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"Make Each Day Count"

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Dear Parent

PARENTPAY & ONLINE LUNCH ORDERING

Please can we remind parents that they have until **TONIGHT** at midnight to order their child's lunches for next week. We still had 44 children who didn't receive their first choice this week as parents forgot to book.

SCHOOL LUNCH PATTERN CHANGE

We informed parents that the current lunch pattern their child was on would not be able to be changed until February half term, however we did compromise by allowing children to have a school lunch on occasional days of the week and packed lunches the rest of the week. However, due to a small number of parents booking lunches when they're not supposed to and the admin time taken up by cancelling those lunches it has been decided that we have no choice but to give parents the choice of EITHER packed lunches or school dinners, which is what most schools do. This will take effect from when we come back after the Christmas holiday. A letter will be in your child's school bag today for you to make your choice. This will remain in place until the February half term when parents can make a change, this is also the time that a new main meal option will be added. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

RECEPTION PARENTS

Please can we ask parents of children in Reception to keep away from the doors when collecting their children after school, it can cause confusion when the area is congested with parents. Can we also ask that, if you wish to speak to a member of staff then please wait until all children have been collected before approaching the member of staff. This is to ensure the safety of all the children especially with the dark nights approaching. We would very much appreciate your cooperation with this matter.

WINTER BOOTS

Please can we remind parents that children are not allowed to wear boots in school. They may wear them outside but must change into their school shoes or pumps to wear inside of school. Thank you.

YEAR 5 BIRCHFIELD HOME VISIT

As part of their topic on literacy, Year 5 will be interviewing residents at Birchfield Nursing Home about how their life was when they were growing up. Year 5L will visit the residents tomorrow afternoon and Year 5D will go on Thursday afternoon.

RECEPTION – YEAR 5 FLU VACCINATIONS

If you gave consent for your child to have the nasal flu vaccination on Monday 29 October and your child was absent on the day, the vaccination team will be coming into school on Friday 23 November.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone who helped to raise an amazing £663.68 last Friday for disadvantaged children throughout the UK, a fantastic achievement by all of you!



FORTHCOMING CHRISTMAS EVENTS – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please find below an itinerary of events taking place in the run up to Christmas.

Friday 30 November	Non-uniform day – contributions to fund raiser Children come to school dressed in anything <u>Christmassy or red and green clothing/ Christmas jumper.</u>
Thursday 13 December	Christmas Lunch
Monday 17 December	Reception Nativity and Year 2 Performance 2.00pm* - Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 18 December	Reception Nativity and Year 2 Performance 9.30am
Tuesday 18 December	Years 3 & 4 Performance 2.00pm* - Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 19 December	Years 3 & 4 Performance 9.30am
Wednesday 19 December	Pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty' at King Georges Hall**
Friday 21 December	Carol Service at St Silas Church 10.30am ***
Friday 21 December	Break Up 1.30pm

* **Christmas Fayre**

** **Please note children will not arrive back in school until approximately 4.00pm**

*** **All parents welcome**

PARENTS EVENING

Our parent's evening for all children this term is on **Thursday 29 November**. Parents can book their appointments online by logging onto <https://wensleyfoldce.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>. Thank you.

OWLS VISIT TO RECEPTION CLASSES

As part of their learning about autumn and reading the story of owl babies, we have organised for a company to bring a family of owls into the Reception classrooms this Thursday 22 November. This visit will be paid for from the Reception fund.

PANTOMIME – SLEEPING BEAUTY

Once again this year we have arranged for all the children to visit King Georges Hall to watch a production of 'Sleeping Beauty' at a greatly reduced price of just £8.50 (the normal price would be £16) on Wednesday 19 December at 1.15pm. The visit is for all children from Reception to Year 6.



Please make the payment by Friday 7 December. Thank you.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2019

If your child's 5th birthday is between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 you need to make arrangements **NOW** for admission in September 2019. You must now apply using the online application at www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions. The closing date for the applications is **15 January 2019**.

OPEN EVENING

Due to the increasing numbers of parents wanting information about the school with a view to starting in Reception class, we have taken the decision to hold an open evening this Wednesday 21 November from 6.00pm – 7.00pm. Any new prospective parent will be very warmly welcomed.

DODGEBALL COMPETITION – YEARS 5 & 6

There will be a dodgeball competition for Years 5 & 6 at St Bedes on Thursday 29 November. Children selected have received further details.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY INDUCTION ACTIVITY

For those who have signed up please remember this is taking place this Saturday. If you have any questions please ring Sara Burton on 07805929965.



LANTERN WORKSHOPS AT THE BUREAU

Come along to a lantern making session and work with a professional lantern artist from The Blackburn Festival of Light team to create a beautiful paper and willow lantern for the Blackburn Festival of Light Lantern Parade on Saturday 15 December. This is a messy gluey activity, so please wear suitable clothing. Children must be accompanied by an adult. This is a free activity, but a donation of £3 is suggested to help cover the cost of materials.

This activity is taking place at The Bureau Centre for the Arts, BB1 6DW. Drop in anytime from 11am-4pm, on the following days: -

- Sunday 25 November
- Sunday 2 December

- Sunday 9 December

If you do attend please make sure you pick up a Children's University slip so your child can collect a stamp in their Children's University passport. Please then bring the slip along with their passport to school.

THURSDAY 29 NOVEMBER – NO SCHOOL CLUBS

Please note that there will be no after school clubs **NEXT** Thursday due to parents evening. A reminder will be put in the newsletter next week.

CREDIT UNION

This is a non-profit organisation controlled by its own members and offers great rates of interest and low cost loans. A member of Credit Union is in school every Friday morning from 8.30am – 8.50am for anyone who wants to open an account and of course for existing members. Application forms are available to collect from the main office.

ESOL 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.

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. Please register with Mrs Ghiwala in the school office by Thursday afternoon. Thank you.

DICTIONARIES

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.



STORY TIME & RHYME TIME

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

