

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 22nd October 2021

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

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have reached the end of our first half term in school and it has been wonderful to welcome everyone back into school life and watch our new members grow and settle into school life.

It has certainly been a busy half term with a set of challenges but I am, as ever, very proud of the school team for helping us to ensure school remained open and a safe place to learn and grow.

I thank our wonderful pupils and you our families for continuing to work in partnership and we look forward to another exciting , busy term as we approach the special time of Christmas.

Mrs. Dewhurst in the Office has been covering for Mrs. Lofthouse as she recovers from her recent surgery. Sadly Mrs. Lofthouse is not ready to return as yet but sends her best wishes to all. As Mrs. Dewhurst is committed elsewhere after half term we will have alternative arrangements in our School Office and I shall keep you updated in due course.

Mrs Sullivan will continue to work 4 days as at present but will not be in class on a Wednesday after half term (rather than Thursday). This will be covered by Mrs. Ellis who is already leading Catch up Funding in school and is know by our staff and pupils alike.

Finally we are delighted to share that Mr. Catterall joins our school family as a permanent staff member. He is a hardworking and enthusiastic member of our school and I am sure you will join me in sending your congratulations. He has already established wonderful relationship with the pupils who affectionately call him 'Mr. C' and we all look forward to working with him in the future.

First Holy Communion - 21.10.21

It was wonderful to watch our friends in Class 3 make their First Holy Communion on Thursday evening, and the pupils were an absolute credit. Canon Adrian spoke to them about having a lifelong friend in Jesus and, as our friend, Jesus teaches us to be kind. He explained that by being kind to our friends we are living our life as Jesus taught us.

Class 3 celebrated with their friends with a Communion breakfast.

Macie Dixon, Rowan Hawkins, Elliott Reid, Alythia McKeever, Felicity Pye, Elliott Capper, James Picking, Teddy Abram-Jebb, Finney Griffiths, Tymon Niezgoda and Ella Mullarkey



NEW..... Mindful Moment !



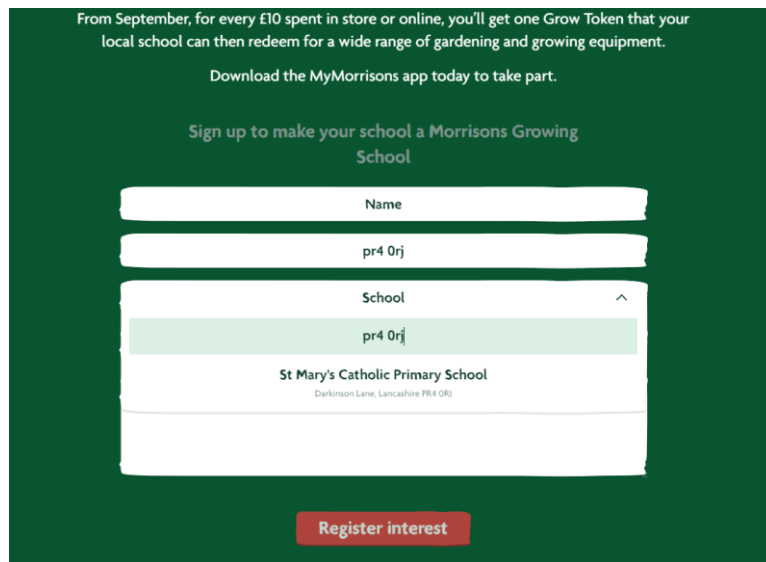
As we have had a difficult period of time throughout the pandemic, we have often talked about the importance of our wellbeing and just as it is important to ensure our bodies are healthy, we must ensure our mind is too. So, each week we will share a Mindful Moment for families, pupils and staff to enjoy!!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

Thoughts like clouds.....This week we will think about our thoughts...good and bad and let them float by gently like clouds. Sitting or lying comfortably allow yourself to think and imagine your thoughts floating across your vision as clouds. Not all thoughts have to be dwelled on or agonised over - keep them, name them or let them float by!

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**



The link can be found below

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

Big School Adventures – Booking now open !

Big School Adventures will take place after half term and our first session will take place on **Thursday 4th of November from 1.15 - 3.15 pm**. Places will be strictly limited and will be bookable on a weekly basis. Bookings are now open for our first session by calling 729881 or emailing the School Office.

To attend pupils must be 3 years old and able to toilet independently. We look forward to welcoming some new friends to our School family very soon!!

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 01772 729881

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY

APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools
School and Academy places September 2022

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.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

CLOSING DATE
15 JANUARY 2022

School transport
Need transport to school?
Please don't forget to check your eligibility for free transport.
Search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk

Uniform changes

As I have shared on many occasions we are looking to change our Uniform and ensure we have a consistent, smart uniform which truly represents the image of St. Mary's Catholic School. Some sample can be seen in our entrance Foyer. Please come along and feel free to add any comments/ thoughts.

Friends of St. Mary's (FOSM)

FOSM are a group of families and staff who fundraise for the school. There will be a meeting after the half term holiday; more details to follow. New members are always welcome.

After School Activities

The Gymnastics, Dance and Football after school clubs will continue when we return after the half term holiday, starting on Monday 1st November 2021.

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:

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| Monday 1 st November - | School Re opens 08.55 am |
| Thursday 4 th November - | Big School Adventures resumes- Pre booking essential |
| Tuesday 9 th November - | Open Day 2.30 -6.00 pm |

Celebrations Awards

| | Achievement Award Winner | 'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, think creatively | Welfare Award Winner |
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| Class 1 | Maisie Wilson | William McMillan | Isaac Aya |
| Class 2 | Maisie Lawson | Thomas Yates | Harry Shaw |
| Class 3 | Eddie Robinson | Finny Griffiths | Eddie Robinson |
| Class 4 | Jack Spickett | Jonah Hurtault | Mason Dixon |

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!"





KIRKHAM ACTIVITY CAMP!

MONDAY 25TH - FRIDAY 29TH OCTOBER

OPEN TO: ALL BOYS AND GIRLS
AGED 6-12 YEAR OLDS

LOCATION: KIRKHAM ST
MICHAELS PRIMARY SCHOOL,
SCHOOL LANE, PR4 3SL

FRIDAY: HALLOWEEN PARTY AND
ACTIVITIES. FANCY DRESS
ENCOURAGED!

PRICING!

FULL WEEK £60.00 / FULL DAY £14.00
SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE £11 A DAY

(FIRST SIBLING MUST PAY IN FULL)

TROPHIES AND PRIZES!

TROPHIES AND PRIZES AVAILABLE FOR CAMPERS OF THE
WEEK!

VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES!

LARGE RANGE OF GAMES AND SPORTS
SUITABLE FOR ALL ABILITIES TO ENJOY.

FIRST TEAM PLAYER VISITS!

OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AFC FYLDE FIRST TEAM PLAYERS,
PLAY SPORTS, MEET AND GREET AND Q+A!

ALL COACHES ARE FULLY QUALIFIED AND DBS
CHECKED!

PRE-BOOKING REQUIRED, BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY!

BOOK - WWW.AFCFYLDEFUNDATION.CO.UK/ACTIVITY-CAMPS
OR CALL - 01772 598856



LIMITED PLACES
AVAILABLE!



HALLOWEEN PARTY!
FRIDAY 29TH!



VARIETY OF SPORTS
AVAILABLE!



FIRST TEAM
PLAYER VISITS!



TROPHIES + PRIZES



BOOK HERE!