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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 just before midnight **TONIGHT** to order their child's lunches for next week. We still had 20 children who didn't receive their first choice this week as parents forgot to book. Please note from the New Year, if a parent has not booked their child lunches for the following week, they will have to provide them with a packed lunch. Many thanks for your cooperation.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

The school kitchen has very kindly offered to cook a Christmas lunch for all children on Thursday 13 December. A traditional lunch will be served (all halal). We would very much like every child to participate regardless as to whether children normally have sandwiches. If your child is normally on packed lunches a Christmas dinner can be ordered by logging onto ParentPay and clicking on other payment items. This has to be ordered by **TONIGHT**.

Please note there will be no Grab 5's or jacket potatoes available on the day and a dessert will already be included in the Christmas Lunch so please don't choose a dessert on that day. Thank you.

MEAL CHANGE

Just to let parents know that on Thursday 13 December, the main choice will be will be roast chicken and on Thursday 20 December the main choice will be meat & potato pie. Unfortunately the menu can't be changed on ParentPay. Sorry for any inconvenience.

DONATIONS TO CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Thank you very much to all those parents who have sent in contributions for our fund raising event which will be held after the Christmas performances, it is greatly appreciated. It is still not too late to keep sending things in, the more we have the more money we will raise, so please if you have not sent anything in dig deep through your

drawers and cupboards. **A special request for tinned food, unused toiletries, gift sets, good quality (clean) toys and chocolate.** Thank you.

CHRISTMAS PLAYS & CONCERTS

We look forward to welcoming family and friends to the children's Christmas productions which will be taking place week commencing 17 December. The days and times can be found below.

Monday 17 December	Year 2 & Reception Nativity at 2.00pm
Tuesday 18 December	Year 2 & Reception Nativity at 9.30am
Tuesday 18 December	Year 3 & 4 Play at 2.00pm
Wednesday 19 December	Year 3 & 4 Play at 9.30am

Please can we stress that for Health & Safety reasons admission will be by **ticket only which are available from the main office at a cost of £1.50.** Can we also remind everyone to be prompt and in their seats 10 minutes before the start of the performance - latecomers **WILL NOT** be admitted. Parents with younger children are encouraged to attend the morning performances and all prams must be left in the front entrance of the space building. Thank you.

ORACY WORKSHOP – YEAR 1H AND RECEPTION

All Year 1H children and selected children in Reception will be travelling down to Witton CLC with Mr Simpson, our drama specialist, this Thursday, to showcase to teachers from other schools what they have been learning in drama, poetry and oracy skills with Mr Simpson. Transport has been provided free of charge to parents. Reception children will be going down in the morning and Year 1 in the afternoon. Please can all parents who have been approached ensure that they have signed to give permission to travel in the minibus. Thank you.

DT – YEARS 1-6

All children in Years 1 - 3 and Years 5 - 6 will be designing, making and evaluating a number of different products as part of their DT, this week or next week. As previously we are requesting a donation of £1 towards the cost of materials – **please pay your child's class teacher.** Thank you.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday 20 December will be our Christmas party day and **non-uniform day** where children will have the opportunity to dress up in their favourite party/Eid clothes.

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 this 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**.

DODGEBALL COMPETITION – YEARS 3 & 4

There will be a dodgeball competition for Years 3 & 4 at Witton Park High School this Thursday 6 December. Children selected have received further details.

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 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.

FATHER FROST – BY THE STORY TELLER EMILY HENNESSEY

This performance is happening on Saturday 8 December at the Bureau in Town. The performance starts at 2pm. Tickets are from £6.

Join performance storyteller, Emily Hennessey, for a wild and wonderful Winter's journey through a world of Old Peter's Russian Tales, collected by Arthur Ransome. Suitable for old and young alike but the recommended minimum age is 8+. Emily's storytelling style is said to be warm, captivating, bold and witty, delighting audiences of all ages. There is also a pre-show arts workshop from 12.30pm which costs £3 per person. To buy tickets visit <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/530934> or call Kerris on 07845 964802 to reserve.

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LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL CLUBS

Please note that this week is the last week of school clubs. They will all finish THIS Friday 7 December.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORTS

If your child is a member of Children's University and they have taken part in clubs this term please hand their passport in to the school office. Failure to do so will mean their passport will not be stamped for clubs this term. All passports WILL be given back before the end of term. Please ensure your child brings this home. Please make sure your child's passport is handed in by Friday.



GET ACTIVE: DANCE FITNESS AND GYMNASTICS PERFORMANCE

The children in Years 1 and 2 who attend the lunchtime Get Active: Dance Fitness club and the gymnastics club on a Friday will be performing in assembly THIS Friday 7 December at 1.45pm. Family and friends are welcome to come and watch this to see what they have been learning. Please make sure you are there for a 1.45pm start.

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 AND CHATTY HANDS

Please note there will be no Story Time, Rhyme Time and Chatty Hands from next until after the Christmas holidays.

