



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Matt 21:33—43

The parable of the tenants in the vineyard. This tells us that the Kingdom of God is ours if we live accordingly. If we do not, then God will take it away and we will not receive eternal life in Heaven.

To inherit the Kingdom of God, we must live by the Word of God and his laws.



# Gold Awards

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| Reception | Harry Hodgson for being able to recognise numerals 1-20   |
| Year 1    | Natasha Harte for outstanding effort and trying her best all week   |
| Year 2    | Emilia Eastham for writing a fantastic story about Prince Cinders. What a star! ★                             |
| Year 3    | Oliver Watson for an excellent biography on Roald Dahl  |
| Year 4    | Holly Reid for being a model pupil. You always work hard and listen carefully. Well done! 😊 ★                 |
| Year 5    | Lexi Collier-Handyside for working hard this week, especially in Geography doing 6 figure grid references     |
| Year 6    | Kamila Mroczynska for always contributing well in class, including explaining all the rules of speech clearly |

Dear Parents

Following 25 years of teaching at Alston Lane Catholic Primary School, it is with mixed emotions that we will say au revoir to Mrs Rigby at Christmas as she retires from full time teaching.

Mrs Rigby has worked in many different guises over the years, from music specialist to, more recently, our humanities subject

leader and Year 5 Class Teacher. I know this has been a difficult decision for her but we wish her well at this exciting time and know that we will see her regularly when she returns to school on the occasions that we need an outstanding supply teacher!

We are currently recruiting for a new teacher to work in Year 5 from January and I will keep parents informed of our progress.

Parents of current and past pupils, former colleagues, family and friends will hopefully join us at Mass on Thursday 21st December to celebrate Mrs Rigby's retirement, followed by refreshments in school afterwards. I hope you can join us.



### Dates for the Diary - Autumn Term (Please watch for updates and additional dates)

|              |                                     |               |   |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|---|
| Fri 6 Oct:   | Harvest Assembly 2.45pm             | Wed 29 Nov:   | Y5 visit to Longridge High (half class) |
| Sun 8 Oct:   | 10.30 Mass of Inscription/Harvest   | Wed 29 Nov:   | Govs' Full Meeting 6.30pm               |
| Mon 16 Oct:  | School Open Day - all welcome       | Wed 6 Dec:    | Y5 visit to Longridge High (half class) |
| Mon 16 Oct:  | Govs' Curriculum meeting 6pm        | Thurs 7 Dec:  | Pantomime visit to Grand Theatre        |
| Tues 24 Oct: | Year 5 final swimming lesson        | Wed 13 Dec:   | Christmas Lunch                         |
| Fri 27 Oct:  | CLOSE for half term                 | Thurs 14 Dec: | Infant Nativity at 2pm and 6pm          |
| Tues 31 Oct: | Secondary school applications close | Mon 18 Dec:   | Infant Christmas party pm               |
| Tues 7 Nov:  | School Reopens                      | Mon 18 Dec:   | Junior Carol Concert 6pm                |
| Tues 7 Nov:  | Year 4 start swimming lessons       | Tues 19 Dec:  | Junior Christmas party pm               |
| Mon 13 Nov:  | Govs' Finance meeting 6pm           | Thurs 21 Dec: | 9am Mass ... CLOSE at 3.30pm            |


## Would you like to work at Alston Lane Catholic Primary School?

Beginning after the October half term holiday, we require a lunchtime welfare assistant to support the children in the hall and outside on the playground.


- 5 hours per week (12pm till 1pm)
- £8.45 per hour




Please call in for an application pack or download from the school website. Thank you.

 **Current and future weekly dinner menus can be found on the school website homepage.**

**Dinner Money**      Oct = £44.00      Nov = £39.60      Dec = £33.00



### School Mass Dates

|                                   |   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| Year 3 – 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct 9am |  | Year 4 – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov 9am                   |
| Year 6 – 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov 9am  |   | Year 3 – 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov 9am                   |
| Year 5 – 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov 9am |   | Whole School End of term – 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec 9am |

### **Pantomime Visit: Thursday 7th December**

**The school's pantomime visit this year is to see Amy's Amazing Time Travelling**



**Adventure at the Grand Theatre Clitheroe.**

This year we are asking for a parental contribution towards the cost of the Life Caravan and the pantomime visit together.

Parents are asked to pay a voluntary contribution of **£10** towards the cost of the visits. If you are unable to make this contribution, please contact the school. These visits are subsidised by the school fund. ***Please log into ParentPay to make this payment.***

### **APPLYING FOR SCHOOL PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2018**

Places in primary or secondary school for September 2018 must be applied for via Lancashire's online system at: [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

The closing date for applications for September 2018 are at 11.59 pm on:

**Secondary school applications—31 October 2017**

**Primary school applications—15 January 2018.**

**COME ALONG TO OUR  
OPEN DAY**

## **Monday 16th October - all day!**

This year, prospective parents and existing parents are welcome to drop in during the day for a tour of school and to find out more about the school. Please share this with friends and family so they put this date in their diaries. Thank you.

Thank you to everyone who sent in items for our Harvest collection.

If you still wish to donate, items may be brought in on Monday 9th Oct.

Today is also CAFOD Fast Day and collections will be taken up for this valuable Catholic charity at parishes throughout the country. Please give generously if you can to support people in poverty throughout the world.

## TOP TEN

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| Tinned fruit          | Coffee           |
| Tinned custard        | Sponge puddings  |
| Tinned meat/fish      | Men's toiletries |
| Long life fruit juice | Toilet rolls     |
| Long life milk        | Washing powder   |

## Other much needed items

|         |              |                   |
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| Sugar   | Pasta sauces | Tinned Tomatoes   |
| Soup    | Tea bags     | Shower gel        |
| Cereals | Instant Mash | Shampoo           |
| Rice    | Snack bars   | Deodorant         |
| Pasta   | Biscuits     | Washing up liquid |
| Jam     | Rice pudding | Nappies           |

### Longridge Cluster Schools Remembrance event 2018

Our school and Longridge cluster schools are in the early stages of a huge theatrical project that will coincide with the centenary of the end of the First World War - November 11th 2018.

This will take place at the Guild Hall in Preston. A key element involves all the children and local community knitting thousands of poppies! We need as much red and some black wool as we can obtain. Any shade of red will do! Thank you for your help.

Knitting patterns are available if you wish to join in. Please ask at the office.



# School Garden News



Mrs Rawlinson and the junior gardeners are doing excellent work, weeding and harvesting the raised beds and planters. Flag stones will soon be positioned to make access easier and then they will prepare for winter. **Donation request - the gardeners need old, brightly coloured wellies & spring bulbs so they can get planting. The wellies will be used to grow the bulbs, bringing spots of colour to the garden.**



Thank you to the team at Buildbase Longridge for donating flag stones for our school garden. These will be used to make paths across sections of the garden to reach the compost bins and raised planters.



Thank you to David Monks for donating sand to level and set the flag stones. It is much appreciated.

**Parking** Please may I remind all parents that you should not be parking on the road around the school building. All cars should use the main car park, spaces next to the Caton Room or spaces on Canon Doyle's yard. The safety of the children is being compromised by inappropriate parking on the road and behind the school. Please park responsibly and collect all children from the playground.  
Thank you

