



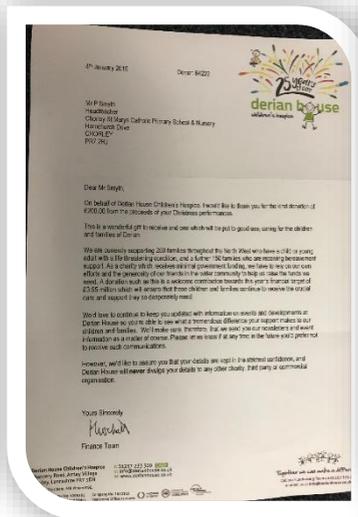
School Newsletter

With Christ we live, we love, we learn and we grow

25th January 2019

Dear parents,

Thank you for your kind donations at all the Christmas performances last month. The school received 'thank you' letters and certificates from each of Derian House Hospice, St Catherine's Hospice and the Meningitis Now charity.



Parent information afternoons

We are organising short sessions in the week after next for teachers to speak with parents about ways in which they can help children at home to consolidate what they are learning at school. For example, teachers might tell you about ways in which you can help in developing your child's reading comprehension or ways in which they can be supported in learning spellings or times tables.

Please note that there will be separate meetings for parents of children in Y2 and Y6. Miss McCluskey and Miss Hesketh will be talking to parents about the national curriculum assessments (SATs) that they will be participating in later in the year. In addition Miss Hesketh will use the meeting to share information about the forthcoming Y6 residential.

In order for us to gauge potential numbers you will receive a GroupCall message from the office asking you to confirm whether or not you will be able to attend.

Information Meetings

Class	Date	Time	Place
Nursery	Thursday 7 February	0900 – 0930	School Hall
Reception	Thursday 7 February	1430 - 1500	School Hall
Year 1	Friday 8 February	1430 - 1500	Year 1 Classroom
Year 3	Friday 8 February	1430 - 1500	Year 3 Classroom
Year 4	Friday 8 February	1430 - 1500	Year 4 Classroom
Year 5	Friday 8 February	1430 - 1500	Year 5 Classroom

National Curriculum Assessment Meetings Y2 and Y6

Class	Date	Time	Place
Year 2	Monday 4 February	1730 – 1815	Year 2 Classroom
Year 6	Monday 4 February	1815 - 1900	Year 6 Classroom

Parents' Evenings

You will have received information regarding the spring term parents' evenings have been arranged for the evenings of **Monday 11th February** and **Wednesday 13th February**. Details on how to book online have been sent in a separate GroupCall email..

Unavoidable School Closures

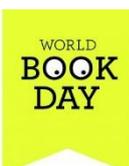
Over the course of this term the hours of daylight will lengthen. Hopefully it will begin to warm up a little bit too. However, in the unlikely event of a very heavy snowfall and the need to close the school, we will inform you via the *GroupCall* text, announcements on the local radio and via the school website.

Health and Safety Reminder – sickness and/ or diarrhoea

This is the time of year when there are more bugs and germs around than usual. If your child does become ill with **sickness or diarrhoea**, the guidance for schools from Public Health England gives a minimum recommended absence from school of **48 hours**. This is to limit the spread of the bug around school. Thank you.



World Book Day – 1st March 2018



To celebrate World Book Day, **we are going to be dressing up again**; Miss Hesketh wanted to give you all a few weeks' notice. The theme this year is quite open once again, simply dress up as a character from a book that has captured your interest or written by an author who has **inspired** you.

Sports News

Lancashire FA seven-a-side football finals - Blackpool



This afternoon, the St Mary's football travelled to Blackpool to represent the borough of Chorley in the prestigious Lancashire FA schools tournament. We wish Mr Hodge and his team the very best of luck.

Cricket

The Chorley St Mary's played two matches in the CSSP indoor cricket competition this week. They played a very good team from Anderton, St Joseph's and another strong team from Euxton CE Primary. They demonstrated excellent team work, bowling, batting and fielding skills and managed to win both games. Well done St Mary's.



Euxton Cricket Club – indoor training sessions for boy and girls through January to March.

(See advert below)

Bolton Arena Half Term and Easter Sports Camp (see leaflet below) – message form Jennie Swarbrick

Dear School,

*This February Bolton Arena will be launching our new look Sports Camp which will now include 3 different camps: **Tennis Camp, Gymnastics Camp & Multi-Sport camp** (Winter Months at St. Joe's) / **Football Camp** (Summer Months at Bolton Arena). Our Sports Camps are aimed at children aged 5-12 who would like to keep active during the schools holidays as well as learning and developing in the sport of their choice. Each day the children will take part in fun and engaging games which will aim to develop and improve their skills and techniques, as well as taking part in individual and team competitions.*

The Daily Mile: *Every morning on Sports Camp, the children will come together to take part in the Daily Mile run, which will consist of a 15 minute run/ jog/ walk around our outdoor running track, with the aim to be fitter, healthier and happier.*

All of our sessions are delivered in a fun and safe environment by our fully qualified team of coaches. All coaches are a minimum Level 2 qualified, as well as being first aid trained and DBS checked.

Times:

Half Day: 9am – 12noon

Full Day: 9am – 3pm

**Registration: from 8.45am*

Jennie Swarbrick

Partnerships & Communities Activator

USN Bolton Arena

Sing Together
Singing Together

Mrs Grandi's choir have been practising hard for many weeks now and their big performance is just a couple of months away Tuesday 19th March at 6pm. If you would like to go and watch them perform see the poster below for ticket details.

Sing Together
BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL MUSIC OUTREACH

Sing Together Concerts

Live at
King George's Hall

A fantastic occasion not to be missed!

11 March 2019, 6pm	15 March 2019, 6pm
12 March 2019, 6pm	16 March 2019, 5pm
13 March 2019, 6pm	18 March 2019, 6pm
14 March 2019, 6pm	19 March 2019, 6pm

Tickets £6 per adult, £1.50 per child (U16) ST. MARY'S
ticket price includes a 50p booking fee but please note that external agent's charges may differ

Tickets available from
King George's Hall, Blackburn
Tel: 01254 582579
or visit: www.kinggeorghall.com

Sing Together is a singing project run by Blackburn Cathedral bringing an unforgettable musical experience to over 4000 children

Free School Meals – Are you missing out?

Free School Meal Eligibility and Pupil Premium Funding

Because all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal, many parents do not realise that they might be entitled to something called **free school meal eligibility**. And we understand why this might be the case because the system is confusing! At St Mary's, we have noticed a fall in the number of infant children whose parents have claimed eligibility since the introduction of free school meals for all infants – other schools have noticed the same.

This free school meal eligibility can be applied for in Reception, Year 1 and in Year 2 even though children are receiving a school meal anyway. And parents in Y3, 4, 5 and 6 can also apply.

Why bother applying if your child is receiving a free meal anyway?

If you think you might be eligible it is very much worth applying for two reasons:

1. Your child will continue to receive free school meals on leaving the infants in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 and beyond
2. The school receives additional money (pupil premium) for children eligible for free school meals (over £1 300 per pupil).

If you receive any of the benefits below, St Mary's School can access this extra funding, called pupil premium.

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

How can you find out if you are eligible?

Apply by phone – and you can find out in a matter of minutes!

You can ring the local **Free School Meals and Pupil Premium team on 01772 531809**

It must be the person claiming the benefit that rings.

You will need to provide your:

- Name
- Date of birth
- National insurance number

They will confirm whether you are entitled over the telephone.

Apply by post

Download the application form from <http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals.aspx> and return it to your local area education office.

South Area Education Office

Level 1 Christ Church Precinct
County Hall
Preston
PR1 8RJ

Free milk

If you receive benefits, your child could also get free milk. Contact us to find out what arrangements we make for school milk.

STARS OF THE WEEK w/e 25.01.19

	Class	Name	Star of the Week for ...
	YN	Isaac	Writing his name!
	YR	Winter-Rose	Trying hard to complete all challenges.
	Y1	Feba	Her excellent work in phonics and reading.
	Y2	Owen	Being a great ambassador for Year 2.
	Y3	William	Creating a story plan based on Stig of the Dump.
	Y4	Ethan	Super use of expanded noun phrases.
	Y5	Brooklyn	His enthusiasm and involvement in whole class reading.
	Y6	Rosie	Working extremely hard on her arithmetic skills.

Notable Dates

SPRING TERM 2019

January	
28	National Story Telling Week
30	Y2 Trip to Sea Life Centre Manchester
31	Lancashire Adult Learning – <i>Let's Engineer</i> (STEM) Y3/4 3-5pm (3 weeks)
February	
3	Sacramental Class Family Catechesis Church
5	National Safer Internet Day
7	Lancashire Adult Learning – <i>Let's Engineer</i> (STEM) Y3/4 3-5pm

11	Magic Maths Workshops - more details to follow
14	Lancashire Adult Learning – Let’s Engineer (STEM) Y3/4 3-5pm
15	End of half-term
18-22	Half-term holiday
25	School reopens for pupils
25 th Feb - 1 st March	Maths / Science Week
25	Lazy Mondays LCC Band in whole school 1 hour. 0930 – 1030 Followed by workshop 1030 – 1130 Y5/6 Hall
27	BAE Engineers in STEM – details to follow.
March	
4	Fair Trade Week
4	Good Shepherd fundraiser begins (4 weeks)
4	3d Printer arrives in school on loan to inspire writers!
6	Lent begins – Ash Wednesday Mass
7	World Book Day
8	Chorley Coding Competition Y5 and Y6 teams
13	Lancs Fire & Rescue Y2 and Y6
19	Sing Together Choir at King George’s Hall, Blackburn Evening Performance
24	Sacramental Class Family Catechesis Church
29	Mary Poppins theme day
30	<i>What’s your story, Chorley</i>
April	
4	Good Shepherd Talent Show
5	End of term
8 – 22	Easter Holiday

April	
21	Easter Sunday
23	School reopens for pupils (Tuesday)

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See below for Euxton Cricket Club advert and local teacher training opportunities.



EUXTON CRICKET CLUB

INDOOR CRICKET TRAINING -2019

OPEN TO BOYS & GIRLS – NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

COMMENCES FROM THURSDAY 24TH JANUARY 2019

24th Jan to 21st Feb - U7/9'S 7pm to 8pm

Followed by U11's @ 8pm to 9pm

28th Feb to 28th March - U13,14 & 15's 7pm to 9pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION contact

williejwoodall8@gmail.com



Venue: Bishop Rawstone C of E Academy, Highfield Road, Croston, PR26 9HH

01/10/2018



Interested in teaching in a Catholic Secondary School?



Wigan & West Lancashire Catholic School Direct

We believe in nurturing the whole child, to grow in faith and realise their full potential.

We believe that you will have the best start in your teaching career by choosing to train within our supportive Catholic community.

Teachers trained by us make a positive difference to children's lives.

School Direct is a teacher training programme which puts schools/colleges at the heart of the process.

You will be trained in two of our good or outstanding Catholic schools in the Liverpool Archdiocese (Section 48). This will lead to the award of Qualified Teacher Status (QTS).

Our partner, Liverpool Hope University, will work with us to provide additional high quality training which leads to the Post Graduate Certificate of Education (PGCE).

(Our schools / colleges work closely together to provide an on-going programme of Continuing Professional Development to enhance your career.)

We welcome enquiries and applications from committed graduates who wish to join us in shaping Catholic education in the future.



We have training places for September 2019 in the following subjects;

Mathematics

English

Physics

Chemistry

Biology

History

Physical Education

Geography

Religious Education

Computer Science

MFL—Spanish with French

MFL - Spanish

MFL—French with Spanish

MFL—French

Music

Drama

SEARCH FOR UCAS COURSE CODE : 27Q

 St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School Ashton-in-Makerfield
 St Basil's Catholic High School, Ormskirk
 St Mary's Catholic High School, Astley
 St John Fisher Catholic High School, Wigan
 Holy Cross Catholic High School, Chorley
 St John Alby Catholic Sixth Form College, Wigan
 Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Engineering College, Salford
 St Peter's Catholic High School, Orrell
 St Gregory's Catholic High School, Warrington

enquiries@catholicdsd.org.uk

www.catholicdsd.org.uk



Contact Address:
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Manchester Road, Astley
Tyldesley, Manchester
M29 7EE
Tel: 01942 766906 Fax: 01942 884357

A banner for 'BORN TO TEACH' featuring a green background with a yellow and green curved border on the right. The text 'BORN TO TEACH' is in large, bold, orange letters. Below it, 'Apply for school-based teacher training in Chorley schools' is written in white. A logo with the letters 'Y T S A' in colorful puzzle pieces is on the left. The website 'www.yarrowteachingschoolalliance.co.uk' is at the bottom. On the right, a photo shows a teacher sitting on a bench pointing at a whiteboard, with several children sitting on the floor with their hands raised.

BORN TO TEACH
Apply for school-based teacher training in Chorley schools
Get Into Teaching Schools Direct
www.yarrowteachingschoolalliance.co.uk

Are you interested in training to become a primary school teacher?

Have you considered school-based training?

We have vacancies now to start training in **September 2019** and we would be very interested to hear from you if you are thinking of becoming a teacher, or know someone who is. We are looking for people who have (or will have) a degree, have a passion for teaching and want to make a difference to the lives of the children of Chorley.

Keep your eye out for open evenings over the coming months.

The events will take place at;

St George's CE Primary School, Carr Lane, Chorley, Lancs PR7 3JU.

Please contact the Director of Teaching School, Bernard Golding,

b.golding@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk to reserve your place.

Visit our website www.yarrowteachingschoolalliance.co.uk to find out more about what is on offer.



SPORTS CAMPS

BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY!

To book, please call **01204 488100** or email **sport@boltonarena.com** for more information

Keep a look out for
more information on our

EASTER SPORTS CAMPS

8TH - 19TH APRIL 2019

www.boltonarena.com



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