



# Newsletter 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023



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**With love we grow!**

**"May we help people to discover the joy of Jesus' message." Pope Francis**

**"What I love most about reading: It gives you the ability to reach higher ground. ..."**

## 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	98.25%	96.60%	95.73%	98.81%	94.70%	95.36%	93.33%	95.90%
This week	97.97%	99.22%	95.54%	96.59%	98.50%	92.08%	91.67%	95.52%

Well done to Year 3 again who are leading overall attendance and Year 1 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 Visits** - It was lovely to see lots of new faces at our open sessions this past week. A special thank you to our Year 6 volunteers who were amazing ambassadors for our lovely school. The feedback from parents was brilliant and we are very proud of you all for representing the school so well.

**Menu Change** - The new October menu will be available after half term and is available to see on our website and will be sent out separately. Please remember to pre book. If you are having any trouble booking, please contact the school office.

**Guitar Lessons** - There won't be a guitar lesson on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October as Mr Moss has a training course he must attend. He will catch up this lesson at a guitar concert he has planned before Christmas (more details to follow). Guitar lessons will resume on 16<sup>th</sup> October as normal.

**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/>

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.

**Please note the closing date for High School applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023**

**Y5/Y6 Young Voices** - I will be placing the order for tickets on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October, please ensure that you have booked your tickets via Eduspot prior to this.

**PTFA Family Quiz Night** - If you are attending and wish to order food, please return your food request with payment by Monday so it can be ordered from the suppliers.

**PTFA AGM** - The PTFA are hosting their Annual General Meeting at the Bottom Spinners on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm. Please go along and find out more about the PTFA and what they have in store for the coming year. They are always looking to increase their numbers for new ideas and to share the workload. If you feel that you can help in anyway at all or just fancy joining them for a drink, please feel free to do so.

## Dates for your Diary

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

10<sup>th</sup> October - PTFA Family Quiz Night 5.30 for 6pm start

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

16<sup>th</sup> October - PTFA AGM 7.30pm Bottom Spinners

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.