



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 1st October 2021

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

Dear Parent/Carer,

A rather wet week as we move into October as the weather and dark mornings start to create a more Autumnal feel.

We are very pleased that we have been able to stabilise the spike in Coronavirus cases within school at this point and this would not have been possible without the additional measures, team work and of course without your support. We have worked together to prevent further spread of the virus and to ensure we were able to keep school open for all pupils. Having attended meetings with Public Health England, the Local authority and additional colleagues, I know many other schools have had increases in cases and some have had to seek partial closures once more.

As we move into the winter months, we inevitably will deal with coughs, colds, flu and I should imagine additional cases of Coronavirus, so we must continue to be vigilant and work in partnership. At present we are able to return to the wearing of face coverings as optional. I do ask families to continue to be mindful of Social distancing – recognising the Virus still remains with us and that people have differing comfort levels.

If your child demonstrates any Symptoms of Coronavirus, they need to stay at home and seek a PCR test. We are also reminded of the need to be vigilant to wider symptoms.

We are excited to have had a bust Hustings process in school this week and today saw our hall turn into a Polling station!! Below, our brand new School Council is proudly introduced.....

Our new School Council



A HUGE thank you to everyone who put themselves forward to be considered as a school Councillor this week. It was a pleasure to see so many posters, badges and rosettes around School. Some fabulous creative slogans and catch phrases as well as some wonderful reasons that you would all make brilliant councillors!!

We are delighted to be able to share with you our brand new School Council for 2021

Class/ Year group	Councillor
Reception	Meredith Holmes
Year 1 Class 1	Isaac Aya
Year 1 Class 2	Freddie Reid
Year 2	Harry Davies
Year 3	Lillianna Conway
Year 4	Rowan Hawkins
Year 5	Jaiden Connell
Year 6	George Stevens

They join our existing House Captains.....

Matthew	Sebastian King
Mark	Mylo Sanderson
Luke	Summer Leigh Whitlock
John	Jensen Swann

NEW..... Mindful Moment !



As we have had a difficult period of time throughout the pandemic, we have often talked about the importance of our wellbeing and just as it is important to ensure our bodies are healthy, we must ensure our mind is too. So, each week we will share a Mindful Moment for families, pupils and staff to enjoy!! Feel free to share pictures on See Saw!!

Pick a fruit to enjoy and really study it.....

Think about the way it looks, how it feels in your hand, its taste, its smell, how does it feel in your mouth when you chew it? Give your undivided attention to the fruit for a few minutes, take time to examine it and enjoy it. Can you choose a different fruit each day? Focusing on a single object will bring your mind to the present!

Breakfast Club and After School Club resume

All clubs resume from 4.10.21. Once again thank you for your patience and understanding with this.

We remind families that if your child has committed to take part in an Extra Curricular club they attend all sessions. If pupils do not attend a place will be offered to another child on the waiting list.

Breakfast club and After School club should be pre booked and forms are available from our Office – Simply call or email and a form will be issued.

Reading Books in school- Can you help us ???

A huge thank you to all who have been able to sponsor a Book so far. We are extremely grateful for your support. If you would like to Sponsor a form or have any family member, please ask for a form or send £5.00 into the School Office in an envelope indicating your child's name and class.

If you think your work place may consider sponsoring a 'Book Band' Please do get in touch- Book bands are priced from £79 to £150 depending on the amount of books in each colour band

Thank you, as ever for your support!

Morrisons - Good to Grow Vouchers – Please donate vouchers to us



We are collecting Morrison's 'It's Good to Grow Vouchers'. This year it is all through the My Morrisons App... If you shop at Morrisons, please download the app and choose us

From September, for every £10 spent in store or online, you'll get one Grow Token that your local school can then redeem for a wide range of gardening and growing equipment.

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Register interest

The link can be found below

<https://www.itsgoodtogrow.co.uk/faq>

Big School Adventures- Coming Soon !!

We are excited to share we are soon ready to launch our Big School Adventures sessions which once again will take place each Thursday afternoon from 1.15 pm – 3.15 pm. This is a free session in which children ages 3+ can experience 'Big School'.

As we still find ourselves amongst 'tricky' times we have made the decision to launch straight after half term. We will take additional safety measures and as such places must be pre booked each week and numbers will be strictly limited.

The sessions will resume after half term so our first session will take place on 4.11.21

For more information or to book please can the School Office on 729881

Open Day - Our Lady's High School - 7.10.21

Our Lady's High School will hold their open day on Thursday 7th October 2021 from 6.00 - 8.30 to book an appointment please Call 01772 326913 or email ptt@olchs.lancs.sch.uk to book an appointment for open days

Reception places 2021

Do you have a child that is due to start Primary School in September 2022? Applications are now open. We will hold our Annual Open day on Tuesday 9th of November. To book a place for yourself or a friend/ family member simply call the School Office on 729881

A blue and white poster for school admissions. On the left is a photo of a smiling young boy with dark curly hair. To the right of the photo, the text reads: 'SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY' in a blue box. Below this, in large bold letters, is 'APPLY NOW!'. Underneath that is the website 'at lancashire.gov.uk/schools' and 'School and Academy places September 2022'. There are three paragraphs of smaller text providing application details: 'You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022.', 'You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.', and 'If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.' Below these is a bold 'CLOSING DATE 15 JANUARY 2022'. At the bottom right, a small box says 'School transport: Need transport to school? Please don't forget to check your eligibility for free transport. Search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk'.

Frequently Asked Questions

My child has Coronavirus symptoms what should I do?

Telephone the School Office to advise your child will not be attending as they are symptomatic and book a PCR test at a test centre. Once this result is returned share this with school via email. If the test is negative and the pupil remains well they may return to school.

If my Child demonstrated Coronavirus symptoms in school what will happen?

You will be contacted and advised you need to collect your child and book a PCR test. Your child will remain at home until they are fit and well and able to share their Negative result.

We do not have to isolate anymore do we?

Bubbles at school are removed and as such, if your child has been in contact with a positive person at school, the whole Bubble will no longer be required to isolate for 10 days. All 'Close Contacts' will be required to take a PCR test and, if this is negative, they may return to school.

NHS Track and Trace will work with families to identify 'Close Contacts'. I would strongly encourage you to liaise with school so we can support you with this and reduce the spread. As you will appreciate staff will be best placed to identify pupils who have sat together, played together etc. etc.

At present, as we are working with Public Health England myself or Mr. Taylor will call families of Direct Contacts to inform them they need to seek a PCR.

I have a box of Lateral Flow kits at home can I just use this?

No, you would have to have a PCR result

Someone in my household is positive. Can my child attend school?

We would require the pupil to seek a PCR test and share this result with school via email. If the pupil is negative please remember that this is a negative result at the point of the test and your child could still develop Coronavirus within the Isolation period. We would strongly encourage a daily Lateral Flow Test and ask families to reflect upon the risks to other pupils and staff within school. We want to work in partnership to ensure we keep each other safe and are grateful for your support.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 4th October –

Family and Individual photographs from 8.30 am

**** Pre-school Siblings slots must be booked ****

Tempest Photography

Celebrations Awards

	Achievement Award Winner	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, think creatively	Welfare Award Winner
Class 1	Atonio Qereqeretaua	Amelia Patel	Jaymin Modasia
Class 2	Violet Jameson	Freddie Reid	Bailey Jenkin
Class 3	Edie Robinson	Tommy Holland-Bass	Tymon Niezgoda
Class 4	Oliver Hooper	Jenson Swann	Penny Robinson

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!"

