



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020



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*Happy are those who hear the word of God  
and keep it' Luke 11:28*

Dear Parent/Carer,

The end of the first month in school and we can certainly feel Autumn is in the air. Pupils continue to work hard in their Bubbles learning new things, developing skills with our coaches and enjoying school life.

It was lovely to see everyone all snug in their PJ's at school we raised £86.40 for School funds.

We continue to work hard to ensure school is a safe place to be following the guidance and Risk Assessments we have. We thank you for continuing to support us. As ever full guidance can be found at

<https://preston.gov.uk/article/2915/COVID-19-reducing-local-cases-in-Preston>

## **School Council**

This week we held our School Council Elections and I would like to thank all those who decided to take part and put themselves forward to represent our school. We had lovely posters ,banners and even helium balloons!! The new School Council Members will have received their badges and our shared below.

	<b>House Captains</b>	
<b>Matthew</b>	Cherry Davis	
<b>Mark</b>	Alex McKeever	
<b>Luke</b>	Rachel Kennedy	
<b>John</b>	Megan Southworth	
<b>Class 1</b>	Ellis Leigh	Maisie Lawson
<b>Class 2</b>	Violet Jameson	Harry Bass
<b>Class 3</b>	Freya Stevens	Elliott Capper
<b>Class 4</b>	Mason Dixon	Millie Yates Hannah Griffiths

## **Important Safety Advice**

Please help us to keep everyone safe and prevent any further spread of infection and/or School closures. We do still have occasions when families group and gather and whilst we appreciate the social element we must stress the importance of **SOCIAL DISTANCING** and ask for your full co operation.

We have asked families NOT to allow pupils to play on the grassed area in front of Church. This is out of respect given the fact the Nuns may be in prayer and to ensure pupils do not cross Bubbles.

- Pupils/ family members should not enter school grounds if they demonstrate ANY symptoms
- Bubbles open at 8.45 and 9.00 am and close at 3.00 and 3.15 pm. Please adhere strictly to times. We cannot be flexible in these times.
- At collection time only one adult should enter the school grounds
- Should you need to contact a staff member please email/ telephone school
- Please park on the Smith Arms pub and walk down to school at your allocated time
- Please wait in the car, when possible, until your child's Bubble time
- Do not gather around the school grounds and remember Social Distancing
- **Once your child has been received into the playground we ask families to leave the school area rather than waiting to wave pupil in- This is for everyone's safety**
- Pupils are not permitted to play on the equipment before or after school

## **Admissions September 2020**

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2021? Or do you know someone who has?

The application for school places is now open and can be found on the Lancashire County Council Website

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place>

Choosing the right school for your child is of great importance and we understand the value of finding the right environment for your child. As you would expect, safety is of paramount importance to us and to this end we are not able to hold our traditional 'Open Evening'.

We will be holding a block of 'Open Days' w/c 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020. We will be offering bookable slots in a Covid secure environment outside of school hours. All visits will be strictly by appointment only and appointments will be offered from 4.00 - 5.30 pm. Should you require any additional information or to book an appointment please feel free to contact myself or Mrs. Lofthouse

## **Big School Adventures....Coming soon**

We have already received enquiries about our popular 'Big School Adventure' sessions which typically run every Thursday from October. Once again, given the challenges we face with Covid and the restrictions we have reviewed and evaluated the service we provide for the safety and wellbeing of all.

It is our hope that these sessions will begin after half term and full details will follow in due course. The sessions will be booked in advance and will, of course have strict risk assessments and additional measures in place. Exciting 'Forest School', sports opportunities and 'outdoor explorer' elements will be offered and we look forward to sharing our plans with you soon.

## **Sausage Butty day - £1.00 to School Funds 8.10.20**

Sausage Butties will be available on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> of October. **These must be ordered on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October** to enable a delivery to the School Kitchen.

If you would like your to order a sausage sandwich for your child for break time on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October please send £1.00 in an envelope with your child's class and name on.

## **Free School Meals – Absence from school due to COVID-19**

If your child is absent from school due to COVID-19, and they are currently eligible for free schools meals based on the household income, the school kitchen will be able to provide a packed lunch for your child. You will need to request this by contacting the school office by 9.30 a.m. each morning a lunch is required. You will need to make arrangements for the lunch to be collected at 11.30 a.m. from outside the school entrance.

	<b><u>E.A.T Award</u></b> <b><u>Explore, Be Active and Think creatively</u></b>	<b><u>Achievement Award</u></b>
Class 1	Jamie Bass	Isaac Aya
Class 2	Jessica Moore	Eden Heslop
Class 3	Dane Lewis	Oliver Hooper
Class 4	Millie Yates	Owen Skeffington

*At St. Mary's School we*

*"Live our lives as Jesus taught us,*

*Work hard together to achieve our best,*

*Respect each other and the world around us,*

*Have fun and enjoy learning!"*



