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St Mary's and St Benedict's RC Primary School

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Clean Air Crew

Well done to all the members of ECO club who represented our school well at the launch of the 'Clean Air Crew' on Friday last week. The children were greeted with a talk from the Mayor, they took part in an interactive quiz about environmental issues and they talked to lots of local businesses about their ECO initiatives. The children got the opportunity to see a range of electric vehicles too! A highlight of the day was the 'smoothie bike' where children had to pedal to generate energy to power the smoothie maker - they loved their smoothies! Well done on a successful trip ECO club!



Parent Communication - The new school website is up and running and we ask that parents and carers log on to create an account. Over the next few weeks we will start to communicate with you via the school website and by Friday 20th October we will no longer using the school app - PA Connect. There have been issues with the app that have now been rectified. All parent usernames are now your First name and surname. There are no spaces, no full stops and are all lower case.

Parents' Evening – This will be on Wednesday 18th October 3:30pm – 6:30pm. Bookings for Parents' Evening are made via the school website which went live on Monday 2nd October.

Data Collection/Medical Forms – Please return these to school as soon as possible, if you have not done so already. It is vital we have these forms to update student details for emergencies.

School Admissions 2024 - Lancashire County Council's school admissions for children starting primary school or moving to secondary school in September 2024 opened on Friday 1st September 2023.

If your child is in their last year of pre-school/nursery, or in Year 6, please apply for their school place at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application. You must apply even if you already have siblings in school.

The national closing dates for applications are:

- Tuesday 31 October 2023 for secondary applicants
- Monday 15 January 2024 for primary applicants.

Open Days – Our first Open Day for prospective parents will be on Tuesday 17th October 9:30 – 10:30am, 1:30 – 2:30pm and 3:30 – 5:30pm. If you are new to the school, please come along and view our wonderful school for yourself. We will be having another Open Day on Thursday 9th November.

Rosary – October is the month of the Rosary. In school we are exploring the prayers of the Rosary, the Hail Mary, Our Father and the Glory Be. Please support your child in learning these prayers. Thank you.



Healthy Lunchboxes - Please can we remind all parents that their child's lunchbox should contain foods from a variety of food groups and should only contain one treat (such as crisps or chocolate). Children are encouraged to vary this 'treat item' throughout the week. **The school is a NUT-FREE zone due to allergies.**

Playtime Snacks –Children in KS2 can bring a piece of fruit / vegetable to eat during mid- morning break. Sweets or chocolate are NOT allowed and children are not allowed to take snacks from their lunch box. Children should not be sent to school with snacks or foods that may contain nuts. A piece of fruit / vegetable is available for all Reception and KS1 pupils on a daily basis. Thank you for your co-operation.