



# Newsletter 29th September 2023



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**With love we grow!**

**"We all can improve and change for the better." Pope Francis**

**"It does not do well to dwell on dreams and forget to live." - Dumbledore**

## Attendance Matters - Whole School Target - 96%+.

Each week we will report on the whole school attendance and individual class attendance.

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Overall
Total Sept to date	98.46%	95.83%	96.23%	99.24%	94%	96.20%	93.70%	96.09%
This week	99.49%	96.88%	94.20%	98.30%	93.50%	95%	92.08%	95.37%

Well done to Year 3 who are leading overall attendance and Reception for weekly attendance -. We fully understand genuine illness cannot be helped but it also highlights the importance of ensuring your child/ren do not miss school on other occasions such as holidays in term-time.

**Open Days** - It was lovely to see current and new parents at our open event yesterday. We are having a further two 'Open Sessions' for current and prospective parents. These will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> October from 9.15 - 10.15am and 5<sup>th</sup> October from 6 - 7.15pm. Please come along and bring any new parents who have children due to start school in September.

**Cauliflower Cards** - All children will have brought home their Cauliflower cards artwork. Please place your orders online over the weekend and return any artwork to school on Monday to send off for processing.

**Special Menu for Census Day** - The kitchens are having a special menu on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October, this can be pre booked online. If your child (especially in KS1 or EYFS) who normally has a packed lunch would like to try a school meal, please pre book - there are sandwich options available too.

**Tempest Photography** - The school photographers will be in school on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October to take individual and sibling photographs. If you have a younger child who is not in school but would like to have a photograph taken with their sibling in school, please come to the school office entrance from 8.30am to have their photograph taken. Please could ALL children come to school in their school uniform and bring their PE kit to change into?

**KS2 Peripatetic Music** - Fees have been sent out for this term and are due and payable as soon as possible. The missed keyboard lessons will be made up at the end of term and into January term.

**School Admissions** - The admissions process is open for Reception 2024 and Year 6 going to high school. Apply via link <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>

As such, we are having three open sessions as detailed over for prospective and current parents to come and have a look around.

Holy Cross are having an Open Evening for Yr 6 parents on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 6pm - 8.30pm.

Other high schools will be having open evenings too, details will be available on their websites.

**Own Clothes Days** - Thank you for your donations of bottles for the school fair today. If you forgot to bring a bottle you can still drop one off next week.

**Y5/Y6 Young Voices** - Please can parents order spectator tickets and T-shirts as soon as possible? The sooner we can place the ticket order, the better seats that we are allocated.

### **Dates for your Diary**

3<sup>rd</sup> October - Start of the Year Mass in Church @ 10am (parents and carers are welcome to attend)

4<sup>th</sup> October - **Open Day** - 9.15 - 10.15am For current & prospective parents

5<sup>th</sup> October - **Open Day** - 6 - 7.15pm For current & prospective parents

6<sup>th</sup> October - Tempest Photography - siblings from 8.30 am in the school hall

9<sup>th</sup> October - Y4 'With you Always' meeting @ 6.30pm in school

10<sup>th</sup> October - PTFA Family Quiz Night

15<sup>th</sup> October - Family Mass in Church - Introductory Mass for First Communicants.

20<sup>th</sup> October - PTFA Own Clothes day in exchange for novelties (preferably Christmas related)/toys

20<sup>th</sup> October - Y6 Harvest Assembly - Yr 6 Parents and carers are invited to join us @ 2.15pm.