



St. Chad's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



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MAY, THE MONTH OF MARY

The month of May is a special time for us, where we pay homage to our Blessed Mother Mary. We look to her as guide and inspiration and offer up our prayers. Our children sang the hymns so beautifully in adoration at our special service in church this morning.

You may like to say the Hail Mary at home with your children during this time:

**Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with Thee;
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**



MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LIVERPOOL

An online book of condolence has been opened for people across our archdiocese to pay their respects to Pope Francis. Messages can be left by clicking on the link below:

[BOOK OF CONDOLENCES LINK](#)

MESSAGE FROM THE GRASSY SLOPE ON THE BACK PLAYGROUND



Can I ask for your help please? I have been trying to grow grass and daffodils all over me, but little feet keep running over me. I would be most grateful if children didn't run on me before and after school so that I can keep growing, rather than turning to mud. Children aren't allowed on me during the day, so this would really help. I also need Mr Riley to give me a good watering! Thank you.

A FOND FAREWELL & A JOB VACANCY

Our wonderful Site Supervisor, Mr Murphy, will be retiring at the end of this school year. He is a much-loved and valued member of our team and will be dearly missed. When the time comes, we will be wishing him a very happy and well-earned retirement.

This opens a vacancy, which will be advertised on the LCC website from next week. In the meantime, [details can be read on the school website](#). Please share with anyone that you think might be interested.

PICNIC BLANKETS

We are hoping to have our VE Day picnic on the school field **next Thursday**, weather permitting. As in previous years, we need picnic blankets to make this possible. If you have a picnic blanket that we could borrow for the day, please send into school with your child on Thursday. Please put child's name on the label to ensure they are returned to the rightful owners. **Thank you for your support.** It should be a lovely occasion!



BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUB UPDATES

NEW ENTRANCE/EXIT:

As part of our ongoing developments, we have been improving the security and appearance of the entrance/exit, as you will have noticed. It will also allow parents to step inside before ringing the bell, rather than waiting in the dark, wind and rain! The works are due to be completed next week, so we will communicate details of how we intend to use it shortly. Thank you for using the main entrance in the meantime.

BOOKING & CANCELLATION DEADLINES:

We continue to offer arrangements that are as flexible as possible, to accommodate the differing childcare needs of families. We do need to manage staffing and resources in a timely manner though, so we have deadlines that we need to work with and we thank you for your support with this. Unfortunately, we have experienced issues caused when bookings haven't been made repeatedly. This has created undue extra admin, taking the staff away from the children. We have therefore had to introduce an admin fee in some circumstances – please see email last week with full details and a reminder in the newsletter attachments. We continue to understand and fully support emergency situations and will apply discretion. As with any new system, there may be some teething problems, but we'll work through them together. Thank you.

SUMMER UNIFORM

Girls may wear blue and white checked gingham dresses for the summer term, should they wish to. Sandals are also allowed in warmer weather, but please be mindful that children need to be able to run around safely at playtimes. [Click here to view Uniform and Appearance Policy](#) for full details.



PE SHORTS AND UNIFORM POLICY REMINDERS

We have noticed a trend of some children wearing very short shorts for PE. Please note that our uniform policy requires that "shorts should be no shorter than standard cycling shorts length. Very short shorts are not appropriate." – [see policy](#). It also requires that any items of uniform are not branded with sports logos. We will allow a period of grace until half term, to allow parents to replace items that are not in-keeping with our policy. Thank you for your support with this and maintaining our standards throughout school.

GOOD LUCK TO...

...anyone running the Chorley 2k and 10k this weekend! Mum of Oscar and past-pupil Georgia, is running the Chorley 10k with her dad, Georgia's Papa, to raise money for 'Action for ME', a condition with which Georgia suffers. The charity do so much for children, young people and their families, as well as investing in much needed research into ME. If anyone at school is able to donate or share the Just Giving link, the family would really appreciate it, as would Georgia!



[JUST GIVING PAGE LINK](#)

SPONSORED COLOUR RUN

On **Friday 23rd May** we will be concluding our 'Sports Week' with a sponsored Colour Run on the top field 12:30-3:00pm. A Colour Run is a fun run, not a competitive race, where participants are showered with colourful, safe, biodegradable powder along the course. All children will be provided with a complimentary white t-shirt so that the colour stands out and it doesn't ruin any of their own clothes. We will stagger the event throughout the afternoon, so each class will have their own time and space.



Year 6 will have the opportunity to run and support their Reception buddies. We'll be taking lots of photos to share with parents and children will be awarded with a certificate of participation. This is a fully inclusive event and the sponsored element is just an invite, not essential. We will provide full details and more information on the sponsorship process soon, along with a form to use should you wish to.

SPRING / SUMMER TERM DATES FOR THE DIARY

N.B. Dates may be subject to change. We will update with changes and highlight new dates in yellow. You may also subscribe to our calendar [via the school website \(click for link\)](#). This should update changes to your device. Click on 'Subscribe to this Calendar' and follow the instruction.

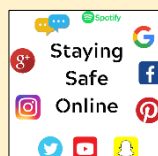
DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday 8 th May	9:15am	Class 4 Mass Postponed
Thursday 8 th May	-	VE day 80 th Anniversary Lunch Picnic
12 th – 15 th May	-	Year 6 SATS Week
Thursday 15 th May	-	National Dinosaur Day Lunch
19 th – 23 rd May	-	Sports Week
Tuesday 20 th May	1:30pm	Sports Day (weather permitting)
Thursday 5 th June	-	Y3-5 Anderton Centre Trip
	9:15am	Class 5 Mass
Friday 6 th June	9:30am	Music Concert
Sunday 8 th June	9:15am	Sacramental Session 4 (Pentecost)
10 th – 13 th June	-	Hothersall Lodge Trip (Y6)
Thursday 12 th June	2:00pm	Good Shepherd Mass - Leyland (Y5)
Sunday 15 th June	9:15am	Sacramental Session 5 (Father's Day)
16 th – 18 th June	-	Reception Road Safety Course
Thursday 19 th June	9:15am	Class 3 Mass
	6:15-8:00pm	Thomas Martland Maths Competition (Holy Cross)
Saturday 21 st June	11:00am	First Holy Communion
Wednesday 25 th June	7:00-9:00pm	Swimming Gala
Thursday 26 th June	9:15am	Class 2 Mass
Friday 27 th June	2:30pm	Class 1 'Celebration of the Word' for parents
Monday 30 th June	-	Y4 Communicants Celebration Day
Wednesday 2 nd July	-	New Classes Sample Day (& High School)
Thursday 3 rd July	9:15am	Class 1 Mass (with Buddies)
Friday 4 th July	-	Year 6 Retreat Day at St Joseph's
Tuesday 15 th July	6:00pm	Year 6 Celebration Evening
Monday 7 th July	-	Infant Trip to Mrs Dowson's Farm
Thursday 17 th July	9:30am	Final Assembly (all invited)
Monday 21 st July	9:30am	Whole School Mass of Thanksgiving
	3:15pm	Art Gallery (change of date)
Tuesday 22 nd July	2:15pm	School Closes for Summer

PTA NEWS - SAVE THE DATES

Following last night's meeting, we have planned two exciting summer events that the PTA are organising. Full details to follow, but you may wish to save the dates – see below:

- **Friday 23rd May – Sponsored 'Colour Run' on top field**
- **Saturday 5th July – Family Treasure Hunt**

ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER



Please see attachments for this month's online safety newsletter, which is designed to support parents to keep your children safe online. **This month's focus is on cyberbullying, Roblox and location tracking apps.** We hope it helps.

MAY PROMOTION LUNCHES

VE DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCH

We will be offering our VE day anniversary lunch on **Thursday 8th May**. The menu will be:



Assorted Sandwiches, Margherita Pizza Bites, Sausage Roll
With Veg Sticks, Dips & Crisps
Followed by
Chocolate Muffin & Fruit Wedges

NATIONAL DINOSAUR DAY LUNCH

We will be offering our National Dinosaur Day lunch on **Thursday 15th May**. The menu will be:

Brontosaurus Burger or T-Rexadillas
With Fossil Fries, Herbivore Platter & Swamp Dip
Or
Jurassic Jackets with a choice of Filling
Followed by
Volcano Cake or Lava Delight

These menus will be available to the whole school on these days. If your child does not normally have a school lunch on a Thursday but wish to take part, please ask for your child to be added to the list by emailing Mrs Southworth at k.southworth@stchads.lancs.sch.uk. Children who normally have a school lunch on a Thursday do not need to reply, they will choose from the menu on the day as usual. Payment for this lunch should be made via the Pupil School Meal payment item on ParentPay for children who are in KS2 (unless entitled to Free School Meals).

EL CLUB ESPAÑOL

Hola! Are you planning holidays to Spain or other Spanish-speaking countries this Summer? Wouldn't it have been awesome if your child could speak some of the language there? Learning Spanish is a fun and useful skill and learning at primary school age gives your child the best chance of discovering a love of languages which will serve them throughout their education and life.



Our Fun Spanish Clubs will begin again at St Chad's for Summer term on Monday 28th April! New children can come along for a no obligation taster any Monday. Our fun clubs allow your child to get started on a new and exciting language, with the help of fun games, songs, stories and drama, and children can try any time! We have two clubs – one takes place at lunchtime and one after school, offering a fun and educational alternative to after school club, and they are open to all levels of ability.

Fun Spanish After School Club for Rec- Y6 is a 1-hour club and takes place on Mondays until 4.25pm for 10 weeks in the Summer Term, fees are £7.10 per session, payable termly.

Fun Spanish Lunchtime Club for Rec-Y6 is a 30-min club and takes place at 12-12.30 on Mondays for 10 weeks in the Summer Term, fees are £5.80 per session, payable termly.

There is no membership fee payable until September for children joining in the Summer term, then membership fee for new members is £13.95 and children receive a songbook and CD with folder and sticker chart and it includes free access to our internet gamezone and access to all the LCF French & Spanish music via streaming on any device. Sibling discounts and monthly direct debits/card payment options are available.

Beginners are most welcome and all children can have a no-obligation taster for these clubs by signing up at www.boltonlanguages.co.uk/enrol and paying AFTER the trial session, by skipping the payment stage of the signup until the trial is complete. If your child doesn't wish to continue, then you don't need to pay anything.

Please contact Chris Abalain if you would like more information on these clubs, you can email chris@boltonlanguages.co.uk or call 07917 848745.

REMINDERS FROM PREVIOUS WEEKS...

SHOPPING ONLINE



Please remember to use Easyfundraising when you do any shopping online, book your next Holiday or buy home, travel or car insurance.

Over 6,000 shops including Amazon, Argos, Boots, Etsy and many other high street stores, fashion brands and sites will donate to:

St Chad's PTA Fund at no extra cost to you! You can raise donations when you buy gifts, decorations, food and lots more.

Scan the QR code or visit : <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stchadspta/>



PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

PARISH NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE AT <http://stchads-southhill.org/newsletter>



LITTLE CHURCH

All our children are invited to come along to Church for Sunday Mass at 9:15am, where they are welcome to join in the Children's Liturgy at "Little Church".

PARISH CENTRES FOR HIRE

St. Chad's and St. Bede's Parish Centres are available to hire for use by groups and for some private functions. **Enquiries : St Bede's** call Aidan on 01257 271818 / **St Chad's** call 07719 718523. If you get the answerphone, please leave your name and number and they will call you back.

COFFEE MORNINGS

Regular coffee mornings will be held in St. Chad's Parish Centre every second Sunday of each month. Tea, coffee and cakes will be served for a small donation. Everyone welcome.

ALTAR SERVERS

Any young people in Year 4 or older who would like to help at Mass as altar servers are very welcome. Please have a word with Fr Mark who will explain how you can get involved.