

Dates for your Diaries!

- 6th March:** Ash Wednesday Mass in church 10.00am
- 7th March:** World Book Day-dressing up!
- 10th March:** Family Mass-band playing alongside Folk Group
- 11th March:** Science Week begins
- 13th March:** Year 2 on cluster schools trip
Feeding 5000 day
- 14th March:** PTFA meeting 3.30pm in school
- 15th March:** Longridge High Taster Day Year 5
- 20th March:** Year 5 and 6 at Manchester Science Museum
- 22nd March:** Year 1 and 2 at Cobble Hey
- 26th March:** Safety Town: Year 6 at Longridge High
- 27th March:** Year 5 at Cobble Hey
- 4th April:** STEM day at Longridge High. Year 3 and 4. Pick up at school for 8.40am

KS2 SATs Week begins

- 13th May:** English Paper 1: SPaG Test
Paper 2: Spelling Test
- 14th May:** English Reading
- 15th May:** Mathematics Paper 1 and 2
- 16th May:** Mathematics Paper 3

Pobble



We are thrilled to have been donated with a fabulous new worldwide, online resource called **Pobble**.

Pobble is an educational platform, designed by and for teachers to help improve children's writing. You will be aware that we believe in exciting writing methods for our children and undertake writing in a multimodal way: shape books, pop-up books and all things creative. We will be publishing your child's work online (with your consent) and you will be able to see your child's work under our school name. Every week, your child's teacher will select "**published authors**". They will be celebrated in Golden Assembly and wear a 'published author' lanyard all week.

Their work will be published on Pobble and shared with the school community and with a **global audience**. Pobble improves engagement and attainment.

We **MUST** have your consent for this. Please can you send in your reply slips as soon as possible. If you require another letter, please call in at the school office or phone school. We can't wait to get publishing!

Staffing

Mr Gilmour is in constant contact and is recovering well. He will be returning to school later on this half term. Mrs Silvester continues to be an inspiration in the classroom until Mr Gilmour returns and she will remain with us until the end of this half term.

Mr McGill, who is a qualified teacher, continues to work alongside Mrs Tyrer in Reception Class. Mrs Kerr remains absent and we send her our love and best wishes. Mr McGill will remain in Reception Class as class teacher until Mrs Kerr returns.



We love our new amphitheatre and outdoor pod. The willow dome area has been completely restored and we have created some exciting new areas around school. Thank you parents, families and friends who made the amphitheatre possible though our PTFA.

School Communication...a reminder that you can keep informed by:

- Class topic maps sent home every half term and class letters
- School APP that will sync with your calendar and you will get notifications with messages to remind you of dates and to take you directly to latest school information. Just visit '**ourschoolsapp**' on Google Play or App Store and type in our postcode: PR3 2FJ
- Text message service
- Newsletters
- Weekly Learning Logs to inform you of your child's weekly learning
- Parent meetings and reports
- Open evenings and afternoons and family mass refreshments in school (always an open door to walk round and visit classrooms!)
- Class pages on our website
- Curriculum information, newsletters and much more on our school website
- Headteacher's blog
- Facebook/ Twitter
- Calling the school office at any time-no problem is ever too small!
- The outdoor screen on the playground
- Making an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher at any time during the year
- Popping into the school office at any time at all for advice or clarification

Please note: We have gone paperless for environmental reasons. Should any of you require a paper version of any newsletters, please ask at the school office.

Newsletters will be emailed to you.



Family Mass: Sunday 10th March

From now on, our band children will be learning a couple of pieces to play along with the folk group in church on Family Mass days. Why not join us if you play an instrument? We would love to see you there!



Pre-School Canopy

Have a look at our new Pre-School canopy area. Preston and Longridge Rotary Club have overwhelmed us with their generosity and the canopy area has transformed the outdoor area into an 'indoor/outdoor' environment with panoramic views for our little ones. You will be able to see pictures on our website under 'Pre-School'. Thank you Rotary Club!

School Safety Week

Thank you to all of the visitors who came to speak to the children about keeping safe. Our children learned about water safety, fire safety, online safety, how to be 'mini-medics', nursing and the police force. The children loved sitting in the police car and listening to the sirens! It was wonderful to see so many parents attend the parent workshop after school. If you require any further online safety support, please do not hesitate in contacting school. Please always observe your child's media and online activity. You will be aware that there are some very worrying things going around online at the moment that have crept into YouTube videos for children. Please always remain vigilant and monitor your child's activity. Talk to them about keeping themselves safe and what to do if they are worried about something they have seen-always tell an adult!

