



Newsletter 24th September 2021

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With love we grow!

“A good example brings about so much good. Goodness always tends to spread”- Pope Francis
Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.” - Margaret Fuller.

With You Always - The children in Y4 have the opportunity this year to make their Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. A team of Catechists from the parish will be starting the meetings for children and parents this term. Parents of children wishing to take part need to sign up via the School Spider Survey by Monday. More dates to follow.

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 at nursery, please go to <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-online-for-a-school-place/>. Faith forms must be submitted directly to the school of application. Our faith forms are available from the school office or on our website.

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.

Tempest Photography - We are having our annual visit from Tempest on Tuesday next week. **All children will need to be in their FULL school uniform.** Pupils who have PE on Tuesday will need to bring their PE kits to change in school on this occasion. If you would like a photograph with a younger, pre-school sibling, please arrive at school from 8.30 am so we can facilitate this.

Cauliflower Cards - Sorry to bring up Christmas in September, but the children are designing Christmas cards in school for you to order. Please see the following information. Designs and order forms will be sent out on Monday and **MUST** be returned to school by Friday 1st October, once your order has been placed.

Holy Cross High School - Year 6 Open Events between 4th and 15th October for one parent and child to visit the school. Bookings can be made via their school website, please put a note in your child's planner to inform when/if they are attending.

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 more 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. Current advice from Lancashire PHE, is if your child is unwell with 'a cold, sore throat, developing a rash or any of the classic Covid 19 symptoms' (a cough, temperature or loss of taste or smell), please keep them at home and book a PCR test. The positive cases we have had in school have not started with classic Covid symptoms but more like a cold with a sore throat.

Please also be mindful that when children get a negative PCR test it is only "at the time of testing" and does not mean that your child cannot go on to get a positive test thereafter. We are aware of a case where a negative PCR was obtained with symptoms and two days later a positive result was recorded on an LFD. This family went on to seek follow up PCR tests for the entire family and other family members tested positive.

Filming in School - We have a production team in school on 30th Sept & 4th October, filming for our promotional school material. Please can ALL children wear their full school uniform on these days and bring PE kits to school.

History Alive - We have booked four History Alive workshops for KS2 in October. There will be a small charge of £4.70 per pupil for these workshops which can be paid via 'SchoolMoney'. More information to follow.

Parent Volunteers - We are always looking for additional adults in school to help to support the children, help with DIY projects or gardening. If you can spare a morning, afternoon or a day and would like to offer your help, please let us know.

Data Collection Sheets - please can any outstanding data sheets 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.

Dates for your diary

27th September - Cauliflower Cards sent home

28th September - Tempest Photography (pre school siblings from 8:30am)

30th September - Production team filming for school promotional material

1st October - ALL Cauliflower Card order forms returned to school.

4th October - Production team filming for school promotional material

6th October - History Alive Year 3 - Stone Age to Ice Age

11th October - History Alive Year 6 - Vikings & Year 5 - Anglo Saxons

18th October - History Alive Year 4 - Ancient Egyptians

19th October - Open Learning Morning 9.15 - 11 am

21st October - Open Learning Afternoon - 2.15 - 3.15pm

22nd October - INSET day (School closed to all pupils)