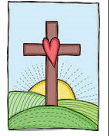




#### 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Matthew 18: 15-20

Jesus reminds his followers that when two, three or more people meet together in his name, he shall be there with them.



This is particularly poignant, at present, as many families have not yet returned to Sunday Mass. We can still be in the presence of God, as a family at home by praying together.

## School Updates

The first three days back in school have been very successful thanks to our fantastic children, parents and staff. The children, specifically, seem very happy to be back with their friends.

Thank you to parents for following our guidance on entry and exit times. Despite a few delays on the first day, the systems in place have become much smoother and quicker, whilst still ensuring effective distancing between year groups, in and around school.

I know that it is difficult to always arrive at the specified time, and I commend you all for trying so hard with this. I hope the staggered times are not impacting on your own journeys to work or elsewhere too much.

Please take some time to read through the following sections of the newsletter so you are all informed.  
Thank you

Mark FitzGibbon

## School Dinners

It is very important to return your child's three week menu choices to Mrs Durnell, in the office, as soon as possible. Your child will not be served their preferred meals otherwise.

Please email to: [v.durnell@alstonlane.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:v.durnell@alstonlane.lancs.sch.uk)

School dinners must be paid for, via your ParentPay account, in advance. We recommend paying for the whole half-term if possible. We are avoiding the handling of cash and the necessity to take money and cheques to the bank.

Thank you.

Half Term	School Dinners - all week	School Dinners - Friday only
Autumn 1	£87.40	£18.40
Autumn 2	£78.20	£16.10

Please note that dinners missed through absence will be re-credited within your ParentPay account.

## Snack at First Playtime (for children in Year 1 to Year 6)

We have continued to provide one piece of toast per day at morning playtime, for children who have paid in advance for this. If you would like your child to receive daily toast until October half term, please pay for this on ParentPay. The cost for 38 days is £7.60. Once again, we are avoiding the necessity to handle cash. We are checking for payments on a daily basis at the moment, so children are not missed off. However, from next week, checking will be weekly on a Monday morning.

## Gold Awards, Super Citizens & Merit Awards

There will be no whole school assemblies for the foreseeable future. Instead, our weekly awards will be given out in the classroom each Friday afternoon. The children receiving the awards and the reasons for them, will be shared on the school newsletter.

At this time, please do not allow children to bring in certificates or other achievements gained outside school. We are only allowing basic school items to be brought each day. Thank you for your understanding.

## Meet the Teacher & Open Day Arrangements

Every September, we hold a meeting for parents to share class specific arrangements for the year ahead. It is also an excellent opportunity to meet the teacher and ask any questions. This year, we will not be able to hold face-to-face meetings in the classroom. Instead, we will be holding online meetings via Zoom.

These will be scheduled to begin at 6pm (except for Nursery) on the specified day and last for approximately 30 minutes. They will be a quick but comprehensive summary of the important things you need to know to support your child this year. Information will include: reading books, homework, communication, the curriculum, classroom rules and reward systems. There will be limited time for questions however! We will try to manage these through the 'chat' function of Zoom, supported by another member of staff as co-host.

We hope you will all be able to join these meetings ... and there is no requirement to appear on screen! Video streaming can be turned off by participants.

The Zoom meeting link and joining details will be sent in advance via email and Xpressions message.

### Meet the Teacher Dates:

Nursery	Miss Rushton	Wednesday 9th Sept - 7pm
Reception	Miss Lonsdale	Tuesday 15th Sept - 6pm
Year 1	Miss Johnson	Monday 14th Sept - 6pm
Year 2	Mrs Woodrow	Wednesday 16th Sept - 6pm
Year 3	Mrs Bell	Thursday 10th Sept - 6pm
Year 4	Miss Kerrigan	Thursday 17th Sept - 6pm
Year 5	Mrs Watkins	Tuesday 22nd Sept - 6pm
Year 6	Mr Parker	Monday 21st Sept - 6pm

Please see page 3 of the newsletter for teacher email addresses.



At present, there are no plans to hold an Open Day, in the usual format, where parents receive a tour of school during the school day.

We are currently putting together a plan that will allow prospective parents to receive a tour, in a socially distanced, responsible manner. Further details will follow. Thank you.

## School Uniform and PE

The children have come back looking extremely smart as usual.

I know that some families have struggled to get appointments for school shoes, so please do not worry about sending children in trainers until you are accommodated.

PE will be outside unless the weather is too bad to go out. Trainers will therefore be better than pumps if this is possible.

Ear-rings should not be worn in school. Plastic spacers are permitted if holes are new, until healed.

Please ensure all coats, shoes and items of uniform are labelled clearly with your child's name.

## Extra Curricular After School Clubs

We pride ourselves on offering a wide range of after school clubs throughout the year. However, these are currently suspended until further notice.

## Communication to and from School

There are a wealth of ways to stay informed about school and your child's education. To keep fully up-to-date, you should ensure access to all the following information streams:

- The school Website [www.alston.lancsngfl.ac.uk](http://www.alston.lancsngfl.ac.uk) (look out for our new site coming soon)
- Facebook Search for 'Alston Lane Catholic Primary School and Nursery'
- Emails from school Provide your email to stay in the loop
- Xpressions This is our messaging App, downloadable for Apple and Google devices. Search for 'Groupcall Xpressions'.
- Email the office [bursar@alstonlane.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@alstonlane.lancs.sch.uk)
- Email the Headteacher [head@alstonlane.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@alstonlane.lancs.sch.uk)
- Email the class teacher

Please note the change of email for Mrs Bell.

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	Mrs Ormerod	<a href="mailto:a.ormerod@alstonlane.lancs.sch.uk">a.ormerod@alstonlane.lancs.sch.uk</a>
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Year 4	Miss Kerrigan	<a href="mailto:a.kerrigan@alstonlane.lancs.sch.uk">a.kerrigan@alstonlane.lancs.sch.uk</a>
Year 5	Mrs Watkins	<a href="mailto:g.watkins@alstonlane.lancs.sch.uk">g.watkins@alstonlane.lancs.sch.uk</a>
Year 6	Mr Parker	<a href="mailto:m.parker@alstonlane.lancs.sch.uk">m.parker@alstonlane.lancs.sch.uk</a>