



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 5th November 2021

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

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school this week and we hope you had a lovely half term break.

In our School Office we welcome Mr. Sidonio who will be covering for Mrs. Lofthouse as she continues to recover from her recent surgery.

Big School Adventures took place this week and it was lovely to welcome some brand new members to St. Mary's to experience 'Big School'!

Next week we will host our Open Day and will proudly share our special school with some new families. A special thank you to our School Council and many pupil guides who will be helping out on the night

As we approach Christmas, as you can imagine we have even more exciting events and activities to fit in... Please do have a good look at the Dates for your Diary Section Below!

We hope you have a safe and enjoyable Bonfire night. Some guidance can be found on the following link <https://www.lancsfirerescue.org.uk/stay-safe-halloween-bonfire/>

Remembrance Day – Lest we Forget 11.11.21



Next week on Thursday we prepare to remember those who bravely gave their lives and time in so many ways throughout the war. We also take this as a special opportunity to remember those whom we love and hold dear that are no longer with us.

We would invite pupils to bring in any special photographs from **Monday 8th November** of their loved ones for our Remembrance table and on Thursday we will hold our minute's silence followed by a period of prayer to remember and reflect upon those who are in Heaven. The brave soldiers, nurses, medics as well as those special family members and friends.

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.' " John 11.

Mylo Sanderson shares this beautiful prayer with us ...

Dear Heros who died in the war,

On remembrance day we remember those who died for our Country and our lives. We are very thankful that you put present and futures peoples lived before yours. We pray in gratefulness that you died for us.

Amen

Reverse Day – 18th of November

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? 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!

Nativity – Classes 1 and 2

Please see below in our Diary dates section the dates and proposed times for our Nativity. We are delighted to be able to share this experience with families as I know how hard it was for everyone not to hold this special tradition last year due to Covid. As you will appreciate we can only make 'plans' but will have to monitor local and National requirements as we move towards December.

At present it is our plan, in order to keep numbers manageable and account for differing comfort levels, to hold showings over two days. The first date will be offered ONLY to class 1 families and the second date ONLY to class 2 families. We share these dates in

advance so you can make the necessary plans and arrangements to attend. In order to ensure we have clear pre planned numbers attending and that we are fair and equal to ALL families, every child will be issued with two afternoon and two evening tickets. **We cannot issue any additional tickets or swap days or times.**

In line with guidance as we are in an enclosed space we would ask that families attending wear a face covering unless they have a medical exemption.

For the 4pm showing pupils will stay in school and we will provide them all with a drink and snack . Staff will ensure they are safely handed back to you once changed at the end of the performance.

I thank you in advance for your support and understanding. We have worked hard to plan and risk assess so our Nativity can take place. The main thing is we are able to share this Nativity with you and that the children take part in this Christmas tradition. We will record the performance and share this on our website too!

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!!

A mindful walk....on your walk think about the colours of the rainbow.... can you spot something red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet !

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 your wonderful comments in regard to our new school uniform. We have had lots of positive feedback and are excited to move forward with this. I shall write to all families following our Full Governing Body meeting with final details and plans to move forward with our new uniform.

May I highlight that we have many options to help and support our families as we make these 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:

Tuesday 9 th November -	Open Day 2.30pm - 6.00 pm
Wednesday 10 th November -	Class 2- Blackpool Zoo trip
Thursday 11 th of November -	Remembrance Service IN SCHOOL for pupils Kooth Mental Health team delivering relaxation classes for all pupils
Tuesday 16 th November -	FOSM meeting 9.15 am School Hall
Wednesday 17 th November -	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 18 th November -	REVERSE dressing up day £1.00
Monday 22 nd – Thursday 25 th November-	Bikeability Class 4
Wednesday 1 st December -	Christmas Light Switch on – Pupils invited to return at 4.00pm to see the Christmas Lights be switched on. Weather permitting, mince pies and drinks will be served outside.
Tuesday 7 th December -	Nativity Play- 11.30 am and 4.00 pm – Class 1 families
Wednesday 8 th 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 details to follow

Celebrations Awards

	Achievement Award Winner	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, think creatively	Welfare Award Winner
Class 1	Klara Niezgoda	Maisie Wilson	Edward Stevens
Class 2	Harry Davies	Dougie Pye	Bailey Jenkins
Class 3	Georgia Purkis	Noah Foxhall-Holmes	Harry Bass
Class 4	Chloe Moore	Jessica Eland	Jaiden Connell

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



COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION



HALLOWEEN PARTY!
FRIDAY 29TH!



LIMITED PLACES
AVAILABLE!



VARIETY OF SPORTS
AVAILABLE!



FIRST TEAM
PLAYER VISITS!



TROPHIES + PRIZES



BOOK HERE!