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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 10pm **TONIGHT** to order their child's lunches for week commencing 9 December. Please note, if you have not booked your child's lunches, you will have to provide them with a packed lunch. Please also ensure once you have booked your child's lunches that you check to make sure the booking has been confirmed. Many thanks for your cooperation.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

The school kitchen has very kindly offered to cook a Christmas lunch for all children next Thursday 12 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**. Thank you.

MEAL CHANGE

Just to let parents know that on Thursday 12 December, the meal choice will be a traditional Christmas Dinner (Roast Chicken) with a Christmas themed ice cream dessert, and not Lamb Bolognaise with Pasta as stated on ParentPay. There will be no Jacket Potatoes or Grab Bags available on the day.

PARENTS EVENING

Our parent's evening for all children this term is this **Thursday 5 December**. Please note there **NO clubs** on the day.

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.

ATTENDANCE CONCERNS

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance after receiving your letter from Miss Abdul, please ring to arrange a time to see her on parent's evening. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CARDS/BAUBLES

At this time of year many of our children very kindly send staff Christmas cards to wish us a Merry Christmas. As last year, we are proposing that rather than send cards the children can write their name or a message on a bauble which can be purchased for £1 and will be hung on the special tree in the main entrance, this will not only help with our charity but also the environment! All proceeds will go to our nominated charities - East Lancs Hospice, Cancer Research and Look Good Feel Better. Thank you.

UNIFORM – LAYERS OF CLOTHING

Despite notifications to parents some of you are still sending your child to school with lots of layers under their uniforms, this is causing your child distress as they get far too warm in school and are very uncomfortable, we do understand that parents will be worried during cold weather, however a warm coat and hat and scarf coming to and from school is sufficient, also particularly with the younger children it's very difficult when they are changing for PE. Thank you for your cooperation.

YEAR 4 LANTERN WORKSHOP

In preparation for a lantern parade taking place in Blackburn Town Centre on Saturday 14 December, Year 4 children will be making lanterns with an art specialist tomorrow (Wed).

YEAR 3 RIBCHESTER MUSEUM

As part of their history topic on Romans, Year 3 will be visiting Ribchester Museum on Wednesday 11 December, where they will view and handle Roman artefacts. The children are invited to wear Roman dress – details were given out. A packed lunch will be required, however children entitled to free school meals will have a meal provided. Please can all monies be paid online and consent forms completed on ParentPay by this Friday 6 December. **If your child is usually on school dinners, please do not order a lunch on ParentPay for this day.** 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 16 December. The days and times can be found below.

Monday 16 December	Year 2 Performance & Reception Nativity at 2.00pm
Tuesday 17 December	Year 2 Performance & Reception Nativity at 9.30am
Tuesday 17 December	Year 4 Play at 2.00pm
Wednesday 18 December	Year 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.

CINDERELLA – PANTOMIME

Once again this year we have arranged for all the children to visit King Georges Hall to watch a production of 'Cinderella' at a greatly reduced price of just £8.50 (the normal price would be £16) on Wednesday 18 December at 1.15pm. The visit is for all children from Reception to Year 6. Please make the payment online by this Friday 6 December. Thank you.



YEAR 4 DODGEBALL COMPETITION

There will be a dodgeball competition for selected children in Year 4 at Witton Park tomorrow (Wed). Children selected for the team have received further details.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2019

If your child's 5th birthday is between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 you need to make arrangements **NOW** for admission in September 2020. You must now apply using the online application at www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions. The closing date for the applications is **15 January 2020**.

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.

RECEPTION FUND

If you haven't already done so, please can parents of children in Reception pay £30 at the school office for the Reception Fund. Thank you.

MILK

Milk money is now due for the Autumn Term for all infant children; however all Reception children will receive free milk up to the term in which they have their 5th birthday. Please can parents of children in Years 1 and 2 pay £12 online for this academic year. Parents of children in both Reception classes – please check with Mrs Ghiwala. Thank you.

LET'S MOVE IT CLUB – PERFORMANCE

The children in Years 1 and 2 who attend the lunchtime Let's Move It Club on a Friday will be performing in assembly this Friday 6 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 arrive for 1.45pm prompt.



SCHOOL CLUBS

Please note this week is the last week of clubs (week ending Friday 6 December). Please however note there will be no clubs running THIS Thursday 5 December due to parent's evening.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORTS

If your child has attended a club this term please make sure their Children's University passport is handed in to the school office. The deadline for passports is THIS Friday 6 December. Failure to hand your child's passport in will mean they will lose their hours for clubs this term.

BLACKBURN FESTIVAL OF LIGHT – LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOPS

In the build up to the Festival of Light the Bureau are running lantern making sessions around Blackburn. Come along to one of these workshops and work with a professional lantern artist from The Blackburn Festival of Light team to create a quick and easy lantern for the Blackburn Festival of Light Lantern Parade on Saturday 14 December. You can make an individual lantern to take home after the parade. These workshops are suitable for ages 5-95! This is a messy gluey activity, so please wear suitable clothing. Lanterns will be stored at The Bureau until the parade. Children must be accompanied by an adult. There is a suggested donation of £3. If your child attends and they are part of Children's University do not forget to pick up a slip and bring it to school with their Children's University passport.

Please see details below of the dates, times and locations: -
Saturday 16 November – Blackburn Market – 10am – 2pm
Saturday 16 November – The Bureau – 2pm – 6pm

Sunday 17 November - The Bureau – 1pm – 5pm
Saturday 23 November – Blackburn Market – 10am – 2pm
Saturday 23 November - The Bureau – 2pm – 6pm
Sunday 24 November - The Bureau – 1pm – 5pm
Saturday 30 November – Blackburn Central Library – 10am – 2pm
Saturday 30 November - The Bureau – 2pm – 6pm
Sunday 1 December - The Bureau – 1pm – 5pm
Saturday 7 December – Blackburn Central Library – 10am – 2pm
Saturday 7 December - The Bureau – 2pm – 6pm
Sunday 8 December - The Bureau – 1pm – 5pm

Please arrive no later than an hour from the start time in order to give yourself time to finish your creation.

Please note that at the sessions at The Bureau will be upstairs so please consider this when decided on a venue. Both the Market and Library have lift access.

There is no need to book, but if you wish to secure a place you can pre-register at:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-bureau-centre-for-the-arts>

For more information, please contact Kerris at The Bureau on 07845 964802 or email info@bureaublackburn.co.uk

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY TRIP TO CADBURY WORLD

This trip is now full. If any additional places are available a notification will be sent through the school app. If you have any questions please ring Sara Burton on 07805929965.

THE CAT, THE MICE AND THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS PUPPET SHOW & CRAFT – SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER, 11 am - 12 pm

Join in the festive fun by coming to a very special puppet Christmas story and craft session at Blackburn Library! This puppet show is aimed at children aged 2 – 4years old. Tickets for children cost £1, available from the library. Accompanying adults do not need a ticket.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT DECEMBER AT BLACKBURN LIBRARY

Blackburn Library have lots of fun activities for children throughout December. They have a Christmas book scavenger hunt competition that children can take part in whenever they visit the library and also have a Christmas colouring and fun Christmas worksheets! *If you can't see any colouring sheets or pencils, please ask one of our friendly members of staff who will be more than happy to help you!* Why not take some books out whilst you are there!

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY WRITING COMPETITION

Letters went out the other week to all Children's University members in Years 1 – 6 about a writing competition. Please look out for this. The deadline is 15 January, however stories can be handed in before we break up if you like.

ONE VOICE

One Voice offer Cricket and Netball sessions on a Sunday morning at Blackburn Sport and Leisure Centre. Leaflets went out the other week. If you would like your child to attend, please contact One Voice by emailing them at info@onevoicenetwork.org.uk or call (01254) 676193. If children attend any activities run by One Voice and they are a member of Children's University they can collect stamps in their passport too.