



Newsletter 17th November 2023



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With love we grow!

“Do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Put your talents at the service of God.” Pope Francis

“A child who reads will be an adult who thinks” - Sasha Salmina.

Parents' Evenings - Bookings will be open at 6pm this evening for the Parents' Evenings in December. If you have trouble booking on please contact the office. Please note appointments are strictly for 5 mins only, if you require to have a longer meeting with the class teacher please make a note in your child's planner and teachers can make the necessary arrangements. Bookings will close at 12pm the day before each scheduled meeting.

Uniform - The uniform recycling is still available in school. Due to the weather we are not able to put it outside daily. If you wish to have a look through the uniform and it is not outside, please come to the school office at hometime preferably where possible.

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.

Christmas Dinner - We are having our Christmas dinner & Christmas jumper day on Wednesday 20th December. We do require parents to pre order the meals before next **Friday, 27th November**. Thank you to those who have already booked.

Cinema Day - as you are aware, we are taking all of the children to see Elf on 15th December. As we will return to school after the start of normal dinner service, the kitchen will only be offering a packed lunch box containing your child's choice of sandwich, a piece of fruit and a cake/biscuit. This can be pre ordered from 27th November via Eduspot.

Scholastic Book Fair - The book fair will arrive in school next week and is perfect for some lovely stocking fillers and Christmas gifts. The book fair will be available in the school hall after school on the dates below. Please see attached flier.

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 attached flyer.

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.

19th November - Family Mass in Church @ 11.30am

22nd - 28th November - Scholastic Book Fair

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

27th November - 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, 3 tickets per family)
14th December - KS1 Show @ 2pm (admission by ticket only, 3 tickets per family)
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