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"Make Each Day Count"

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Dear Parent

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE

As you are all aware we had to send the children home last Thursday due to a major boiler issue and we would firstly like to thank the vast majority of parents for their swift response to the emergency. However it did flag up a couple of concerns regarding telephone numbers and in particular first named contacts. Although 90% of children were collected within an hour there were some parents, mostly working parents, who were not able to access their phone until they had a break, which meant these children were not collected promptly. It is absolutely **VITAL** that if you put yourself down as the first contact you are able to access your phone at all times. Fortunately, although an emergency, there was no danger to children or staff but did mean that staff had to stay behind to look after the children who were left with no heating or food facilities, and in one case a child was left until 3.15pm as we couldn't contact anybody, this is completely unacceptable as you will understand. If any contacts need updating or rearranging of contact order please see Mrs Ghiwala. Thank you.

SCHOOL DIRECT TEACHER INFORMATION EVENT

Are you a graduate who would like to train to be an outstanding teacher? Then come along and find out about our 'School Direct' teacher training PGCE programme. It is a fantastic opportunity to receive 'on the job' training which will be delivered by our Specialist Leaders of Education across the authority and the University of Cumbria. The event will be held at Wensley Fold CE Primary Academy next Monday 29 January from 2.00pm – 6.00pm. More information about School Direct can be found on the school's website www.wensleyfold.co.uk. To attend the event, please email m.hutchison@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk. Thank you.



PARENTS WORKSHOP – INSPIRE MATHS

Are you interested in learning how we teach your child Maths in school?

We are running a 6 week Maths workshop in school on Monday mornings, 9am-11am, starting from next Monday 29 January. If you are interested, see Mrs Ghiwala. Please note we will require a minimum of 8 parents for each workshop, for them to take place. Thank you.

ENGLISH CLASSES

We are running ESOL classes in school on Monday afternoons from 1.00pm-3.00pm where you can learn English, improve your speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. However we do require a minimum of 6 parents for them to take place. Please inform Mrs Ghiwala if you are interested.

LITERACY COURSE

This will continue to run on Tuesday mornings.

SING TOGETHER

The outreach team from the Sing Together project will be coming into school this Wednesday morning to practice songs for the concert that is taking place in March. Tickets are now on sale and are priced at £6 per adult and £1.50 per child. They can be bought at King Georges Hall or on their website www.kinggeorghall.com. Please note the children's concert date is 5 March 2018.

RECEPTION - 'STAY & EXPLORE'

We are replacing the Parents Evening in March for Reception classes, with 'Stay and Explore' sessions. Each week 5 children in each class will have their parents invited into school to discuss their child's progress, looking at their journey folder and to discuss their next steps. It will give parents an opportunity to show what their children enjoy doing in Reception. The first sessions will start from this Thursday 25 January. Parents have been notified. If parents cannot attend, please notify the class teachers in advance. Thank you.

SWIMMING – YEAR 4

Please note all children in Year 4 will start swimming after the half-term. Please ensure children have swimwear, a towel and a swimming cap.



CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY WINTER CHALLENGES

If any children have completed these challenges for Children's University over the holidays please make sure you hand all the evidence in to the office along with their passport so they can collect their hours. You have until the end of next week to do this.



FEBRUARY HALF-TERM ACTIVITIES

Letters have been sent out today regarding activities over half term. Please note places are limited and are offered on a first come first serve basis. Please return the slip and money if your child would like to attend. Please make sure any money is in an envelope otherwise it will not be accepted at the office. If you have any questions please contact Sara Burton on 07805929965.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY TRIP

Letters will be sent out later this week or early next week about a Children's University trip to the Chill Factor. This is only initially open to Years 5 and 6 due to very limited numbers. Years 3 and 4 will have an opportunity possibly next year if this trip is filled. A text will be sent out from school when these letters go out. Places will be offered on a first come first serve basis. If a number of children hand them in on the same day selection will be done out of a hat.

WELL-BEING CO-ORDINATOR – DROP IN SESSIONS

Mrs Tasneem Abdul is our well-being coordinator and holds a drop in session every Tuesday afternoon from 2.00pm – 3.00pm. Her role is to support pupils and their families through challenging times and to ensure they receive all the practical and emotional support they may require. Parents can attend the sessions for any issues, worries or concerns they may have or even help with filling out forms. She may not always have the answers but a large part of her work involves working with other agencies to ensure that our parents receive the best support possible.

PARK AND STRIDE

We will be continuing with our Park and Stride on Friday mornings from 8.25am – 8.35am at Sacred Heart Church car park entrance on Preston New Road.

STORY TIME & RHYME TIME

Reception parents are invited to attend Story time with their children on Wednesday afternoons at 2.45pm and rhyme time with their children on Friday afternoons at 2.45pm.



100 BOOKS READING CHALLENGE

If you would like to sign up for the 100 books reading challenge, registration forms are available from Mr Desai in the school library from Tuesday to Friday. Please note the library is open to specific year groups on certain days from 3.15pm-3.30pm



Tuesday	–	Reception classes
Wednesday	–	Year 1 classes
Thursday	–	Year 2 classes
Friday	–	Reception – Year 6

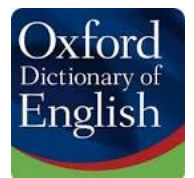
The library is also open to Years 3 - 6 during Golden Time (Friday 11.30pm – 12.45pm).

DICTIONARIES

As discussed at Meet the Teacher meetings last week, dictionaries are available to buy from school, age appropriate:

Key Stage One (Years 1 & 2)	£5
Key Stage Two (Years 3-6)	£6

We encourage all children to have access to a dictionary for use when completing spelling and vocabulary work.

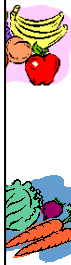


WENSLEY FOLD CE PRIMARY ACADEMY – DINNER MENU 24 Jan 18 – 30 Jan 18

Wednesday

Homemade
Cottage Pie
With
Garden Peas

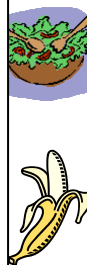
Salad from the Cart



Thursday

Homemade
Lamb Bolognese
With
Pasta & Sweetcorn

Salad from the Cart



Friday

Homemade
Chicken Daal
With
Naan Bread

Salad from the Cart



Monday

Breaded Haddock
With
Mash & Beans
Salad from the Cart

Tuesday

Homemade
Lamb & Potato Hotpot
With
Carrots

Salad from the Cart

Healthy Grab 5 Meal

Sandwich Baps with Assorted
Vegetarian Fillings
A Selection of Fresh Fruit,
Yoghurt & Dried Fruit
Cheese & Biscuits
Breadsticks
Homemade Muffins or Cookies
Water, Milk or Fresh Fruit Juice

Tickets can be purchased daily (except Mon)
for those children who are not on school
meal

Also Available Daily

Baked Potatoes with Assorted Fillings
Bread & Butter
A Selection of Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt
Cheese & Biscuits

Water, Milk or Fresh Fruit Juice