

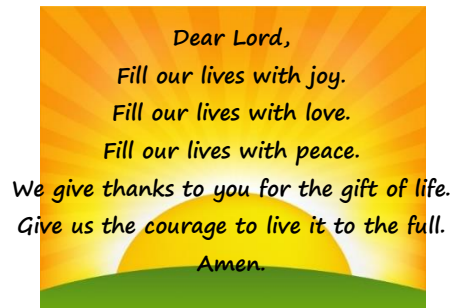


Our Vision...
Excellent teaching.

Our Vision...
Strong Catholic ethos.

Our Vision...
Exemplary behaviour and personal standards.

Our Vision...
Ensuring every child is known.



Our Vision...
At the heart of the community.

Our Vision...
High expectations of everyone.

Our Vision...
Excellent leadership at all levels.

Our Vision...
Keeping children safe in education.



Headteacher Message

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well.

It has been an unusual half term but we are ending on a positive note with lots of things happening which will support our students...

- The school has been allocated 100 laptops which will be of great benefit to our blended learning.
- We have acquired new picnic benches and seats for our outdoor areas.
- We will be implementing a couple of Pods to enhance our food provision (see picture below)...

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We will also be carrying out some resurfacing works in the school car park (please see notification below).

Thank you for all your support and we hope our school community has a restful week. We look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 2nd November.

Mrs Vile

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Notifications

- **Resurfacing Works**

During half term resurfacing works will take place on our access road, from the barrier to the entrance of Our Lady's Primary School.

If you need to access the school building/site over half term please use the carpark **exit** to both enter and exit.

Mr C Jones

- **Face Coverings**

We would like to remind parents that all students (except those confirmed as exempt) must come to school with a face mask. Our spare supply is rapidly diminishing so we would be grateful if students could supply their own as much as possible. Thank you.

- **Advance Notice: Flu Vaccinations (Year 7)**

The Children's nasal flu vaccination programme has been extended to include year 7 pupils from this year.

Vaccinations are scheduled to take place at Ellesmere Port Catholic High School on Thursday 12th November.

Mrs C Hughes

- **Recap from Public Health...**

Thank you to all our staff, pupils and parents and carers who have been following the safety measures we've put in place to help reduce the transmission of COVID-19.

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At the end of September, the Director of Public Health for Cheshire West and Chester Council introduced some additional measures for schools to follow to help reduce COVID-19 transmission rates in our community. We know that the virus is easily transmitted from person to person so it's important that everyone continues to play their part and follows these measures to help keep our community, friends, family and neighbours safe.

The measures include:

- All adults to wear a face covering when visiting or entering the school premises including outdoor playground areas.
- Parents/carers to arrive and leave promptly when dropping off/collecting their child – please do not congregate and maintain social distancing.
- In schools where it has been agreed that a parent/carer can enter the school premises for drop-off and pick-up, only one adult should enter.
- All staff to wear face coverings when they come out of the building onto the playground during drop-off and pick-up times.
- Young people to avoid congregating outside school and mixing with other schools and should go directly home.

As we're now in COVID alert level high you can no longer socialise indoors with anyone who doesn't live within your household. This means that outside of school, pupils from class or year group bubbles cannot mix indoors either.

The Council has received reports of some young people congregating in some communities after school has finished. It's important that we all play our part to turn this around. Please ensure that your child is aware of the measures set out and why it's so important that they follow them.

As west Cheshire has now moved into a high Covid alert level, both adults and pupils in year 7 and above are required to wear face coverings outside of classrooms when moving around communal areas where social distancing is difficult to maintain, such as in corridors.

- **Urgent Message: Public Health**

We are urging people to be vigilant after a batch of sweets, containing THC, a cannabinoid found in cannabis, were recently intercepted by officers in Blackburn as well as Cumbria.

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The confectionary items, disguised in 'Nerds Rope' packaging, contain the cannabis oil which could be 50 times stronger than a joint.

Lancashire Police officers recently intercepted the items at a post office in Blackburn, with officers in Cumbria finding a package due to be delivered in Windermere.

If you have any information about these sweets or have been offered them for sale, please come forward and call 101.



PC Emma Lougheed, of the Blackburn Neighbourhood Policing Team, said: “While there is no evidence at this stage to suggest these sweets are being sold in the wider community, we are asking parents to remain vigilant. These sweets will clearly look attractive to children and we want to take all precautions to ensure they don’t end up in the wrong hands. There have been reports in the national press of youngsters being hospitalised after taking similar looking sweets and that is obviously a situation we want to avoid.

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“If you have any information about this package or you or your child has been offered these sweets for sale, I would ask that you email BlackburnTC.NPT@lancashire.pnn.police.uk or call 101, quoting log 0379 of October 13th, 2020.”



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