



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

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

Dear Parent/Carer,

Our First week back in School and certainly an interesting one as, due to the weather we were flooded and unable to open on Monday. May I thank you for your understanding with this matter, the text messages and the decision to re open Tuesday. As ever, safety is our key consideration. During these times more so than ever we cannot compromise on hygiene. I share below, an image to demonstrate just how bad the flooding was.



## **Remembrance Day – 11.11.20**



As we are unable to hold our usual Annual Remembrance service we are inviting pupils to bring in a photo of their own loved ones. These may be photos of loved ones who have passed away or those who are very unwell or simply those who need prayers. These photographs will be placed on display in our Hall and each class will go down as a Bubble to offer silent prayers. Each Bubble also has a selection of items for sale in aid of the Royal British Legion. Items are priced from 50p to £1.50.

## **Parents Evening - Telephone Appointments**

As we are unable to offer our usual Parent Evening sessions in school, we will be offering phone call appointments **at 5 minutes per child**. As you will appreciate, this will take some organising so staff can all have access to the phone and can fit in all appointments after school hours.

It will be necessary for these sessions to take place over a number of weeks.

If you would like book a telephone Parent Evening appointment we would ask you to call school on 01772 729881 on **TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER** to book a time slot.

Myself or Mrs. Lofthouse will then share available dates and times depending on your child/ children's class(es). We would ask, wherever possible, that you nominate a landline number to ensure we have a good signal. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## **Advice – National Lockdown**

As you will be aware we have entered a National Lockdown. Please take the time to read the guidance as shared below. We will continue to Risk Assess and do everything we can at school to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all. We ask for your continued support.

I remind **families to not gather at drop off / collection points**. Should you need to speak to a staff member please call school or email the class Teacher(s).

**Please adhere to Social Distancing measures at all times.**

**Thank you for helping us to keep everyone safe!**

<https://www.preston.gov.uk/article/2915/FAQ-on-local-restrictions-what-you-can-and-can-t-do-in-Preston>

## **Important Safety Advice**

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's 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'.

Why not check out or share our Virtual Tour on the school Homepage.  
<https://www.lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk>

	<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	Harry Shaw	Jamie Bass
Class 2	Elliott Williams	Annie Nelson
Class 3	Chloe Moore	Jonah Hurtault
Class 4	Summer-Leigh Whitlock	George Stevens

*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!”*

