



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 12th November 2021

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

Dear Parent/Carer,

Another busy week in school with our Open Day and remembrance celebrations. Within school this week we thought about the brave soldiers, nurses and all who gave their lives for us as well as remembering those whom we love that are no longer with us.

Thank you to all who shared their precious photographs we have remembered these loved ones throughout the week and within celebration assembly too.



Open Day – Tuesday 9th November

On Tuesday we had our annual Open Day. Whilst it took a slightly different format to previous years and was pre-bookable only, it was really well attended and was a lovely opportunity to showcase our wonderful school.

I would like to extend a thank you to all the staff for making this possible and of course to our wonderful School Council Guides and Class Representatives who once again made us incredibly proud!

“There were lots of visitors and I hope we persuaded them to come to our school, I think if they do not they may regret this as our school is really one worth going to!. I was proud and I got to show a lot of people around and they seemed impressed. It made me feel like a good role model” Sebastian King Class 4

Blackpool Zoo Visit – Class 2 - 10.11.21

On Wednesday Class 2 Visited Blackpool Zoo and had a wonderful day exploring and learning lots about the many different animals.

“I enjoyed seeing the Silver backed Gorilla with his friends” Nabila Malek , class 2

“I felt happy finding out information about the animals. My favourite were the Penguins” Ellis Leigh, Class 2

Kooth Mental Health day – 11.11.21

On Thursday Miss Danielle, a Yoga instructor, came in to deliver a Yoga session to all our pupils throughout school. She talked us through some techniques as well as giving some strategies on feeling calm.

“It was calming and relaxing” Lilianna Conway, Class 3

Reverse Day – 18.11.21

A reminder..... On Thursday the 18th of November we will hold a REVERSE dressing up day where the pupils can be ANY staff member and the staff will dress as the pupils!!!

Are you a mini Mr. Taylor or the next Mrs Sullivan? It is time to get your outfits ready. We ask for a contribution of £1.00 which will go directly to school funds!

Anti-Bullying Week - 15.11.21 – 19.11.21

Next week will be Anti-Bullying week in which we remember how important it is to treat other as we would like to be treated and remember to '*Live our lives as Jesus taught us*' being a kind, caring friend as Jesus was and is to us.

The Theme of the week is "**One Kind Word**".

Within classes pupils will complete a range of activities around this theme and on **Monday 15th of November** they are invited to wear **Odd Socks** as a symbol of recognising we are all unique and part of Gods family

"For you are precious in my eyes" Isaiah 43.

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!!

How many sounds in a minute?

The next time you are out take a minute to stop and listen - whether you sit on a bench or simply pause think about what you can hear within a minutes...the sound of birds, children laughing and playing, the noise of the traffic, the rustle of the Autumn leaves? Being mindful of a single sense helps us to focus and reflect upon our senses.

Big School Adventures

Big School Adventures is up and running. To ensure we are being as sensible as possible with numbers we ask that places are pre-booked on a weekly basis.

Uniform changes

Thank you for all the comments received from all Stakeholders. Your Child will come home with a letter which details all the key information in regard to the uniform changes.

Friends of St. Mary's (FOSM)

A meeting will be held in the hall on Tuesday 16th of November at 9.15 am to re-introduce our FOSM group. New members are warmly welcome. At this meeting we would like to establish a Chair, Secretary and treasurer.

If you have ideas to share, want to help us fundraise and plan brilliant opportunities for our pupils – Discos, theatre trips etc. please come along!

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 15th November - Anti Bullying week starts within School
Pupils invited to wear odd socks
- Tuesday 16th November - FOSM meeting 9.15 am School Hall
- Wednesday 17th November - Nasal Flu Vaccinations
- Thursday 18th November - REVERSE dressing up day £1.00
- Mon 22- Thur 25th - Bikeability class 4
- Wed 1st Dec - Christmas Light Switch on - Pupils invited to return at 4pm to see the Lights be switched on. Weather permitting Mince Pies and drinks will be served outside
- Thursday 9th December - Nativity Play- 11.30 am and 4.00 pm - class 1 families
- Friday 10th December - Nativity Play- 11.30 am and 4.00 pm - class 2 families

*** Nativity tickets will be issued and some restrictions will be in place

Celebrations Awards

	Achievement Award Winner	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, think creatively	Welfare Award Winner
Class 1	Robert Hanson	Jade Beresford	William Barton
Class 2	Joey Farley	Ellis Leigh	Jamie Bass
Class 3	Tommy Holland-Bass	Eden Heslop	James Picking
Class 4	George Stevens	Mason Dixon	Dane Lewis

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!

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