



# Wensley Fold CE Primary Academy

"Make Each Day Count"

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Dear Parent

## **HALF TERM HOLIDAY**

School will close this Friday 15 February at 3.10pm for the half term break and re-open on Monday 25 February 2019. Clubs will run as normal on Friday.

## **PARENTPAY & ONLINE LUNCH ORDERING**

Please can we remind parents that they have just before midnight **TONIGHT** to order their child's lunches for when we come back from half term. Please note, if you have not booked your child's lunches for the **week commencing 25 February**, you will have to provide them with a packed lunch. As it is a holiday the system will allow you to book after tonight, however if you attempt to do this your meal choice will not be included as the reports will be printed off first thing tomorrow. Many thanks for your cooperation.

## **BOOKED LUNCHES – PLEASE CHECK**

Please ensure once you have booked your child's lunches that you check to make sure the booking has been confirmed.

## **SAMSUNG GALAXY RAFFLE**

We have very kindly been donated a Samsung Galaxy 32GB tablet and we would normally have kept this for the Christmas raffle, however we are looking to replace the iPads in Years 1 & 2, which are now too old to update, and we thought that a raffle to raise some funds for this purpose would be more useful as our budget is very tight! The tickets will be on sale from the main office and will cost £5 each or 3 for £10. Thank you.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM – SOCKS**

Please can we ensure that as part of their school uniform, all children wear only PLAIN black, grey or white socks. Thank you.

## **'FORTNITE' GAME**

We have had issues in school with online bullying and inappropriate language being used on this game. Please can we remind parents the age recommendation for this game is 12 years old and if you do consent to your child playing this game, please monitor the 'chat' element very carefully. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **CHARITY CAKE SALE – UNICEF SYRIAN APPEAL**

We are holding a fundraising event this Thursday 14 February to raise money for our school nominated charity, Nightsafe. Cakes will be sold after school in the school hall, prices starting from £1, these will be perfect gifts for Valentine's Day. There will also be a raffle to win a special cake. Please can parents support this event by donating any cakes by this Thursday morning. Raffle tickets are now available to buy from the school office, £1 a ticket or £5 for 10 tickets. Thank you.



## **MID TERM EFFORT AWARDS**

This Thursday 14 February we will be holding our midterm effort awards assembly in Literacy, Numeracy and Science. Parents of children nominated have received an invitation to the assembly. If you are invited please do not inform your child. Thank you.

## **PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT MEETING**

We are looking for a group of parents to help us plan ways in which we can provide opportunities to get more involved with school life, i.e. learn about how we teach your children, ways to communicate more effectively with families and how to work more closely in partnership. If you would like to come along to an initial meeting on Friday 15 February at 2.30 pm, please direct message us on our Facebook page or call in and let the office know. All welcome (tea and biscuits provided! **Each attendee will receive a free ticket to our Samsung Galaxy Tablet raffle.**

## **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER**

The annual visit by the school photographer will be on Friday 1 March. Individual and family group photographs will be taken of all children unless we are notified otherwise. Unfortunately we are unable to take photographs of any children who do not attend Wensley Fold. Thank you.

## **BOOK PEOPLE BUS**

As part of celebrating World Book Day, we have arranged for a 'Book Bus' to come into school on Thursday 28 February. The 'Book Bus' is run by the Book People where you can save up to 75% off RRP on books. All children will be able to go on the bus with their class if they have brought money into school. Alternatively parents can also accompany their children to purchase books on the bus before school from 8am and after school until 4pm. A leaflet detailing the books available to buy has been sent home with your child today.

## **WORLD BOOK DAY**

This year World Book Day is on Thursday 7 March and in line with this year's theme 'Share a book from Breakfast to Bedtime', all children can come to school dressed in their pyjamas.

## **WORLD BOOK DAY READING CHALLENGE**

As the theme for World Book Day this year is 'Share a Story', we are setting a half term reading challenge! – sharing stories with loved ones from breakfast to bedtime – anywhere anytime! Take a picture of your child sharing a story with anyone anywhere, then email it to school, post it on our school Facebook account or print it out and bring into school. The best picture for each year group will win a prize and a place on our reading 'Hall of Fame' board in school. Closing date for all entries is Tuesday 5 March. Thank you.

## **SHARE A STORY LIBRARY READING COMPETITION**

We also have a library reading competition – challenges set on reading. Please collect a form from Mr Desai in the library from tomorrow afternoon and return back to Mr Desai by Tuesday 5 March to win a special prize.

## **FINAL FRENCH TRIP MEETING**

There will be a final meeting regarding this year's France trip on Monday 18 March at 9am. It is essential that all parents attend as medication forms, consent letters, final itinerary and packing lists will be given out. If any parents cannot attend, please inform the school as soon as possible.

## **YEAR 5 FRANCE TRIP PAYMENTS**

Please note all payments for the France trip **MUST** be paid by Thursday 28 February. Thank you.

## **RECEPTION SOUTH LAKES WILDLIFE PARK**

As part of their topic on 'bears', both Reception classes will be visiting South Lakes Wildlife Park tomorrow (Wed). **Children should wear their school sweatshirt, leggings or jogging pants (not jeans), a waterproof jacket and a pair of wellingtons if it's wet or trainers.**

## **YEAR 2 TOWNELEY HALL**

As part of their topic on Houses & Homes, Year 2 will be visiting Towneley Hall, Burnley tomorrow (Wed). **Children should wear their school sweatshirt but can wear jeans/tracksuit bottoms. Trainers can be worn but bear in mind they could get muddy!**



## **YEAR 3S VIKING TRIP**

As part of their topic on Vikings, Year 3S will be visiting Martin Mere on Tuesday 2 April. A packed lunch will be required, however those children entitled to free school

meals will have a lunch provided. If possible can children bring a 'Viking style' lunch e.g. Brown bread sandwiches, fruit wrapped in a tea towel or brown paper bag. Children have already received a guide on what children are expected to wear. Please can all payments be paid online on ParentPay by Friday 22 March. **If your child is usually on school dinners, please do not order a lunch on ParentPay for this day.**  
Thank you.

### **YEAR 3B VIKING TRIP**

As part of their topic on Vikings, Year 3B will be visiting Martin Mere on Wednesday 3 April. A packed lunch will be required, however those children entitled to free school meals will have a lunch provided. If possible can children bring a 'Viking style' lunch e.g. Brown bread sandwiches, fruit wrapped in a tea towel or brown paper bag. Children have already received a guide on what children are expected to wear. Please can all payments be paid online on ParentPay by Friday 22 March. **If your child is usually on school dinners, please do not order a lunch on ParentPay for this day.**  
Thank you.

### **YEAR 6 TRIP KING GEORGES HALL**

All Year 6 children will be visiting King Georges Hall on Wednesday 27 March to watch the Halle Orchestra perform. The cost of the visit is £4.50 which must be paid on Parentpay by Friday 22 March.

### **YEAR 5 MATHS HOMEWORK BOOKS**

Year 5 Maths Booster Homeworks books are now available to buy on ParentPay at a cost of £3.50. All children are strongly encouraged to purchase these workbooks as they will be used to reinforce the learning in class and prepare the children for Year 6.

### **YEAR 3 iPADS**

All payments **MUST** be made in **FULL** by the end of March or your child's iPad will be held in school. Thank you.

### **SING TOGETHER CONCERT**

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](http://www.kinggeorghall.com) . Please note the children's concert date is Monday 11 March 2019.

### **SING TOGETHER REHEARSALS**

Extra rehearsals are taking place in school for those children in Key Stage 2 who are taking part in the Sing Together Concert. Please can all children access the words and songs, and practice at home (Curriculum – Music on the school website). Please note there is a new song been added, please check the website. Thank you.

## **GYMNASTICS COMPETITION**

A gymnastics competition will take place at St Bedes tomorrow (Wed) Children selected have received further details.

## **HALF TERM ACTIVITIES**

If you have signed your child up to any of the half term activities please make sure you know when and where they are taking place. If you do have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Sara Burton on 07805929965.

## **CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY FORENSIC ACTIVITY**

Letters are going out to all CU members in Years 3 and 4 today. Sign up can be done on PARENTPAY from 3.30pm TODAY. Places are extremely limited.

## **CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY – BBC 500 WORDS**

All Children's University members have been sent some information about the BBC 500 Words competition. If your child enters this competition they can collect 2 hours in their CU passport. Please remember to send a copy of the story to school with your child's passport after the holidays.

## **HALF TERM ACTIVITIES AT BLACKBURN CENTRAL LIBRARY**

- Alice in Wonderland - Tuesday 19 February, 11am – 12pm and 2pm – 3pm  
The ever popular Pendle Productions, The Storytellers Theatre Company will return to Blackburn Library. Tickets are £1 for children and £3 for adults. Don't forget that children should be accompanied by an adult for this.
- Code Clubs (age 8 - 11 years) - Thursday 21 February, 2 - 3.30 pm  
Code Clubs are back for slightly older children. Come along and use the Scratch programme to animate your own characters on our computers. Previous experience is not required. This is FREE, but places are very limited, so advance booking is strongly advised.

**Tickets should be collected before the event from Blackburn Library to avoid disappointment. You may wish to give the library a ring on (01254) 661221 to order tickets. If your child attends this activity please make sure they pick up a slip from the library so they can collect a stamp in their Children's University passport. Please then bring this slip along with their passport to school after the holidays so it can be stamped.**

## **CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY READING SIGN UP AT BLACKBURN LIBRARY – DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!**

There will be a sign up for all Children's University members at Blackburn Library on Saturday 2 March anytime from 10.30am – 12.15pm. The sign up will be for the Reading Stars or Little Bookworm challenge. Further details will be sent out to all Children's University members after half term, but please put this date in your diary.

## **BLACKBURN ROVERS NETBALL CLUB**

Blackburn Rovers Netball Club takes place on Wednesday evening 5pm-6pm at the Blackburn Rovers Indoor Centre (BRIC). Their fun, energetic and friendly sessions are aimed at girls aged 6-11 years old at a cost of £3 each week, with qualified and specialist coaches. They aim to develop children's fundamental and netball skills, and ultimately form the first ever Blackburn Rovers Netball Team! For more details, please contact Catherine Curran via [catherine.curran@brfctrust.co.uk](mailto:catherine.curran@brfctrust.co.uk) or call 01254 508126.

## **TALK BOOST ENGLISH CLASSES**

We are running Talk Boost English classes in school, starting from Monday 12 February 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.

## **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).

## **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.

## **RHYME TIME**

Rhyme time will continue as normal on Monday afternoons at 2.45pm.