



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School



## Newsletter – Friday 9<sup>th</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,

Once again we reach the end of a busy week in school. We have enjoyed many different activities and even had a sausage booty day!!

We continue to work hard to ensure school is a safe place by 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>

### **Extra curricular clubs**

We have had a number of enquiries in regard to the After School Club and when this may re open. Whilst I appreciate that is very difficult for some families not to have this provision we have to be guided by Government and County Council advice and at present, as you will be aware, Locally Preston remains at High Alert. It is therefore imperative we take all the safety measures we can....A key measure being that we cannot cross Bubbles so at present we cannot run our After School Club. We will, as ever, keep you updated.

After half term we will offer 'Bubble' clubs. These clubs will be delivered by professional coaches and each class 'Bubble' will be given the chance to attend a club. Each class has been given the opportunity to vote for the sport they would like.

**ONLY MEMBERS OF THE CLASS BUBBLE CAN ATTEND THE SESSION. PUPILS  
CANNOT JOIN OTHER CLASSES CLUBS**

	Class Bubble offered to	Club	Led by
Monday	4	Football	AFC Fylde
Tuesday	1	Dance	Rachel - Step By Step
Wednesday	3	Hockey	AFC Fylde
Thursday	2	Gymnastics	AFC Fylde

If we do not get sufficient interest we will be unable to run the clubs. To indicate your wish for your child to take part in a club please email your child's class Teacher.

All clubs will run until 4.00 p.m.

## **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 cooperation.

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.

## **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	Esme Knott	Ellis Leigh
Class 2	Tommy Holland-Bass	Cody Smith
Class 3	Felicity Pye	Dante Lewis
Class 4	Rachel Kennedy	Sebastian King

*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!"*

