



Newsletter 1st December 2023



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With Work, Learn and Grow Together in God's Love

"The Lord is coming. May we await him with open hearts" Pope Francis

"Reading is a passport to countless adventures" - Mary Pope Osborne

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	97.03%	94.52%	94.80%	97.33%	96.28%	95.80%	92.95%	95.46%
This week	96.43%	85.94%	99.11%	98.30%	100%	98.28%	92.08%	96.20%

Well done to Year 3 again who are leading overall attendance and Year 4 for 100% 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.

Parents' Evenings - Bookings are open for Parents' Evenings next week. If you have trouble booking, please contact the office. Bookings will close at 12pm the day before each scheduled meeting.

Christmas Fair - Wow, Wow, Wow!!! What an amazing event! The hard work and organisation that our fantastic, hard working PTFA and volunteers put into this was very evident for us all to enjoy. The atmosphere was very festive enhanced by our lovely choir led by Mrs Connah and a special visit from Father Christmas and his elf helpers. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

We must also thank you all for your very generous donations and raffle prizes, all of which we could not do without. There are still a few unclaimed raffle prizes, please call at the school office with your raffle ticket to collect your prize.

Blue - 11-15, 56-60, 566-570, 806-810

Pale Green - 651-655

Pink - 31-35, 756-760

Reception Play Numbers - Please complete the survey on School Spider as soon as possible so that we can determine the numbers attending and to make sure we remain compliant for health & safety purposes.

Cinema Day - "Elf" on 15th December. Apologies for any confusion re dinners, we are restricted by the limits of our system as how we can operate. Just to clarify: if you would like school to provide a 'meal' for your child this will need to be pre ordered today by selecting your choice of sandwich ie. ham, cheese, tuna mayonnaise or egg mayonnaise (not 'packed lunch for trips'). If you have already ordered the "packed lunch for trips", I will speak directly with your child to ascertain their choice of sandwich. If your child normally brings a packed lunch' then no action is required and just send a packed lunch as normal. Please note there will not be any KS2 snacks (toast, teacake or fruit) on the morning of the cinema trip, any already ordered have been reimbursed, all children will get a snack box at the cinema.

Christmas Plays - We do have a few spare tickets for both of the KS1 performances, please contact the school office. Both Reception and the KS1 plays are being recorded and copies will be available to purchase to be delivered before we close for Christmas. We do request that if you are bringing a younger child or sibling to the following performances you select a seat close to an exit, so that if they are noisy they can be quickly taken out to avoid spoiling the recording. **The performances being filmed are Thursday 7th December @ the 10am Reception performance and the Thursday 14th @ the 2pm KS1 performance.**

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.

SVP Chorley Buddies Christmas Toy Appeal - Thank you to those who have donated gifts, these will be passed on to Chorley Buddies today.

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.

3rd December - Family Mass in Church @ 11.30am

5th December - KS2 Parents' Evening 2-6pm

6th December - EYFS & KS1 Parents' Evening 2-6pm

7th December - Reception Nativity @ 10am - (filmed)

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) - (filmed)

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

15th December - Guitar Concert for guitar pupils @ 2pm (parents of guitar pupils welcome to join us)

20th December - Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day

21st December - KS2 Carol Service attended by whole school @ 2pm (All parents welcome)

21st December - School Closes for Christmas

22nd December - INSET Day

8th January 2024 - School reopens for Spring Term

