



NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

I hope you all had a lovely half term break. We return to school for the final six weeks of the academic year and it's our busiest term yet with lots of exciting events and trips to fit in before we finish for summer!

Production tickets

This week you should've received a message via Parent App informing you that tickets for the summer production, 'Top of the Pops' are now on sale.

All proceeds from this year's concert will, as always, go to Bury Hospice.

There is an afternoon matinee performance this year plus the usual two evening performances. The matinee performance will take place on Tuesday 12th July with a start time of 1:00pm. The first evening performance is also on this date of Tuesday 12th July at 7 pm and the second on Thursday 14th July at 7pm. The ticket price is £7.00. Once tickets have been purchased, your allocation will be placed onto a seating plan, and your tickets will be sent home with your child nearer the performance date. Tickets for this occasion I am sure will sell quickly, so it would be advisable to purchase your ticket as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Due to the size of the hall, we can only sell a certain amount of tickets (112 tickets available for each performance) and seats are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Please note children of infant age are not allowed at the evening performances. All the infants will be attending a dress rehearsal, so will have the opportunity to watch the production at this time. Of course, parents of infant children are more than welcome to purchase tickets for themselves via Parent Pay.

Raffle Prizes

The PTA are currently asking for donations towards the raffle on the evening of the production. If you have anything suitable, please send them into school as soon as possible.

Sports day

Our 'Sports Day' is scheduled to take place (weather permitting) on Thursday 30th June from 4.00-6.00pm . We will keep all the children in school until the start of the event so they can get changed here.

Please ensure your child brings a t-shirt in their 'House' colours (Vincent House – yellow, Kateri House – red, Patrick House – green and Bernadette House – blue). The children also need to wear suitable footwear (trainers), a hat and bring a bottle of water. If you can't remember which House your child is in , your child's teacher will remind you and provide this information !



There will be a PTA refreshment stall, which the children can visit **after** the races are finished. Please also remember to bring your chairs, blankets etc to sit on (if the ground isn't too wet!)

REACH assembly

There will be no REACH assemblies now until September. This is due to summer production rehearsals .

Class 2 trip

A reminder that Class 2 are going on their trip to Brockholes on Thursday. The children need to wear clothes they can get dirty (similar to their Forest School gear) .

Welfare Assistant Vacancy

We still have a vacancy for a lunchtime welfare assistant from September to support a child on a 1:1 basis during lunchtime (term time from 11.55am-1.15pm). If you know of anyone who would be interested in this, please ask them to contact the school office.

We are also interested in accumulating a bank of people who may want to do some lunchtime supervision on a casual basis, when our permanent welfare staff maybe off sick. Again, if you know of anyone who may be interested in doing this, please contact the school office.

Yours Sincerely

Miss D McNicoll
Headteacher

Operation Encompass

Supporting children through key workers

Dear Parent/Carer,

This letter is to inform you / remind you that our school/ college is participating in Operation Encompass. Operation Encompass is a unique Police and Education early intervention safeguarding partnership which ensures that a child/ young person's school/ college is informed, prior to the start of the next school day, that there has been a domestic abuse, vulnerable child or missing incident to which the child or young person has been exposed, and which might then have an impact on them in school/ college the following day.

Each school/ college is informed of all such incidents, not just those where an offence can be identified or those which are graded as high risk. The partnership recognises that all domestic abuse, vulnerable child and missing incidents can be harmful to children and young people.

This information will be shared throughout the year, including holidays and weekends. Information will only be shared with the school/ college by the police where it is identified that a young person was present, witnessed or was involved.

A nominated member of staff, known as a Key Adult, has been trained to liaise with the police. At St Mary's RC Primary our Key Adults are Miss McNicoll and Miss Fearn. They will be able to use information that has been shared with them, in confidence, to ensure that the school makes provision for possible difficulties experienced by children or their families. The Key Adults will keep this information confidential and will only share it on a need-to-know basis, for instance, to teaching staff for the child or young person. It will not be shared with other school students.

This national initiative has been implemented across the whole of the Lancashire Police area. If you would like some more information about it, you can view it online at www.operationencompass.org.

We are keen to offer the best support possible for our pupils and a recent review of Operation Encompass showed that it is beneficial and supportive for all those involved.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J McMahon

Chair of Governors

Miss D McNicoll

Head Teacher

Pan Lancashire Operation Encompass

The purpose of Operation Encompass is to safeguard and support children and young people who have been involved in or witness to a domestic abuse, vulnerable child or missing incident.

Operation Encompass has been created to address such situations that create a safeguarding risk to young people. It is the implementation of key partnership working between the police and schools/ colleges. The aim of sharing information with local schools/ colleges is to allow 'Key Adults' the opportunity of engaging with the child and to provide access to support that allows them to remain in a safe but secure familiar environment.

Following the report of a domestic abuse, vulnerable child or missing incident, by

9.00am on the next school/ college day the school's Key Adult will be informed of the child or young person's involvement. This knowledge, given to educational establishments through Operation Encompass, allows the provision of immediate early intervention through silent or overt support dependent upon the needs and wishes of the child/ young person.

The purpose and procedures in Operation Encompass have been shared with all parents and governors, is detailed as part of the school's Safeguarding Policy and published on our school website.