd	YEAR 4	97.96
3rd	YEAR 2	97.11

4th	RECEPTION	96.62
5th	YEAR 6	96.23
6th	YEAR 3	95.53
7th	YEAR 1	94.91

Congratulations to **Y4** on their **100%** attendance, this week!

STARS OF THE WEEK w/e 30.09.22

	Class	Name	Star of the Week for ...
	YN	Eden	always being ready to learn and always trying his best.
	YR	Jesse	excellent learning choices and beautiful manners
	Y1	Sienna F	Sienna created a beautiful piece of artwork with the treasures that she collected outside in our FSC session.
	Y2	Arlo	Arlo has given 110% to his writing this week and has persevered even when finding it tough
	Y3	Charlie W	Amazing answers in maths today
	Y4	Freya	her positive attitude and enthusiasm in all areas of school life.
	Y5	William	recognising how to further improve and edit his work in all areas of the curriculum. This shows a great attitude to learning.
	Y6	Leon	Great care and attention to detail in his camouflage painting.

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,
P Smyth

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