



A small school with a big heart

NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2023

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Stars of the Week

Edith: for brilliant maths, presentation and a super smile!

Aria: for creating a super poster for her homework.

James C: for his high aspirations and super focus.



Big Hearts

Ronnie: for his determination with his reading, readiness to learn (and be there at 'superstars scramble') and brilliant home learning!

Ethan: for making an excellent start to the new school year. You have worked so hard. Well done!

Poppy: for being empathetic towards the character in English and for being helpful in Class Two. Wow!

NOTICES

SAFETY NOTICES

School gate: when entering or leaving school premises, please ensure you close the gate. This is for the safety and security of your children.

Supervision of children: when dropping children off or collecting them, please ensure you travel round together as a family group.

ATTENDANCE NOTICES

Holidays in term time: we have seen a dramatic rise in families taking holidays during school time. Just to make you aware, if your child is off for 5 days for a holiday in a term, or 7 days across two consecutive terms, each parent/parental guardian will receive a penalty notice from

Lancashire County Council. We know it can be difficult due to costs, we feel it too as staff, but it is incredibly important that your child is in school for the whole academic year. From September, Lancashire County Council have allocated attendance officers for all schools to ensure schools are doing all they can to ensure children are in school for the whole academic year.

Late arrivals: please note that children need to be in school, in their classroom, ready to begin the school day at 8.55am. Even though we are right at the start of the school year, a number of children are arriving after this time, resulting in a late mark in the register. From this term, all schools are accountable to a new attendance officer who will be visiting school every term.

GENERAL NOTICES

Year 6 parents! As your child is due to start secondary school in September 2024 - apply for their school place now! www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools (Closing date 31 October 2023.)

School photos deadline: the deadline for returning your order form and payment (correct cash or cheque, please) is Thursday 28 September. After this, a late charge is applied by the photographer.

Harvest collection: at harvest time we are thinking of those who are struggling. If you are able to send in any donations of non-perishable food items in the next two weeks, we will make sure they reach those who need them. Many thanks for your support.

Mosque visit: on 9 October, our Year 6 children will be visiting a mosque alongside their contemporaries from St Francis and other local small schools. Mr Gilmour will take the children by minibus and has conducted this visit for many years. He knows the mosque and its clergy well and it will be a wonderful experience for the children to visit.

Goodbye, Mr Warrilow: next Friday we will be saying goodbye to Mr Warrilow, who is leaving to start his new life abroad. Mrs Gornall will support an experienced supply teacher until half term, after which we welcome our new Class One teacher, Miss Cross. We will miss Mr Warrilow, who has been a valued member of the team and we thank him for the hard work and support that he has given the school. We wish him very good luck in his new life.

Smart-style watches in school: if your child needs to wear a watch in school, please ensure it is a plain analogue watch. Digital/smart/smart-style watches, many of which make noises and have colourful displays, are proving to be a distraction in class. In addition, they would have to be removed for PE and then there is a risk of them getting lost.

Nasal flu vaccines: will be given in school to all children whose parents wish them to have it. Please see the information below for details of how to consent or opt out.

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of Flu. There may be a rebound in Flu levels this coming winter following low levels in the past 2 years. The vaccination is free and is a quick, simple, painless spray up the nose.

Please complete the online consent form.

If you DO NOT wish your child to be vaccinated for whatever reason please complete the form stating NO and the reasons.

Online Consent Form:

Use the link below to access the online consent form:

www.bthimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu

Enter the unique school code with BP in capital letters

The code for your school is: BP119619

.Please inform the School Vaccination Team (**Not School**) of the following on

- If your child has steroid tablets prescribed two weeks prior to vaccination.
- If in the few days prior to vaccination your child has been wheezy.
- If after consenting you take your child to your GP surgery to receive their vaccination

It is your responsibility to contact the school vaccination team to ensure they do not receive the immunisation again. Our contact details are:

Blackpool, Wyre & Fylde: 01253 951984

Lancaster & Morecambe: 01524 406672

A leaflet explaining the vaccination programme can be accessed by clicking the following link: [Flu vaccination for children](#)

Save the date: yes, it's a while off, but it's a busy time of year! **Christmas Fair:** Friday 1 December in Cloughton Village Hall. Time to be confirmed but likely to start around 6pm.

PE Days: please note that PE kits will be kept in school in order to allow for flexibility in the timetable so that we can consider other events going on in school, the weather, and so on. Please send PE kits in a bag on a Monday morning. Children will bring them home for washing on a Friday. Please ensure each item is labelled clearly.

Earrings in school: a polite reminder that small plain studs are the only earrings that are allowed in school. Please ensure they are NOT worn on PE days.

Ordering uniform: the link for parents to order uniform directly from the suppliers is <https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/StMarysCatholicPrimarySchoolPR30PN>

The Week Ahead

Tuesday 26 September	Music lessons, choir and band in school time
Wednesday 27 September	Forest School 3.30 to 4.30 (for those whose places have been confirmed)
Friday 29 September	Archery 8am (for those whose places have been confirmed)

Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 11 October	Creation Mass at Cloughton Church 9.10am
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Friday 20 October

School closes at 3.30pm

Friday 1 December

School Christmas Fair

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 weekend. See you on Monday!