



Newsletter 10th November 2023



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With love we grow!

“We can ask the Lord to grant us the gift of wisdom.” Pope Francis

**“The more things that you read,
The more things you will know.**

**The more that you learn,
The more places you’ll go.” – Dr Seuss**

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	96.63%	95.09%	94.35%	98.11%	95.48%	95.85%	92.86%	95.36%
This week	89.29%	93.75%	87.05%	94.32%	99.5%	98.71%	91.25%	93.34%

Well done to Year 3 for leading in the total attendance figure and to Year 4 for the weekly attendance.

Flu Vaccinations - The annual flu vaccination programme will take place in school next week, the registration link has now expired so if you still require your child to have the vaccine you may need to arrange this through your own GP.

Inhalers - As the weather turns cooler, there is more likelihood that children who suffer from asthma may have cause to use their inhaler in school. Currently, we do have a few children in school on our asthma register who we do not have inhalers and spacers for. If your child does have asthma please ensure that these are provided for school, likewise if your child is no longer being treated for asthma please ensure that school is informed so that we can remove them from our register.

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.

Odd Socks Day - As part of National Anti Bullying week next week. next Friday the children will be having a day doing P.S.H.E (personal, social, health & economic), as such, children are encouraged to come into school wearing odd socks as a way of celebrating diversity and promoting inclusion which serves as a reminder that being different is something to be proud of.

Parents' Evenings - All parents are invited to make an appointment to see their child's class teacher for parents' evening. Please note that appts will be strictly 5 minutes so if you require longer please make a note in your child's planner to arrange for a separate meeting. Bookings will open next week.

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. See flyer sent with last week's newsletter.

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.

W/c 13th November - Anti Bullying Week

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

16th November - Flu Vaccinations

17th November - Odd Socks for PSHE Day

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
12th December - Advent Mass in Church @ 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)
20th December - Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day
21st December - Carol Service @ 2pm
21st December - School Closes for Christmas
22nd December - INSET Day
8th January 2024 - School reopens for Spring Term