



School Newsletter

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

4th October 2019

Dear parents,

Parents Evening – Tuesday October 15th

Autumn term's parents' evening will take place on **Tuesday October 15th**. As we did this time last year, we are giving parents the option to book a 5-minute appointment with their child's teacher, or to drop in and look at the books without meeting the teacher or to just wait for a more in-depth consultation in the spring term. The spring term parents' evening will take place over two evenings and last up to 10 minutes.

In summary, the options are as follows:

- Book a 5-minute appointment with class teacher, come in and look at child's work/ books on **Tuesday 15th October between 3.45pm and 7pm**
- Drop in and look at child's work/ books without meeting with the class teacher on **Tuesday 15th October between 3.45pm and 7pm**
- Do not come in on this occasion, wait until the February parents' evening and contact school/ teacher, as and when the need arises.

A separate Group Call letter is being sent to parents giving more details about this.

Harvest 2019



Unfortunately, Father Marsden was poorly on Monday and so was unable to say Mass at school. Instead we held a Harvest Liturgy with Mrs Cooke playing the piano to support our hymns. The children sang beautifully and read the readings and bidding prayers clearly. It was great to read the wonderful feedback from family members at the end.



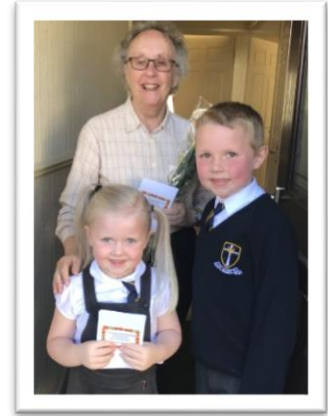
We reflected on what the harvest is, how fortunate we are to have such an abundance of food and the importance of our responsibility to help those in our community who are less fortunate.



16 bags of food to food bank

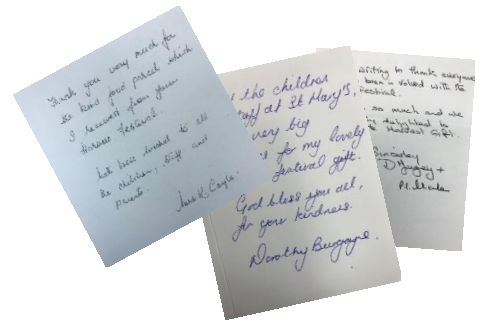
Thank you everyone for your kind donations of food items and hampers. Thank you also to the family members who attended our liturgy. Thank you to those who took a food package to some of our elderly parishioners.

There were 16 bags of food left over which we took to Living Waters/ Churches Together Storehouse.



Jack and India deliver to neighbours

I have received many thank you cards from grateful neighbours who really appreciate your children's kindness and thought.



CAFOD Brighten up the Harvest Appeal



Thank you also for your generous donations to the CAFOD *Brighten Up the Harvest Appeal*. The children looked great

with their imaginative and bright accessories. I will try and give you a total next week – our collection bucket was full!

Y6 Class assembly

The Y6 class will be performing their class assembly on Thursday to the school. As always, parents and grandparents are warmly invited to attend. The theme of the assembly is the *importance of family and the unconditional love provided by our parents and by God*. This is what they have been studying in their RE Come and See this half term.



Prospective Parents Open Day/ Open Evening



We held our 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. There was a morning session for parents to view the school while children are in learning at 9.30 am and an evening session at 6pm. Thank you to the staff for staying behind to help out and answer questions and thank you to the Y6s who were on hand to give a child's perspective on life at St Mary's.

National Poetry Day 2019



We celebrated National Poetry Day (with the theme of Truth) on Thursday with every class performing a poem in today's awards assembly: Reception class gave a superb performance. Y1 performed a poem about the harvest.

Y2 treated us to a recital of *Please Mrs Butler*. Y3 created their own poems with rhyme and rhythm. Y4 performed a poem by Rachel Rooney about Lies. Harriet in Y5 read out her own wonderful composition and Y6 performed some of their own poems inspired by Rachel Rooney's *Art of Deception*.

ALDI's Kit for School Sticker Chart

Thankyou everybody for collecting stickers. We needed 300 to complete our chart and so far, we have nearly 290s stickers, so we are nearly there. In fact, we might try and double our chances of winning by submitting 2 entries so please keep collecting and donating stickers thank you.



School Councillors 2019/ 2020

Democracy was in action once again at St Mary's over the last couple of weeks with the election of members of the school council who will have their first meeting before the half- term break. Congratulations to those elected and commiserations to those that were not – well done for putting the effort in and trying - better luck next time.

Year	School Councillors	
2	William	Betsy
3	Phoebe	Oliver
4	Harry	Eleanor
5	Grace B	James

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	98.83
2 nd	YEAR 1	98.18
3 rd	YEAR 6	97.94
4 th	YEAR 4	96.99
5 th	YEAR 5	96.88
6 th	YEAR 2	96.21
7 th	RECEPTION	95.56

Sports News

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

To prevent accidents from happening please keep children from playing on school equipment at the end and start of the school day. I will remind children in school as well. Thank you.

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 for 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.



FRIENDS of HOLY CROSS

We are the fundraising group, FHC - FRIENDS of HOLY CROSS High School, Chorley fundraising for extra resources for all the children.

We are holding a ladies' shopping event & show at Holy Cross High School and need to sell tickets. The show details are below, and we really appreciate any promotion you can support us with. Just to also let you know we have a Facebook page @fhcchorley for you to check us out and we have an email address you can email us directly on if you require any more information - fhcchorley@gmail.com

Thank you sincerely for your help. Marie & Roseanne .Friends of Holy Cross. FHC. fhcchorley@gmail.com (Email)@FHCchorley (Facebook)

Holy Cross High School invites you to....

Ladies Shopping Event.....

Friday 11th October Doors open at 6pm . Fashion show shopping at 7pm.

Top Brands at Huge discounts. Up to 70% off . Lots of STALLS including The Body Shop, Handbags, Jewellery, Scentsy- Candles, Perfume, Cakes & Bar & refreshments, All in school hall at Holy Cross.


Proceeds to fund additional resources for the children of Holy Cross Chorley.

Tickets are £5 with a FREE glass of Prosecco!

Tickets available from Holy Cross School Reception (or parentpay) or Fredericks ice Cream, Bolton Rd, or email us at fhcchorley@gmail.com

or Find us on Facebook us at @FHCchorley

STAR OF THE WEEK w/e 04.10.19

	Class	Name	Star of the Week for ...
	YN	Arlo	Following class rules and helping others
	YR	James	Trying hard today writing the letter 'M'
	Y1	Harrison	His lovely independent writing this week.
	Y2	Betsy	A fantastic innovated story based on <i>The Jolly Postman</i>
	Y3	Isabella	Showing resilience with her mathematics.
	Y4	Sam	His wonderful and thoughtful work in <i>Come and See</i> .
	Y5	Louis	Always working to his full potential.
	Y6	Ciaran	A fantastic adventure story.

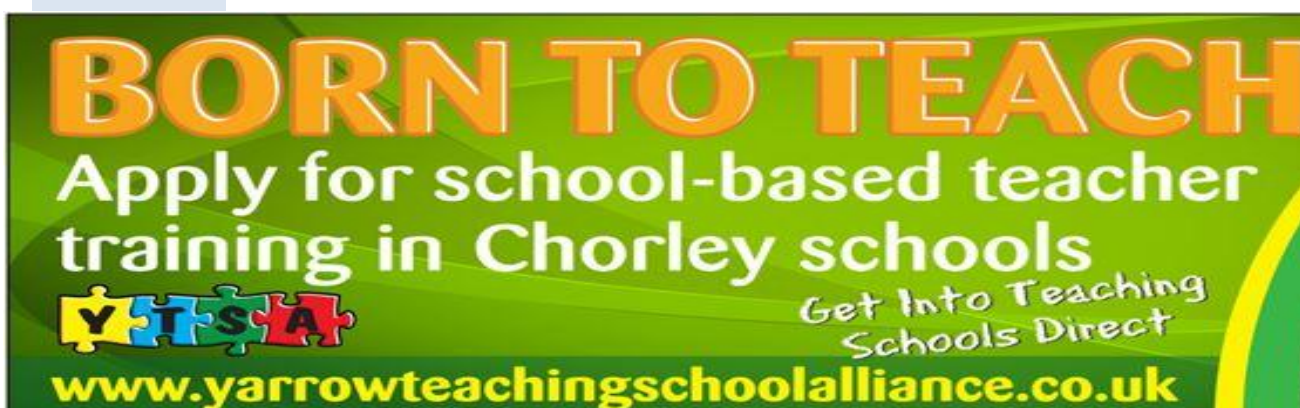
Notable Dates – There are a few dates which I have pencilled in which have yet to be fully confirmed (TBC) but I wanted to give you some advance notice of our plans.

AUTUMN TERM 2019

Autumn HT - 1		
VALUES OF THE WEEK	September	
Wks 5/ 6 TRUTH/ GENTLENESS <i>October 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 MERCY <i>October Month of the Rosary</i>	7	Chorley Lodge Artists Y2
	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	16	Carol Concert
FORGIVENESS	19	Party Day
	20	End of term

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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 our next open event is

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.