



Newsletter 9th September 2022

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With love we grow!



Following the news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II, the children will be reflecting on her amazing life and prayers will be said across school for the late Queen and her family.

Welcome Back!

Firstly, we would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new parents and carers, and hope that they soon feel part of our lovely school community. We also welcome back Miss Ashton who is teaching Yr 3, Miss Wallis in Yr 5 and Miss Wilson in Yr 4 and Mr Roscoe who will be working across school.

The children have settled into their new classes very well indeed and are eager to learn. Their behaviour, manners and general attitudes to learning and to each other around school has been lovely to see.

PE Days - Children will have PE on the days as set out below. On these days children must attend school in their full PE kit. The children have all returned with their full PE kits so far and look amazing - thank you.

Bags in school - Please can we request that only book bags and lunch boxes are brought into school on a daily basis?

After School Clubs - All clubs commence next week. All children who have subscribed to clubs have a place. All clubs finish at 4.15pm unless stated below.

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Tag Rugby (Yrs 3 & 4)	Football (Yrs 5 & 4)	No Clubs
Jam Coding (KS2)	Spanish (KS2) til 4.15pm	Spanish (KS1) til 4pm	

Online Safety - Have you heard of Poppy Playtime? With chapter 2 just being released we thought it important that you're aware that whilst the name and characters suggest a playful game, it is a survival horror game with graphics that may not be suitable for your child. It includes characters such as 'Kissy Wissy' and 'Huggy Wuggy.' Please view this game before allowing your child to play it as it may not be appropriate for them - particularly young children.

Children may be playing the game or just watching videos of it on sites such as YouTube or playing replicated versions on Roblox for example.

Further information: The INEQUE Safeguarding Group have produced this informative briefing for parents and carers: <https://ineqe.com/2021/12/03/poppy-playtime-online-safety-review/>

Family Mass - This Sunday here at St Joseph's Church at 11.30am. All welcome - come along with your family and hopefully in the future we can have a regular Mass led by the children.

St Bernadette's Relics - This Autumn, the relics of St Bernadette are touring England and on Friday 16th September they are at St Mary's Church Chorley. We are taking a group of children from Y4-Y6 to this very special event. Please see survey sent out via the school app to books a place for your child. You will find more information about this special event at: <https://stbernadette.org.uk>

We are limited to the number of children we can take and places will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

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

Coolmilk - If your child wishes to receive milk provided by Coolmilk on a daily basis (under 5's receive free milk if registered). You can register with them by visiting www.coolmilk.com. Please note the registers close on Tuesdays for the following week.

Jewellery - Earrings must be removed before the children come to school. Any earrings which were pierced at the beginning of the school holidays should be removed or covered with a plaster at home. We will allow children who have had their ears pierced over the holiday to wear the plastic transparent earrings whilst their ear completely heal. The only jewellery allowed is a small wrist watch (no smart watches please).

KS2 Peripatetic Music - Music tuition starts next week for those who have confirmed that they wish their child to be included. Keyboard will be on Wednesday afternoons and guitar on Friday afternoons. Parents who expressed an interest last term have received a survey today to confirm their place. If your child would like to have guitar or keyboard lessons and you have not been included, please contact the school office as soon as possible. Details of payment will be sent home next week for payment for the Autumn term.

Open Days - We are having two 'Open Mornings' for current and prospective parents. These will take place on 28th September & 7th October from 9.30am to 11am. Please come along and see the children and staff in action.

Data Collection - Next week we will be sending information detailing the data that we hold on our records for your child. Please can you check, amend, sign and return this information as soon as possible?