



# Newsletter 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

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**With love we grow!**

**“Open your heart and listen to what God is saying to you”- Pope Francis**

*There are many little ways to enlarge your world. Love of books is the best of all.” –  
Jacqueline Kennedy*

Where did that week go? - there is a lot of information below, please have a read and make a note of some dates for your diary.

**School Admissions for September 2022** - Primary and Secondary school admission applications are now open for September 2022. If you have a child in year 6 or in pre school in nursery, please go to <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-online-for-a-school-place/>

**Open Learning Morning** - We are having two 'Open Learning' sessions in school in October which you are invited to attend. Please see below for the dates and times. We especially wish to invite new, prospective parents to come and have a look at our school in action. As we approach these dates, we will review the risk assessment with regard to Covid-19 rates, both locally and nationally.

**Holy Cross High School** - Mr Gaughan (Head Teacher) will visit on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September @ 5.30pm and would like to invite Year 6 parents to attend. So that we can distance people in the school hall we request that only 2 people attend from each family (ie both parents or 1 parent and 1 child). We also request that face masks are worn. They are also having Open Events between 4<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October for one parent and child to visit the school, details have been sent home this afternoon as booking is required. Bookings can be made via their school website.

**PE Kits & Jewellery** - Thank you for sending the children in their correct PE kits this week; they all look so smart. Please remember to ensure all items of clothing have been named as we already have a small collection of un-named clothes being found. Earrings are not permitted in school - any ears which were pierced at the beginning of the school holidays should be removed or covered with a plaster at home. The only jewellery allowed is a small wrist watch (no smart watches please).

**Covid 19** - Nationally cases are currently rising, as are hospitalisations and we all need to continue to be careful and to manage and mitigate risks to keep our school and local community safe. We have had 2 confirmed cases in school this week and request that if you are contacted by us and advised that your child has been identified as having 'mixed closely' with a confirmed positive case, please book a PCR test. We know some older children are doing frequent LFD tests at home and we thank you for doing this to help to keep everyone safe.

**Parent Volunteers** - We are always looking for additional adults in school to help to support the children. We are also looking for any parents/grandparents who may be 'green-fingered' or have any DIY skills who would like to volunteer to help us with our outdoor growing area and with some small projects in school - please don't be shy and do come forward! If you could spare a morning, afternoon or a day and would like to offer your help, please let us know.

**KS2 Peripatetic Music** - Guitar & keyboard lessons have taken place this week in KS2, charges will be sent out via "schoolmoney" as soon as we receive the details from the music service.

**Uniform Suppliers** Slaters Eckersley Mill, Swan Meadow Rd, Wigan WN3 5BE Tel 01942 244426 <https://www.slaters-schoolwear.co.uk/> and Impressions formerly Standish Sports and Uniform based in Standish: The Standish Centre, Cross Street, Standish, WN6 0HQ. Tel 01257 400010. <http://impressionsuniform.co.uk>

**School Planners** - Please can parents and KS2 children sign the parental permissions page and internet usage pages in the school planners?

**School Car Park** - For health & Safety reasons, we request that parents/grandparents do not use the staff car park when collecting children (in particular when collecting from after school clubs).

**Data Collection Sheets** - These have been sent home to all pupils this week, please can they be returned to school via their class teacher - signed, along with any changes ASAP?

**School Catering** - I am sure you are aware from the media that there are some issues with supplies getting to shops and caterers - we are also seeing an impact in school and whilst we are trying to stick to our published menus we may have to make some changes as needs arise. We can assure you that there will no compromise in the nutritional content or quality of the food served.

**Technology Problems** - Apologies, but we have had some technical problems with the logins for "Wonde", so children have been re-issued with their logins to all of the individual online platforms that we use. If your child has any problems signing in, please put a note in their school planner.

**Dates for your diary**

20<sup>th</sup> September - 5.30pm Mr Gaughan (Head Teacher - Holy Cross) Year 6 parents

28<sup>th</sup> September - Tempest Photography

19<sup>th</sup> October - Open Learning Morning 9.15 - 11 am

21<sup>st</sup> October - Open Learning Afternoon - 2.15 - 3.15pm

22<sup>nd</sup> October - INSET day (School closed to all pupils)