



A small school with a big heart

NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 31 MARCH 2023

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NOTICES

Trophies: our winners for this Spring term are:

Class 1 *School Values Award*: **Harry**

Class 1 *Sports Award*: **Austin**

Class 2 *School Values Award*: **Jasmine R**

Class 2 *Sports Award*: **Grace**

Welcome back Mrs Byrne: we are looking forward to welcoming back Mrs Byrne after Easter. Mrs Byrne will teach Reception Class in the Caterpillar Room. Miss Hawkins will continue to work with our Year One and Two children, alongside Miss Salmon.

Easter Bingo: thank you to all those who supported the Easter Bingo, both those who organised it and those who came along to play. The event raised £252! This will be put towards buying new laptops for school.

Live! lunchtime welfare role: this job is now live and can be viewed [here](#). We are looking for a lunchtime welfare assistant for Monday to Friday during term time, from 11.45am to 1.15pm. If you would like to learn more about the role or know of anyone who might be interested, please get in touch.

Swimming for Year 3 and 4: starting after Easter, for the whole of the summer term Year 3 and 4 will be going swimming at the YMCA in Garstang on a Wednesday afternoon. They will be accompanied by Mr Gilmour and Mrs Thornton.

Collecting other people's children: if you are taking another child home with your child, please do let the office know beforehand, so we can ensure the safety of our children.

Uniform purchase: as you know, we have been running down our stocks in school so that we can move to a direct ordering system for parents to order at their own convenience. The link to order is: <https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/StMarysCatholicPrimarySchoolPR30PN>

Miss Hawkins is running the Great North Run: Miss Hawkins is training hard for the famous Great North Run in September and is raising money for a fabulous cause that's close to her heart. If you can, please sponsor her. Every little helps. You can read more about the event and Miss Hawkins' reasons for running, and add sponsorship [here](#).

Lost property: we have had an increasing number of lost items in school over the last few weeks. Please make sure you label clearly anything that your child brings into school.

Invoices: March invoices are coming out today. Please pay them as soon as you can. We thank you for your co-operation.

PE days: please could children come to school on PE days dressed in their kit with their school jumper over the top. Many thanks.

Extra bank holiday: school will be closed on **Monday 8 May 2023** to mark the coronation of King Charles III.

Term time holiday: just a reminder that we cannot authorise holidays in term time unless the circumstances are deemed to be exceptional. LCC will issue penalty notices where unauthorised absences reach the necessary threshold.

Packed lunch day: As you are aware, the dinners are transported from the kitchen of another school. There is one remaining date this year when their kitchens will not be open due to inset days taking place. On 26 May 2023 we would ask that you send your children to school with a packed lunch. We will issue reminders nearer the time.

First Week Back

Monday 17 April	Children return to school
Tuesday 18 April	Music lessons, choir and band with Mr Warren Band practice 3.30–4.30 Class One PE Class Two PE
Wednesday 19 March	Year 3 and 4 swimming Class One Forest School 3.30–4.30 (wellies and waterproofs!) Class Two Multi Skills 3.30–4.30
Thursday 20 March	Class One PE Class Two PE Years 2–6 Musical Theatre 3.30–4.30pm Class One teacher-led club 3.30–4.30pm

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 1 May	School closed for bank holiday
Monday 8 May	School closed for bank holiday
Friday 26 May	All children need a packed lunch
Friday 26 May	School closes for May half term

We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine...

Loving God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world that, in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity to our sisters and brothers in need.

May we walk in your ways, so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.

Wishing you all a pleasant Easter break. See you on Monday 17 April.