

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a wonderful festive season and managed to get some time to relax and spend precious time with friends and family. The new year is now upon us and I am sure, like me, you have lots of plans, ideas and things you are aspiring to achieve in 2023. We are all so happy to be back in school with the children and get stuck into all the exciting learning we have planned for the Spring Term. The children have been full of chat this week and it has been lovely to see how excited they are to be back in the classroom with their teachers and friends. Although, we are all looking a bit tired this morning and I have heard many questioning has it really only been a three day week! I am sure by next week we will all be relishing being back in a routine and used to the early starts.

The staff have been busy over the holidays writing ‘Check In’ reports for each child. Check in reports are what you would expect—an opportunity to check in with you as parents, in writing, to further inform you of how your child is doing in school. They are part of our comprehensive way of keeping you ‘in the know’. Later this term, prior to the Easter Holidays, on March the 22nd and 23rd we will have our second face to face Parent’s Evening followed by a full school report towards the end of the Summer Term. Your child’s Check in Report will be emailed to you next Friday. The staff will also provide you with their half-termly overview of the curriculum, something I know you have welcomed over the Autumn Term, plus the homework grid for this term. This will be issued via Seesaw. We could not do our jobs and support our wonderful children without all the incredible support you provide at home—it does not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated.

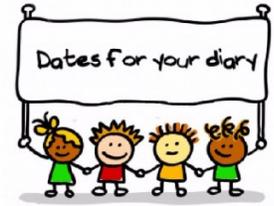
Thank you to Father Peter for saying mass for us in school today to celebrate the Epiphany. Each child will come home with a little packet containing a piece of chalk and some information about a Twelfth Night Door Blessing. We hope you will enjoy talking about this old custom. For some more information click here <https://www.crookston.org/documents/ministriesoffices/worship-a-liturgy/2540-epiphany-tradition-for-the-home-chalking-the-door/file>

[Chalking the Door: An Epiphany Tradition - Roman Catholic Diocese of Crookston](#)

How To Do It 1. Mark your calendar: Epiphany is on January 6th, twelve days after Christmas. In Great Britain, chalking the door takes place on Twelfth-Night, January 5th, the eve of Epiphany. Many families gather in their homes to celebrate with friends, food, singing, and gifts... and

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God Bless
Mrs Gili-Ross



- Fri 6 Jan Epiphany Mass
- Fri 13 Jan School reports
- Thur 19 Jan Chinese New Year lunch
- Fri 10 Feb school closes for half-term break
- Mon 20 Feb school re-opens
- Tue 21 Feb Pancake day
- Thur 6 April school closes for Easter break

Primary School 2023-24

**Applications are now open,
please follow the link below
for further information.**

Primary deadline

15.01.23

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>

PLEASE FIND SUPPLEMENTARY
FORM ATTACHED
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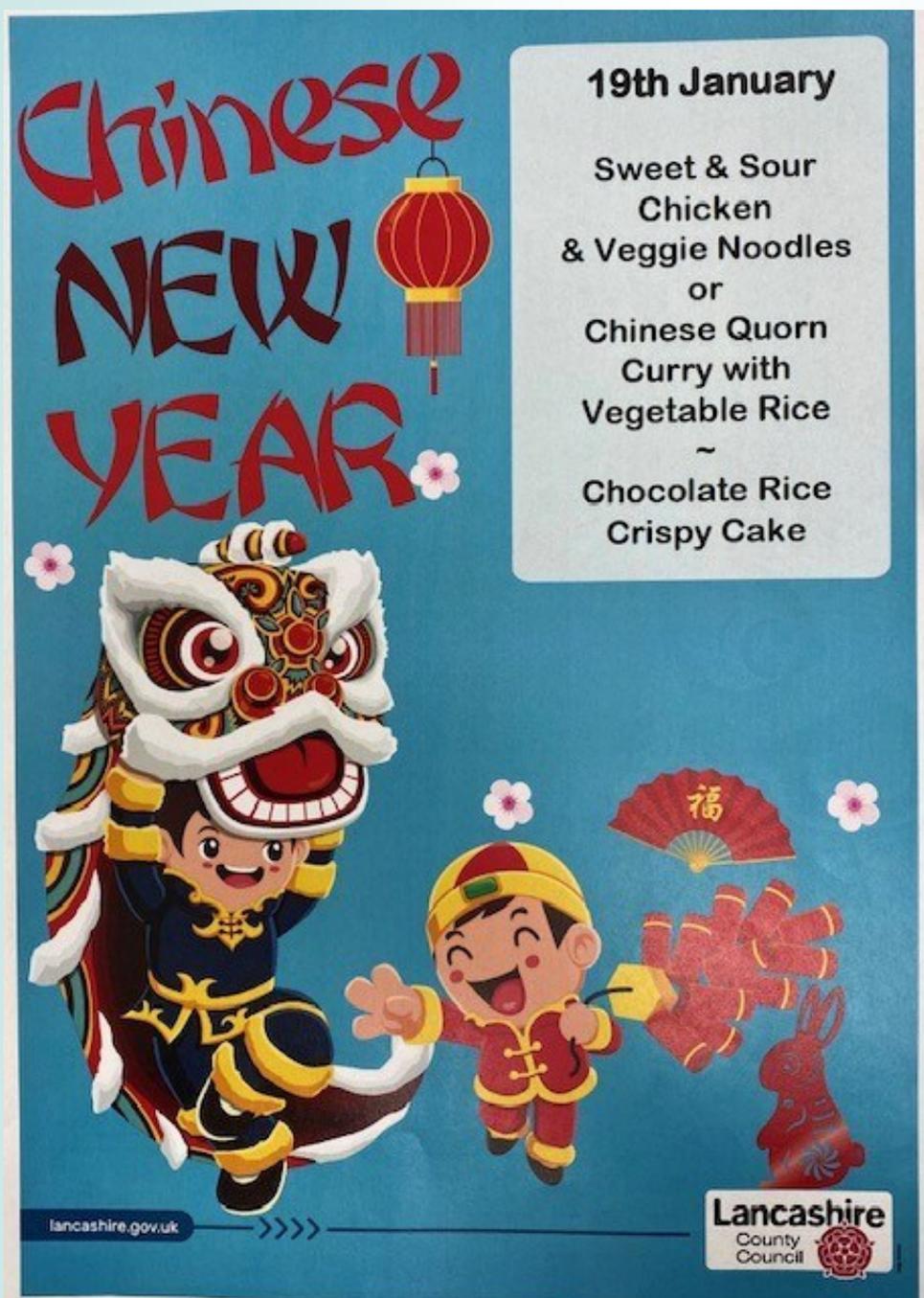
FREE SCHOOL MEALS INFORMATION

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to universal free school meals. However, some families who are on low income and meet a certain criteria, are also eligible for supermarket shopping vouchers during school holidays and free holiday club places. Eligible families will continue to receive free school meals after Year 2.

Some families with children in Key Stage 1 do not claim as they are already getting free school meals, however they are missing out on the other benefits so please double check.

Please click on the link below to see if you are eligible. If you are eligible or have any problems please email Katy (Family Learning Mentor) katy.s@st-peters-pri.lancs.sch.uk so that your shopping vouchers can be emailed to you asap.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/?page=1>



**Chinese
NEW
YEAR**

19th January

Sweet & Sour
Chicken
& Veggie Noodles
or
Chinese Quorn
Curry with
Vegetable Rice
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Chocolate Rice
Crispy Cake

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The poster features a blue background with a large, stylized lion dance character on the left. A smaller character in a red and yellow outfit is running towards the right. There are red lanterns, a red fan with the Chinese character '福' (Fú), and a red rabbit. The text is in a mix of red and white fonts. The Lancashire County Council logo is at the bottom right.

Chinese New Year Thur 19th Jan

We will be celebrating the Chinese New Year with a delicious Chinese lunch on Thurs 19th January, cost is £2.40, no pre-order necessary, the children can order on the day in class as usual.





Teacher Training courses starting September 2023

The Catholic Teaching Alliance, based at Our Lady's Catholic High School, is accepting applications for our 1 year PGCE with QTS (qualified teacher status) teacher training courses. Minimum requirements are GCSEs in Maths and English (and Science for primary training), plus an honours degree, class 2:2 or above.

Teacher training (PGCE with QTS) is available in all phases:

- Early Primary (3-7 years, in Preston)
- General Primary (5-11 years, in Preston)
- Secondary (11-16 years, in Preston or Blackburn)
- Secondary with post 16 (14-19 years in Preston)

Please contact us for further information, or to book onto one of our online information sessions, call 01772 326931 or email ctaschooldirect@olchs.lancs.sch.uk

Website: <https://www.catholic-teaching-alliance.org/>

ON LINE BOOKINGS FOR BREAKFAST CLUB

Great news...you can now book on-line for breakfast club via Scopay!

- Log-in to Scopay as usual
- Make a payment for the number of sessions you wish to book plus any outstanding debit balance. Cost per session is £4 (payment is not essential for those that pay via a voucher scheme)
- Book a session and select the dates you require. Please note that bookings can only be made 2 days in advance on-line, for last minute bookings please telephone the school office (01253 734658) or email bursar@st-peters-pri.lancs.sch.uk
- Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any queries

We are trialling the system for this half-term, if successful we will continue and will open up the system for The Ark

