



# School Newsletter

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

**03.07.2020**

Dear Parents/ Carers

We have completed two weeks with more children in and the systems that are in place all seem to be working well. The key safety measures are: anyone with COVID symptoms stays off school, there is rigorous and frequent hand washing, there is enhanced and more regular cleaning especially of frequently touched surfaces, there is one metre plus, social distancing where it can be managed and we have 'bubbles' of staff and children who remain separate from each other.

Those key safety measures will form the basis of the full return to school in September. The guidance came out yesterday and we will be studying it carefully, assessing the risks for our school thoroughly and planning for a successful full return in September. I will keep you updated on our progress.

I sent the following document for parents out yesterday and the link to it, which gives useful information to parents about the Government's plans.

*Guidance: What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges in the autumn term*

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

## **Summer holiday**

School will close on July 17<sup>th</sup> for the summer holidays and **will not be open for childcare for critical workers' or vulnerable children** during the closure. School will reopen for children from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. I will provide more details of this, when our plans have been finalised.

## **Leavers' Mass**

We are delighted to be able to say that we are planning to hold the Y6 Leavers' Mass on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm. Father Marsden has kindly agreed to come and say Mass outdoors on the school grounds. If the weather is poor, we will postpone until Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July at the same time and failing that, we will celebrate the Mass at St Mary's Church.

Following the Mass there will be a disco. This year for safety reasons, rather than asking children to bring in food and drink items from home we intend to organise a pizza delivery. We will share more details next week.

### **St Mary's Church**

Just a reminder that there will be daily Mass at St Mary's Church from **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July**. More information is in the Parish Newsletter. Kinga sked me to mention that if you are aware of anyone who is struggling to put food on the table at the moment to please contact her at the parish office on 01257 262537.

### **Useful Contacts**

#### Community support

Chorley council Tel 01257 515151

[Covid-19Support@southribble.gov.uk](mailto:Covid-19Support@southribble.gov.uk) Tel 01772 625625

hubofhope.co.uk (postcode gives local support available)

#### Domestic abuse

National Domestic Abuse Helpline Tel 0808 2000 247 (staffed 24 hrs a day)

#### Young people

[www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)

Inspire crisis helpline (drugs and alcohol-young people) Tel 07984357293

#### Food banks

Living waters store house/food bank Tel 0344 245 1294 Mon-Fri 9-5pm

Penwortham Community Centre offer pre-packed emergency parcels (Kingsfold Drive Penwortham Preston PR1 9EQ) open Fridays 9.30-12

#### Older Adults support

Coronavirus helpline-Age UK Lancashire-Tel 01772 552850 (Anyone over 70 who are struggling due to self-isolating and need support)

[www.thesilverline.org.uk/](http://www.thesilverline.org.uk/) Tel 0800 470 80 90 – free confidential helpline open 24 hrs a day

[www.gransnet.com/](http://www.gransnet.com/) advice for dealing with isolation and loneliness

## **FREE DIGITAL EDITION OF CHILDREN'S NEWSPAPER**

A message from *The Week* children's newspaper



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Be aware that we have updated the app, and once you have downloaded the new version and your pupils will need a voucher code to access the digital edition of *The Week Junior*.

Please feel free to share this code and instructions below with your pupils.

**Your voucher code is:** **TWJ2301ghi** - this code is unique to your school so please make a note of it and keep it safe.

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1. Make sure you have the latest version of The Week Junior app on your iOS or Android device
2. If you had already downloaded the app, you will need to visit your app store and download an update
3. If you don't have the app yet, simply search "The Week Junior" in the iOS App Store or Google Play
4. To log into the app for the first time, select the 3 dots in the top right corner, select 'Account', select 'Voucher codes' and enter your voucher code shown above

The digital edition can also be accessed online to view in your browser at [magazine.theweekjunior.co.uk](http://magazine.theweekjunior.co.uk). To log in, select the head icon, select 'Have you got a voucher code?' and enter your code.

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Best wishes,

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