



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Friday, 14 May 2021

The theme for next week is: Walking in Faith. John 4: 11 – 16

My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. (1 John 4:11)

God is love. No one has ever seen God, but we have seen Jesus. So, if we want to know what love looks like, we need to look at what Jesus did and what He said. We love in order to become more like our true selves as children of God. No one can see God, but they can see us. Our job is to be so loving that people look at us and see what God's love looks like.

**Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred let me bring your love
Where there is injury your pardon, Lord
And where there is doubt, true faith in you.
Amen**

USE OF THE 19 STEPS PATHWAY

Please understand that use of the pathway along the side of school, known as the '19 Steps' will be **strictly prohibited for all of our pupils, both before and after school, from Monday, 17 May 2021** until further notice. This means that all of the passes issued to pupils are cancelled as of Monday, without exception.

This action is necessary as a number of questionable characters have been seen using this pathway after school and their involvement in drug use is very clear. We cannot of course prevent 'outsiders' from using the pathway but none of our pupils will be allowed to. This action is necessary to protect our school community and I look for complete support from all of our parents and carers. I have notified the police and asked for their support.

ADVANCED NOTICE - YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY – MONDAY, 5 JULY 2021

Our next year's Year 7 pupils will be joining us for a day in school on Monday, 5 July 2021. As is our practice, **Year 8 and 9** pupils are to remain home on that day. This will enable us to release teachers to work with the Year 6 pupils.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT: FACE COVERINGS

We have received the following instructions from the Dedicated School Transport Team in Lancashire regarding the Department For Education requirements for face coverings. I pass it through to families without alteration:

As you will be aware, on 10 May 2021 the Department for Education updated its guidance to state that "From 17 May, in line with Step 3 of the roadmap, face coverings will no longer be recommended for pupils in classrooms or communal areas in all schools". However, the guidance continues to say that, "children and young people aged 11 and over **must still wear a face covering on public transport**. In accordance with advice from PHE, they **must also wear a face covering when travelling on dedicated transport to secondary school or college**. This does not apply to children and young people who are exempt from wearing face coverings".

We shall continue to expect that all of our pupils wear face coverings on our dedicated school transport for the entire journey both to and from school. Your support with these measures has been very strong indeed and will have been one of the reasons why instances of transmission of the virus have been so low at our school. Thank you.

ART SUCCESS

Congratulations to Ella Ashton 11A. Earlier this year Ella was asked by a local author Caroline Melody Blake to be the illustrator in her first children's book, Dogwood Lane. The book has now been published to include Ella's artwork. Well done, Ella!

HEAD-LICE

It has come to our attention that some pupils have been affected recently by cases of head-lice. Please could we ask that you check your child's hair thoroughly and treat accordingly. For advice on how to do this effectively and which treatments to use, it is worth having a look at the NHS website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

SCOUTING MOVEMENT

Please see the information we have been asked to share.

For over a hundred years, West Lancs Scouts has helped children and young people develop skills for life and supported them to develop as responsible and active members of their community. The last year has been incredibly challenging for us all, but particularly young people. We believe we can offer children a change for more green time and less screen time. By getting young people outdoors and taking part in hundreds of different activities we want to support a generation of young people with their mental health and wellbeing. We offer something for everybody, for young people aged from 5 ¾ to 18yrs as Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and eventually Explorer Scouts and it's not just for boys - more than a quarter of our youth membership is female. Scouting is affordable and we want every young person to have the chance to benefit from what we have on offer. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

APPRENTICESHIP VACANCY

Oncore Foodservice Solutions will be offering a vocational apprenticeship opportunity in Warehousing and Logistics (Level 2) in the coming months, and we are offering any interested Year 11 school leaver from OLCHS the opportunity to apply for the vacant position. Oncore Foodservice Solutions is a regional foodservice wholesaler based in Ribblesdale and we supply and deliver daily a range of Fresh Produce, Chilled Goods, Frozen Goods, Ambient Grocery and Non-Food products to the Leisure, Hospitality, Tourism, Education and Care Home sectors throughout the North West of England. Further details are available on the attached flyer and any pupil who is interested should email their CV to a.winkley@oncorefoodservice.co.uk.

RIVERS

What is in our rivers and oceans that we can't see? Untreated wastewater routinely released into UK rivers is creating microplastic hotspots on riverbeds. But what are micro plastics? Click here to find out more <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-57092135>

ELECTROMAGNETS

This week's practical from home is looking at electromagnets, an induced (temporary) magnet can be created using the method which is attached with this Newsletter. Why not have a competition at home to see who can pick up the most paper clips?

Dates to remember

Friday, 28 May – School closes for half-term at 3.30 pm

Monday, 7 June – School opens

Thursday, 24 June – New Parents' evening – 5.00 pm and 6.30 pm

Monday, 5 July – Year 6 transition day – Year 8 and 9 pupils remain at home

Friday, 16 July – School closes for summer at 12.45 pm

Thursday, 2 September – Year 7 and 11 pupils return to school

Friday, 3 September – all pupils return to school