



## HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

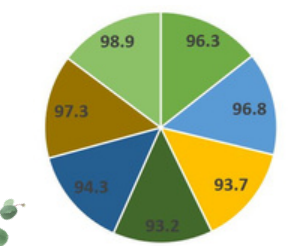
"May you never be too old to search the skies on Christmas Eve."

There is something very magical about working in a primary school at such a special time of year. We talked on Monday about our excitement for Christmas during assembly and also how we might at times feel overwhelmed. The children came up with fantastic strategies, which were shared, that we have implemented this week. We have all enjoyed a winter themed film within our classes and on Thursday our children enjoyed a lovely Christmas dinner followed by their Christmas party! On behalf of all of the staff, I would like to wish everyone a happy Christmas and New Year! We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 8th January 2024. Enjoy the break and this special time of year with your loved ones.

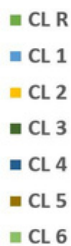
Mrs L. Wilson  
Headteacher

## ATTENDANCE STATS

Overall attendance this week for the whole school 95.8 %



CLASS ATTENDANCE %



NUMBER OF LATE PUPILS



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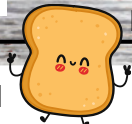
## SPOTLIGHT ON THE WONDER WEB

This academic year we have opened up our Wonder Web. Each half term, every class has visited to revisit and apply skills taught in D&T. Also, we have created those 'wow' moments with our scientific experiments too! The children have made a range of food including biscuits and soup and have made cans move using balloons as well as skewering balloons without them popping! Take a look at the pictures below to see the awe and wonder created around our curriculum through the Wonder Web!





## TOAST SPRING TERM



Parents of children in Years 1 - 6, please remember to order toast on Spider for next term before we return in January.

## KS2 MUSIC CONCERT

The Music Concert for KS2 takes place on **Thursday 18th January**. Please indicate your attendance on School Spider.



## EDUCATIONAL VISITS

A reminder to complete the consent form and make payment on Spider for the Y1 visit to Blackpool Zoo taking place in January and the Y5 visit to London in February.



## BIRTHDAY SHOUT OUT!

Happy birthday to the children who have been celebrating this week and a big 'THANK YOU' to:

Sophia S in Y3 for 'Little Leaders: Visionary Women Around the World' by Vashti Harrison

Lydia B in Y4 for 'Song of the Dolphin Boy' by Elizabeth Laird

Willow L-M in Y6 for 'Code Name Bananas' by David Walliams



## BEHAVIOUR FOCUS

This week I have really enjoyed seeing lots of children in school getting over and above letters for such fantastic behaviour. I have also been impressed by some great lining up at the end of dinner. I cannot wait to see everyone refreshed and ready for a new half term in January! Have a lovely Christmas.  
Miss Pass



## UPCOMING DIARY DATES

Monday 8th January 2024	School re-opens for Spring Term
Tuesday 10th	Y6 Residential Meeting for Parents 5.00 - 6.00pm
Friday 12th	South Ribble Fun Fitness Club 3.00 - 4.00pm
Friday 12th	Miss Macdonald 'Let's Go Sing' Lunchtime Club
Tuesday 16th	Y5 Mrs Esa's Debate Club 3.00 - 4.00pm
Thursday 18th	Y6 Miss Passerini's SATs Revision Club 3.00pm - 4.00pm
Thursday 18th	KS2 Music Concert 8.40am & 6.00pm



School Re-opens on  
**MONDAY 8TH JANUARY**





# NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY, 22ND DECEMBER, 2023



## Help and Support during the Festive Period

### Emergency Food Provision and Community Support

Chorley Community Helpline	<p>Several voluntary, charity and faith groups in Chorley have come together to launch the Chorley Community Helpline. This free phone helpline will allow individuals to access the emergency food support they require from a local group.</p> <p>Community Helpline number: 0800 368 8452</p>
Foodbank Living Waters store house (food bank)	<p>Food Parcel for individual or family Partner referrals only - no self-referrals</p> <p>07889 757045 / Email <a href="mailto:storehouse@lwchurch.co.uk">storehouse@lwchurch.co.uk</a> Open for referral and collection</p> <p>Last session for 2023 will be 12 noon on 22nd December. Will re-open on Friday 5th January 2024 at 10am as normal</p>
Chorley Help the Homeless	<p>The Gateway: Food bank and free hot lunchtime meal Monday to Friday, 10am-2pm At: Matrix House, Friday St, Chorley, PR6 0AA. Contact: 01257 220077 <a href="mailto:reception@chth.org.uk">reception@chth.org.uk</a> Website: <a href="http://www.chorleyhelpthehomeless.org">www.chorleyhelpthehomeless.org</a></p> <p>Christmas hours: Closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Open on Wed 27th, Thur 28th and Fri 29th Dec for food bank only. Back to regular hours on Tuesday 2nd January 2024.</p> <p>On email include your name, the number of adults and children in your household, your phone number.</p>
St Laurence's Emergency Food Parcels	<p><u>DECEMBER 2023</u> Emergency food bags, TBC Dedicated phone line - To request a food parcel, please call 07763 226275 between 9:00am and 12:00 noon and someone will be able to deal with your request. Calls made after 12:00 noon will be actioned the next day.</p>
St Laurence's Open Table	<p><u>DECEMBER 2023</u></p> <p>Taste Café, Open Table &amp; Warm Welcome Space <a href="https://en-gb.facebook.com/StLaurencesChorley/book">https://en-gb.facebook.com/StLaurencesChorley/book</a></p> <p>NOTE: Warm Welcome operates at the same hours as Taste Café below. It offers warm clothing, books, a place to sit and be warm, people on hand to chat with, free haircuts and a hot meal each day.</p> <p>Monday 18th December: Open Table - hot meal at 5pm Tuesday 19th - Friday 22nd December: Taste Café (pay what you can café) open for hot soup, homemade cakes and refreshments from 11am-2pm Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th December: Taste Café (pay what you can café) open for refreshments and cakes (no hot food available) Friday 29th December: Taste Café closed</p> <p>Big C - Cancer Support Café Wednesday 27th December From 130pm</p>
St Laurence's Church	<p><u>DECEMBER 2023</u> At Anon Tuesday 26th December (Boxing day) and 2nd January from 730 - 900pm Dates are in place of usual Monday meetings</p> <p>Church Services: Christmas Eve - Sunday 24TH December 3pm and 430pm - Family Crib Services 8pm - First Eucharist of Christmas 1130pm - Midnight Mass</p>





Christmas day meal:

**COMMUNITY  
CHRISTMAS  
LUNCH**

**Monday 25th December, 2023**  
**1-2pm or 2.30-3.30pm**  
*Free delivery service is also available 12.30-1.30pm*

 *To  
volunteer  
your  
time,  
scan here*  *To have a  
meal  
on the day,  
scan here,  
or call:  
01257 231380*

**St Laurence's Church, Union St, Chorley, PR7 1EB**

Chorley United Reform Church  
Open Kitchen  
Evening Hot Meal

Every Thursday throughout December 2023 and they start again in 2024 on the 4th January.  
Time: 5pm  
Chorley United Reformed Church  
Entry from Byron Street or Hollingshead Street  
For more details, contact: Andy Littlejohns on 07860 339596

Chorley Buddies

The last food club of 2023 is on Friday 22nd December at Clayton Brook Village Hall  
The first food club(s) of 2024 will be Tuesday 2nd January at St Pauls Church Adlington and at St Josephs Church on Harpers Lane Chorley respectively SVP Chorley Buddies will not be open in between Christmas and New Year. The helpline will still be open to advise people 01257 542367  
For any emergencies please contact 01257 542341  
Website: [www.svporguk](http://www.svporguk)





## Financial hardship - Debt and Benefits Advice

Citizens Advice	<p>All Citizens Advice Lancashire West offices will close at 12pm on Thursday 21st December 2023 and reopen Tuesday 2nd January 2024.</p> <p>CAB will be unable to respond to emails, professional referrals and Refernet referrals until after 3rd January 2024.</p> <p>Calls to CAB Adviceline (0808 278 7880) will be diverted into the national network during this time, where a limited telephone service will be available.</p> <p>Help to Claim (universal credit): 0800 144 8444</p> <p>They can offer a range of support services around debt and benefits, energy budgeting, consumer advice, employment, education, and health care advice. They also provide a Help to Claim service which supports people to claim Universal Credit, up to and including the first payment. <a href="https://citizensadvice.lancashirewest.org.uk/">https://citizensadvice.lancashirewest.org.uk/</a></p>
Christians against Poverty (CAP)	<p>CAP Debt Advice Drop in Wednesday 20th December 1-2pm CAP Head Office - call this number to access CAP debt support: 0800 328 0006</p> <div data-bbox="507 1034 1273 1402"> </div>

## Housing and Homelessness

Chorley Council Housing Solutions Team	If you need emergency help, please call the out of hours team on 01257 515142
Rough sleeping	If you are worried that someone might be sleeping rough and needs assistance with accessing housing support, then you can report a rough sleeper online using the street link online reporting system. Alternatively, you can contact us on 01257 515142





## Help with Social Isolation/Feeling Lonely

Friends for You	This local community group is run by volunteers and is providing telephone befriending support for Chorley residents who are lonely or isolated. We also visit now that the pandemic restrictions have been lifted.  Telephone: 07506 189128
Chorley Buddies	If you may be lonely, or you know someone who may be lonely, please let us know and we will endeavour to call and have a chat. There are two ways to refer for support on loneliness Email the details to <a href="mailto:chorleybuddies@svp.org.uk">chorleybuddies@svp.org.uk</a> (If you are referring someone else, you MUST have their permission to share their contact details)  Call Chorley Buddies helpline on 01257 542367 For any emergencies, please call 01257 542341
Chorley United Reform Church The Meeting Place	Open every Wednesday and Thursday throughout December 2023 and they start again on the 3rd and 4th January 2024 Times: 10am-2pm. Hot Lunch will be served at 12noon. We provide a warm welcome, a brew, a biscuit and a chat.
Community Helpline number	0800 368 8452 Choose the option for befriending support.

## Adult Mental Health – Struggling or in Crisis

Samaritans	Call 116 123 or email <a href="mailto:jo@samaritans.org">jo@samaritans.org</a> (response within 2 hours)
Mental Health Helpline	Call 0800 915 4640 The service is open 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. Also has Texting Service Text HELLO to 07860 022 846
Crisis Team	If you need urgent help as you are in mental distress, then please call the Crisis team's trained medical professionals who can provide assessment and referrals to appropriate services.  You can also call the Crisis team if you need access to services or advice about someone else who needs treatment or support. Telephone: 0800 953 0110

## Young Peoples – Mental Health Support

Inspire - Chorley Youth Zone	Open to public as usual apart from: 25th, 26th December 2023 and 1st, 2nd Jan 2024 Emergency contact via Instagram remains available for young people <a href="https://www.instagram.com/inspireyouthzone">@inspireyouthzone</a>
Kooth	Kooth provides a free, safe and anonymous online support platform for young people. Young people can chat to approved counsellors online, read articles written by young people or get support from talking to an online community. View more information on the Kooth website: <a href="https://www.kooth.com/">https://www.kooth.com/</a>
Papyrus	Papyrus provides confidential support and advice to young people struggling with thoughts of suicide, and anyone worried about a young person. View more information on the Papyrus website: <a href="https://www.papyrus-uk.org/">https://www.papyrus-uk.org/</a> Telephone: 0800 068 4141







## Domestic Abuse support

Lancashire Victim Services (LVS)	LVS offers advice, advocacy, and support to any victims over the age of 16 who are at high risk of significant harm. The service is free, independent, and confidential. They can provide emotional support and help with housing, benefits, and legal advice, help people to support any children that may be involved and provide information and take action to help people stay safe. View more information on the Lancashire Victim Services website: <a href="https://lancashirevictimservices.org/">https://lancashirevictimservices.org/</a> Telephone: 0300 323 0085
Lancashire County Council (LCC)	If you are concerned about the welfare of any children, you can contact LCC children's services: <a href="https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/keeping-children-safe/tell-us-if-you-are-worried-about-a-child/">https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/keeping-children-safe/tell-us-if-you-are-worried-about-a-child/</a> They can work with a parent to help them protect their children from harm. Some adults aged 18 and over due to age, disability, illness or lifestyle may not be able to protect themselves against domestic abuse. If you are concerned about the welfare of an adult, you can contact LCC adult social care service: <a href="https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/adult-social-care/safeguarding-adults/">https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/adult-social-care/safeguarding-adults/</a>

## Police Welfare Checks

Police	If you have concerns about anyone who may be at immediate risk to themselves or to others contact emergency services on 999. If there is a cause for concern and you do not think that the person is at immediate risk, you can request a welfare check on 101.
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