



School Newsletter

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

15.02.19

Dear parents,

We have come to the end of the spring first half-term which means that we have completed exactly half of the current academic year. I hope the children enjoy their rest and relaxation over the coming week; they have worked hard and deserve a break.

Parent information afternoon/ SATs meetings

I hope you found the recent information sessions and Y2 and Y6 assessment meetings useful. Thanks for coming along.

Parents' Evenings

Similarly, I hope you found this week's parents' evenings informative. Thank you for coming along to view your child(ren)'s work and discuss his/her progress with their class teachers. Thank you also to the teachers for their time and effort.

Dr Mark Magic Maths/ Super Science Show

The children were inspired by our visitor Dr Mark, earlier in the week. He engaged and enthused the children, across all year groups, with his amazing science experiments and maths puzzles. This was a taster of what is to come in our maths/ science week which Mrs Banwell and Mr Cahalin have kindly planned for us in our first week back after half term.

Maths/ Science Week

Among the various events we can look forward to taking place during maths/ science week are:

- Assembly by *Mad Science*,
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) workshops by British Aerospace for KS2
- Science/ Maths Fair on Thursday afternoon
- Visits by scientists from our own community, Fr Marsden and parent, Mrs Simpson
- Amazing science and maths lessons.
- Science selfies (see below) and much, much more!

Science selfie

Over half term we would like the children to be looking for evidence of science in everyday life and to record this through taking a 'Science Selfie'. A Science Selfie is a picture of yourself taken with something that links with science e.g. exercise, gardening, floating and sinking, friction or technology. The children will also need to include a sentence saying 'This is science because...'

These can be printed (no bigger than A5 please!) and handed in to your child's class teacher or shared on our school Twitter @Chorleystmarys using the #thisissciencebecause

All photos handed in will be rewarded with dojos and used for a display in our school hall.

We look forward to seeing your 'Science Selfies'!

Water is science



This is science because of the different forces acting on the arrow. A pull is required to draw the bow (pull back the string). As the arrow is released the string pushes the arrow forward. As the arrow flies gravity pulls on it so the archer has to compensate for this when aiming.



This is science because the ingredients create a chemical reaction which is irreversible. Too much or too little of each ingredient creates the wrong chemical reaction.

This is science because water is probably the strangest material in the universe. Every molecule of water has existed for billions of years. All of the water on Earth is alien. It arrived here on asteroids and meteors. Find out more from the QR code.



This is Science because once a rider mounts a horse, concepts of physics take over. When a horse moves forward, the rider is thrown backward slightly according to Newton's First Law of Motion, which states that an item at rest will stay at rest unless acted upon by an outside force. In this case, the horse is an outside force to the human. The rider must continually adjust his balance or his equilibrium to stay with the horse and not be left behind the horse's centre of gravity.

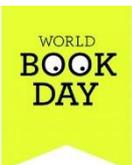


This is science because skating on ice relies on the low friction between the ice skate's blade and the surface of the ice. This low friction allows the skater to glide gracefully across the surface. Thermal insulation also helps to keep the skater warm!

Y2 Trip to Sea Life Centre Manchester

Sea life is science! The Y2s had a wonderful day at the Sea Life Centre in Manchester studying marine life the week before last. Thank you to the PTFA for supporting with the cost of transport and thank you to all the parents who volunteered to accompany our Y2s with Miss McCluskey and Mrs Oldham.

World Book Day – 7th March 2019



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.

Achievement for All - 200 Million Minutes Reading Challenge – advance notice!

We have signed up to the AfA - 200 Million Minutes Reading Challenge which we will start on WBD (7th March) - it will continue to help us in our aim of boosting 'reading for pleasure.' We will launch it on WBD and then send a message out on the newsletter that week too. Here is a link for more information: <https://200millionminutes.org/>

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.



If your child is absent from school, please contact the school office (not Class Dojo!) for every day of absence. Mrs Hargreaves has told me that she is having to chase up a number of reasons for absence. Thank you.

Bike Riding Training Opportunities – Chorley Schools Sports Partnership (CSSP).

I received this letter from Mark Sheffield, Bikeability manager at the CSSP.

Good afternoon

*We are excited to announce a new initiative, “**Buzz About Bikes by Chorley SSP**”. As you know we deliver Bikeability training to around 2000 schoolchildren across Chorley every year. We have run some Learn to Ride Holiday Clubs in the past, and also occasionally worked with adult trainees in the local area. **Buzz About Bikes** is going to launch a big increase in what we offer outside of schools, to complement the ongoing work we do during curriculum time.*

We have some Learn to Ride, Developer, and Back on the Bike training coming up this spring, with sessions available for everyone from 4 to 104. There are some children's sessions already available to book, and details of the first training sessions for adults will be released shortly.

We are trying to get the word out about these sessions to the whole community, so please could you pass on the details of our new Facebook page to pupils, parents and grandparents? Perhaps in the school newsletter if you have a little bit of space available? The URL is www.facebook.com/BuzzAboutBikes

Thanks in advance and please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions about Chorley SSP cycle activities.

Regards

Mark Sheffield

**Bikeability Manager
Chorley School Sport Partnership CIC
Community Interest Company Number: 10672345**

Sports News - Gymnastics

The Y3 gymnastics squad of Charlotte, Eleanor, Dylan and Harry attended the CSSP gymnastics competition at Clayton Green Sports Centre on Friday last week. Each team member had to perform a floor routine and perform a vault. They all did a fantastic job and did themselves and St Mary's proud, bringing back a clutch of medals. Well done gymnasts!

Sports Clubs and Activities

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) –

Music - Sing Together Concert

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.



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 08.02.19

	Class	Name	Star of the Week for ...
	YN	Lucy A	Fantastic shape work looking at finding 2D shapes in the environment.
	YR	Sophia	Keeping on task all week – keep up the hard work.
	Y1	William	Excellent attitude to all his work and being an excellent ambassador for Y1.
	Y2	Jensen	Wowing everyone at the Sea Life Centre with his enthusiasm and deep knowledge and understanding. He told us all about the poisonous lionfish in assembly.
	Y3	Lucas	Super concentration and effort in class especially with the grid method in multiplication.
	Y4	Grace B	An amazing painting for St Peter in <i>Come and See</i> .
	Y5	Matilda P	Always demonstrating a positive attitude in mathematics and always persevering.
	Y6	Milosz	Working really hard on his reading.

STARS OF THE WEEK w/e 15.02.19

	Class	Name	Star of the Week for ...
	YN	Neave	Being very kind to her friends.
	YR	Alice	Fantastic progress and wonderful attitude.
	Y1	Phoebe	Persevering with punctuation in her written work.
	Y2	Izzy	Brilliant progress in her reading and writing.
	Y3	Mati	A fantastic piece of descriptive poetry where he was inspired by the theme.
	Y4	George	A great explanation of the human digestive system.
	Y5	Frazer	A wonderful science fiction story.
	Y6	Reuben	A fantastic story based on William Shakespeare's <i>Macbeth</i> .

Notable Dates

SPRING TERM 2019

February	
18-22	Half-term holiday
25	School reopens for pupils
25 th Feb - 1 st March	Maths / Science Week – Starts with <i>Mad Science</i> Assembly
27	BAE Engineers in STEM – details to follow.
28	Science / Maths Fair – Open to parents after school
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	
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21	Easter Sunday
23	School reopens for pupils (Tuesday)

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See below for local teacher training opportunities and upcoming out of school sports providers.

Interested in teaching in a Catholic Secondary School?



Liverpool Hope
University

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 Beale's Catholic High School, Ormskirk
 St Mary's Catholic High School, Astley
 St John Fisher Catholic High School, Wigan
 Holy Cross Holy Cross Catholic High School, Chorley
 St John Rigby 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

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

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.



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





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