



NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2023

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A small school with a big heart



Stars of the Week

Nellie: for being a sparkly ray of sunshine and settling into school so well!

Harry: for super contributions to class discussions.

All of Class Two: for showing their maturity and high aspirations in English and Maths.

You're superstars already!



Big Hearts

Edward: for helping his friends on the playground and in the classroom. What a kind thing to do!

Henry: for being a kind and caring friend. You have been a superstar in helping Aria settle into her new school!

Maya: for her determination to try her best, and for her respect towards all her peers and adults. Wow!

NOTICES

School photographs: will be taken on the morning of Monday 11 September.

Reception children: have been sent home with the reception health questionnaire in their bags today. Please would parents complete, seal, and return to school. The school nurse will collect the questionnaires in a few days. This allows any concerns to be looked at swiftly.

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](#)

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.

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.

Sports News: great news! For the academic year 2022/2023 we achieved a **Gold** School Games Award for our participation and excellence in PE and sport across school. This is the second year we have achieved the Gold award. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

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>

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: 5 days in one term or 7 days over two consecutive terms.

The Week Ahead

Monday 11 September	School photographs
Tuesday 12 September	Music lessons, choir and band in school
Wednesday 13 September	Forest School 3.30 to 4.30 (for those places have been confirmed)

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 18 September	Reception photo LEP
Friday 20 October	School closes at 3.30pm

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!