



School Newsletter

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

15.07.22

Dear parents and carers,

Heatwave Planning

As I am sure, we are all well aware of by now, next week's weather forecast shows extremely high temperatures for Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Chorley now appears to fall under the Met Office's red warning for extreme heat.

<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/warnings-and-advice/uk-warnings#?date=2022-07-18&id=b01e382c-77dc-4ac0-9ba4-d81c80dd1690>

We have put together some plans for managing the school safely during this period; keeping the children's and staff's safety and wellbeing a priority. The plans have been informed by Government, local government and NHS guidance and advice e.g.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/heatwave-plan-for-england/looking-after-children-and-those-in-early-years-settings-during-heatwaves-for-teachers-and-professionals>

Below is a summary of the actions we are taking:

- The Y6 performance has been moved from Monday evening to this evening.
- On Monday and Tuesday, when temperatures are forecasted to be in excess of 30°C, children in all classes **are to wear PE kits on Monday and Tuesday with sun hats, sun glasses and sun cream applied (SPF 30+)**. They will wear their usual school uniform on Wednesday when temperatures return to near normal.
- Children will not take part in vigorous physical activity. At playtimes, children will be engaged in relaxed and calm activity e.g. no football and running games.
- Children will be allowed outdoors for short periods but will be in the shade as much as possible. We have timetabled classes for different break times to ensure we can share out what shade is available outdoors. We are putting up some gazebos on site to provide some limited, additional shade.

- Children will need to bring a water bottle to school and be able to refill this throughout the day. They will be encouraged to drink plenty of cool water and teachers will ensure they have extra drink breaks. The main risk to the health of children from heat is dehydration.
- Windows and other ventilation openings will be opened during the cool of early morning.
- Windows and other ventilation openings will not be closed, but their openings reduced when the outdoor air becomes warmer than the air indoors – this will help keep rooms cool whilst allowing adequate ventilation
- We will use indoor blinds to block heat from entering rooms
- We will keep the use of electric lighting to a minimum – lights switched off in classes whenever possible (except when the blinds are closed!)
- All electrical equipment, including computers, monitors and printers will be switched off when not in use.
- We will have reduced numbers of pupils in the hall – For Monday and Tuesday we will return to the systems and procedures we had in place as part of our COVID measures. KS2 classes will eat their lunches in their classrooms.

Breakfast and after school clubs:

- Will use the hall and also the ICT suite
- If an outdoor break is needed they will use the shade of the woodland area

A message from NHS England North West - School Aged Immunisation Service Survey - for Parents/ Guardians

Dear Parents / Guardians,

NHS England North West would like to understand your views and feedback about School Aged Immunisation services. The findings from this survey will inform future planning of these services. A link to a short survey is included below:

<https://nhs.researchfeedback.net/s.asp?k=165712699386>.

NHS England North West would like to thank Parents & Guardians for taking the time to complete this survey.

Kind Regards, Tricia Spedding

Fundraiser for International Aid Trust work in Ukraine

A couple of our pupils, Veronica and Sophia, asked if they could raise money for the Chorley based, **International Aid Trust** to support their work in Ukraine by selling some handmade woollen goods. The girls made **£38.92** yesterday from the sale of their items, made in the colours of Ukraine, and sold out! They are currently knitting up stock and will be selling again one more time on Monday, next week.

PE and Sports Awards

Each year the school gives out awards to individuals who have demonstrated how they have shown the St Mary's PE and Sport principles in their practice (PRIDE – see below for explanation). Mr Hodge accepted nominations from staff and the winners of the awards were announced in assembly today.

PE and School Sport Awards

Children given 'PRIDE Awards' as follows; (certs given)



Participation - CiCi [redacted] (Y1)

(for joining in and trying her best!)

Respect - Poppy [redacted] (Y2)

(for wanting to participate in everything but acknowledging that others need a turn)

Inclusion - Scarlett [redacted] (Y5)

(for considering others when participating competitively!)

Development - Feba [redacted] (Y4)

(for much improved swimming confidence!)

Encouragement - Archie [redacted] (Y6)

(for excellent 'Sports Leader Skills' working with Yr2!)



Staff acknowledged.
(Newsletter)
(Mrs Blackwell)

***Parent Awards; Mr Southern, Mrs Southern,**
Mrs Wheeldon, Mrs Catterall and Mrs Rodgers

PESG & ideas

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Football

Swimming

Swimming, Netball, Cross Country
& Girls Football at Euxton.

Sports days certificates

Pupils received sports day certificates today following the various EYFS, Y1/2, Y3/4 and Y5/6 sports days. I hope you enjoyed the format of the sports days this year; the first ones we have had since 2019. Many parents told me that it was great to see the children active for most of the time and not sitting for long spells. Once again, I would like to thank parents, carers and family members for coming out in great number to support; it made for a great atmosphere.

The sports day certificates were given out based upon times and not winners of heats; we explained this to the children in assembly today. Thank you to Mrs Hands and Mr Hodge for preparing them.

Leavers Mass – Monday 11th July

This year's Leavers Mass took place outdoors at school, for the first time - which I am aware of. I think that all, who were there, would agree it was a very special occasion. We thank Fr. Marsden, who celebrated the Mass on the grounds just between the Y1/2 classrooms and the wooded area. We also thank Mrs Seager, a peripatetic music teacher from LCC who works in school, for playing piano for us. Well done to the children for participating in the Mass either with: the readings, the Offertory or the singing. Thank you to family members and governors who attended in very good number.

Following the Mass, there was a party for the Y6 children. Thank you to Mrs Wilson and the PTFA for funding and coordinating the pizza and Frederick's ice cream that seemed to go down extremely well!

Bastille Day

It was great to see the children in KS2 in their 'red, white and blue,' the colours of the *le tricolore*, on Tuesday and Wednesday this week to celebrate *Bastille Day*. Madame Russell, with the children, celebrated this important day for France in style. I believe that the children even had the chance to sample some French butter biscuits!

Educational Visits

Y1 local area walk

This week, Mrs Grandi, the Y1 team and some parent volunteers took the Y1 children on a walk around the local area to look at street furniture. This followed on from their study of *Digi-maps* back in the classroom. There was an unexpected bonus on their visit! As they were looking at the pillar box, a postman pulled up to open up the post box. He let the children look inside and told them a little bit about what happens with their mail.

The children absolutely loved their trip out of school and Mrs Grandi said that their behaviour was superb as usual. Thanks to the Y1 team and all the volunteer helpers.

Y1 also had an amazing day yesterday celebrating their writing work on Super Heroes – I am sure that the Y1 families have seen some of the great photos of the day.

Chorley Catholic Community Festival - Sunday 4th September, St Gregory's Gardens, 12pm to 4pm

Please see short video clip below advertising the Chorley Catholic Community Festival - Sunday 4th September, St Gregory's Gardens, 12pm to 4pm



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Alpha Course September 2022

Please see attached Alpha Series pamphlet.

All the Catholic Parishes in Chorley are working together to put on an Alpha Series, starting in September. Alpha can best be described as an Introduction to Christianity and tries to give answers to the big questions in – why am I here, is there a God, what has Jesus got to do with it, etc etc? It is suitable for both those with no background in Christianity but are searching and for those with a background in Christianity but are perhaps looking for a ‘re-boot’. Follow this link for an explanation of how Alpha works: <https://player.vimeo.com/video/214170130> ‘Alpha is Coming [Alpha in a Catholic Context Introductory DVD \(extended version\) - English - YouTube](#)

Reminders

Please do not use the staff car park for dropping off and picking up even for breakfast and after school clubs. Thank you.

Car Parking – Pick up and Drop off

Can I ask all parents/ carers, when dropping off and picking up:

- Please bear in mind especially, the safety of child pedestrians
- Please do not park across driveways.
- Please do not park in the hammerhead on Warton Place. Signs are now in place there.
- If possible, set off a little earlier, park a little further away and walk the rest of the way. The children get rewarded for a *Park and Stride*.

SHOW YOU CARE, PARK ELSEWHERE!

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

STARS OF THE WEEK w/e 15.07.22



Class	Name	Star of the Week for ...
YN		
YR	Theo & Madison	for making good learning choices and trying hard with writing for super independent writing and making her own corrections.
Y1	CiCi	for her fabulous attitude and her determination in her independent <i>Big Write</i> .
Y2	Lucy K	excellent persuasive writing
Y3	Eliza	amazing focus and concentration on her work all week (at school AND at home).
Y4	Noah	kindness to others and showing maturity in his actions
Y5	All of Year 5	for their amazing efforts this week in all lessons, especially our persuasive writing work.
Y6	Archie R	for a massive improvement in his acting performance.



Chorley, St Mary's Attendance League 2021/2022 15.07.22



CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
1st	YEAR 3	96.18
2nd	YEAR 4	95.73
3rd	YEAR 2	95.71
4th	YEAR 5	95.69
5th	YEAR 1	95.56
6th	RECEPTION	94.70
7th	YEAR 6	93.59

Summer Holiday Activities

School has been given information to share with you about a range of activities going on over the summer break:

Hi all

Please see leaflet attached and share with families.

- Chorley CFW What's on Guide July – Sept

To book on to Chorley CFW group work/summer programme, please email CFW-CH-Groups@lancashire.gov.uk

Kind Regards - Chorley CFW Community Team - Lancashire County Council

Holiday Activities & Food 2022 - Holiday Activities and Fun - Chorley SSP

We are running these camps at the following venues -

- St Peters Primary School Chorley
- Manor Road Primary School Clayton
- Westway Sports Hub Chorley

The camps run from 10am till 2pm (if you need extra care, please let me know) Monday - Thursday.

Many thanks. Hannah Dixon

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2022 Summer Camps & HAF - BOOK NOW! Our 2022 HAF programme is on again this Summer Term, providing 4 days of FREE activities and food for eligible young people over the Summer Holidays.

www.chorleyssp.co.uk

Hannah Dixon

Community Coordinator and coach

Gymnastics Specialist

Chorley School Sport Partnership CIC

Working days -Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

w:chorleyssp.co.uk

Chorley
SCHOOL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP



Chorley Summer Programme Offer (Monday 1st – Friday 26th August):

	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Weekly - Mini Move & Groove (10 - 11.30am) – Duke Street Weekly - Baby & You (10 - 11.30am) – Highfield	1 st & 8 th Aug - Parents to Be (3.30 – 5pm), Duke Street
Tuesday	2 nd Aug – Summer-themed Arts & Craft & Pottery (10 – 12), Duke Street (ML planning) 9 th Aug – Creative Food Fun (10 – 12), Duke Street (RS planning) 16 th Aug – Messy Play Session (10 – 12), Duke Street (SV planning) 23 rd Aug – Nature-themed arts & craft (10 – 12), Duke Street (ML planning) Weekly - Triple P Stepping-Stones (9.30 – 12noon), Highfield	2 nd Aug – Teddy Bears Picnic (1.30 – 3.30), Duke Street (RS planning) 9 th Aug – Day at the Beach (1.30 – 3.30), Duke Street (SV planning) 16 th Aug – Fancy Dress Party (1.30 – 3.30), Duke Street (DD planning) 23 rd Aug – Sing & Dance & games Session (1.30 - 3.30), Duke Street (DD planning) Weekly - Chat, Play, Read (1.30 – 3pm), Clayton Brook Library
Wednesday	3 rd Aug – Chorley Summer Playday (11am – 3pm), Coronation Recreation Ground (Devonshire Road). Weekly - Baby Massage (10 - 11.30am), Duke Street Weekly - Development matters (10 - 11.30am), Highfield	Weekly - Baby & You (1.30 – 3pm), Highfield Weekly - Triple P Teens (6 - 8pm), Duke Street
Thursday	4 th Aug - Summer-themed arts & craft & pottery (10 – 12), Highfield (ML planning) 11 th Aug – Creative Food Fun (10 – 12), Highfield (RS planning) 18 th Aug – Messy Play Session (10 - 12), Highfield (SV planning) 25 th Aug – Nature-themed Arts & Craft (10 – 12), Highfield (ML planning)	4 th Aug – Wacky Woody the Magician, (1.30 – 3.30pm), Highfield 11 th Aug – Ruby & Blue (Science Workshop), (1.30 – 3.30pm), Highfield 18 th Aug – Disco & kids entertainer, (1.30 - 3.30pm), Highfield 25 th Aug – Alldays (small animal) Farm, (1.30 - 3.30pm), Highfield
Friday	Weekly - 'Chat & Chill' SEND parent group (9.30 - 11.30am), Highfield	

Yarrow Schools Teaching Alliance



P Smyth, Headteacher 15.07.22