



Newsletter 3rd November 2023



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With love we grow!

“Being humble helps us share the problems of others. When we live humbly, God takes our small efforts and creates great things.” Pope Francis

“Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body” – Unknown

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	97.9%	95.27%	95.17%	98.46%	94.92%	95.57%	93.15%	95.64%
This week	91.84%	93.75%	92.86%	100%	98.67%	97.7%	93.89%	95.51%

Well done to Reception who have taken the lead overall, well done on 100% attendance this week -. 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.

Attendance - Attendance is something that we are required to monitor closely and report on in school. Post Covid many schools, including ourselves have seen a dip in overall attendance and this is something that we are being encouraged to address. We have a new Attendance Officer at the Local Authority who is encouraging us to address poor attendance and as a last resort, imposing fines where poor attendance is not improving. Please note that any absence will have a negative impact on the overall attendance percentage and should your child be ill during the year, their attendance will run the risk of falling into the cause for concern category. Please help us to improve attendance by sending your child to school if you think they are tired or slightly under the weather and we will monitor them and send them home if they are not fit enough for school, also by avoiding booking holidays in term time. The DfE's expectation is that attendance is at a minimum of 96% which as you can see above we are not achieving, with some classes being very low.

School Admissions - If you have a child due to start school in September 2024 please apply via - <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>

If you have a child or you know someone who has a child due to start Reception Class in September 2024 and would like a tour around our school, please contact Mrs MacLeod in the school office and we will arrange this.

PTFA Autumn Disco - Thank you to the PTFA for organising the discos yesterday. All of the children who attended had a fantastic time and I am sure they all slept well last night!

Remembrance - Poppies and other memorabilia will be on sale next week via the class teacher at the end of school day. We have the following items available - **Snap bands - £2, Poppy Keyring - £1, Bracelets - £1, Book marks - £1, Stick on Poppies - 50p.** Please send the correct cash as no change is available. Any surplus amounts will be put in as a donation to the British Legion Poppy Appeal.

SVP Chorley Buddies Christmas Toy Appeal - The Christmas Toy Appeal" with SVP Chorley Buddies and St Laurence's Church are trying to help keep the magic of Christmas alive for every child in Chorley again this year! Unfortunately, many families struggle to provide gifts for their children and even more so with the cost-of-living crisis. They want to make sure that no children in Chorley are without a gift this Christmas. They are asking the children and families within our school to help make this appeal a success simply by donating a new, unwrapped toy (nothing used please) as a gift for someone who could otherwise receive no or few gifts this Christmas. Please see attached leaflet.

After School Clubs - There are still places available at the clubs below, please book Jam Coding directly with them (see link below) or school clubs via School Spider survey:-

Tuesday - KS2 Jam Coding <https://portal.jamcoding.franscape.io/class-overview/2144>

Wednesday - Years 5 & 6 Dance

Friday - Yr 6 Girl's Football

Dates for your Diary These dates are now showing on our 'School Calendar' on our school website, please keep an eye on there, as any updates will show on there as changes are made.

13th November - Y4 With You Always @ 6.30pm (in school)

16th November - Flu Vaccinations

19th November - Family Mass in Church

22nd - 28th November - Scholastic Book Fair (more details to follow)

24th November - PTFA Own Clothes Day - in exchange for chocolate

27th November (new date) - First Confessions 6.30pm in Church

30th November - PTFA Christmas Fair 5.30 - 7.30pm

3rd December - Family Mass in Church

5th December - KS2 Parents' Evening

6th December - EYFS & KS1 Parents' Evening

7th December - Reception Nativity @ 10am

8th December - Reception Nativity @ 10am

13th December - KS1 Show @ 6pm (admission by ticket only)

14th December - KS1 Show @ 2pm (admission by ticket only)

15th December - Whole school cinema trip to see 'Elf'

15th December - Guitar Concert for guitar pupils @ 2pm (details to follow)

18th December - PTFA KS2 Movie Night (details to follow)

20th December - Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day

21st December - School Closes for Christmas

22nd December - INSET Day

8th January 2024 - School reopens for Spring Term