



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – 7th July 2023

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Dear Parents/ Carers

A special week in school in which everyone got to experience their new classes and make plans for the year ahead.

Vision and Mission Workshop ... Our New Mission

On Tuesday a group of Staff, Governors, families and School Council representatives met to pull together the many months of meetings, notes, scripture and views so we could formulate a Mission for our school that was unique and celebrated what made our school special.

Key words that cropped up over and over were- family, Community, Mary, Faith and empowering.

We are delighted to share our School Motto as:

‘Loved and Inspired by Mary..... We Shine and learn as a family of God’

We feel this truly incorporates who we are – valuing the importance of our Patron Saint and recognising that everyone within our school family is supported to learn and ‘SHINE’ to be the very best they can be! Thank you to everyone for your support and contributions.

Our pupils are encouraged to **Shine** and support others and their acts of Charity are always a strength of our school. Once again we reach that special time of Year were we ask for nominations for our John Rider Bisby Community Award. Nomination forms have been circulated and we look forward to sharing our winner with you very soon.

Punctuality

We continue to work with families to support pupils to have regular attendance and to be punctual.

Our school day starts at 08.55 a.m. and we register and begin Phonics and Spellings sessions promptly at 9.00 a.m. so it really is important pupils are in class and ready to learn.

We will continue to share attendance percentages and late reports with our coloured assessment letter and also at the end of the Summer Term, formal reports will be sent out to families.

Some Information from the Attendance Team is shared below;

GOOD TIMEKEEPING MATTERS

Did you know that being 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing two weeks of school? *



*over one full academic year

EVERY DAY COUNTS
but every minute is important

LOST MINUTES = LOST LEARNING

As you can see just a few minutes each day has a huge impact and means pupils miss Phonics and spellings sessions which impacts on all areas of school life.

If you feel we can support you further or would like to seek additional help/ advice please contact any member of the school team and we will, as ever, do our best to help!

Confirmation - 30.6.23 – Alston Lane

Penny, Jonah, Isla and Jack have made their Confirmation and we are very proud they have taken this special faith step. They proudly share their pictures below.



RE Newsletter

You child will have brought home an RE Newsletter which details changes to the RE Curriculum as well as inviting your feedback. Copies are also available on our website.

We would really love your views on the Catholic Life of our school- all comments and thoughts are welcome!

Any comments, questions or feedback can be emailed to Taylor@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk

Thank you!

Transition Day – 3.7.23

Thank you to all our fantastic pupils for behaving so well and engaging on their 'Transition Day'. All Year 6 pupils enjoyed their visit to Our Lady's Catholic High School and spoke highly of this and I know all pupils across school enjoyed spending time in their new year groups with their 'new' classmates and staff!!

Important Information from September 23

We are delighted that from September we can offer outdoor learning/ Forest School sessions across the whole school. A note is shared below from Mrs. Reid the new Forest

Lead which details the days your child(ren) will take part. On the days pupils have Forest Schools sessions;

Firstly I would like to thank Mrs Jennings for the support over the past 2 years whilst I have been shadowing her as Forest School lead.

I look forward to when we return in September and all classes will benefit from forest schools throughout the year. The timetable will be as follows.

Monday- class 1 weekly

Wednesday- class 3 and 4 this will be split into terms

| | Class 3 | Class 4 |
|----------|---------|---------|
| Autumn 1 | x | |
| Autumn2 | | x |
| Spring 1 | x | |
| Spring 2 | | x |
| Summer 1 | X | |
| Summer 2 | | x |

Friday- class 2 weekly

*** On the day pupils have Forest School they attend school already wearing their Forest School Uniform A (Full uniform information can be found on our website)*

Upon our return I will be sending out permission slips for Forest School, without the correct clothing and permissions pupils will not be able to take part.

Helping Hands

With the support of St. Mary's Parish we have created a 'Helping Hands Fund' - This means we have a stock of tinned food/ non perishable items and toiletries ...So, if you ever need a little 'Helping Hand' please just ask and we can gladly put a pack together.



Dates for your Diary

- 13th July - Class 4 Production 'The Island that Rocks' 10 a.m. & 4 p.m.
- 18th July - Leavers Awards Assembly
11 am Leavers Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church
- 20th July - Year 6 Trip 'Rock & River
- 21st July - Picnic Lunch
School Closes
- 4th September School Reopens

Celebrations Awards

| | Achievement Award Winner | 'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively | Welfare Award Winner |
|---------|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Class 1 | Ria Swali Kaur | Ella-Grace McLaughlin | Charlie Harrison |
| Class 2 | Meredith Holmes | William Barton | William McMillan |
| Class 3 | Joe O'Donnell | William Doherty | Henry Doherty |
| Class 4 | Tymon Niezgoda | Leah Whitehead | Dante 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!"



