



# Wensley Fold CE Primary Academy

"Make Each Day Count"

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Dear Parent

## **HALF TERM HOLIDAY**

School will close this Friday 14 February at 3.10pm for the half term break and re-open on Monday 24 February 2020 at 8.45am. Clubs will run as normal on Friday.

## **NON-UNIFORM DAY**

We are holding a 'Valentines' themed non-uniform this Friday 14 February. Children can come to school dressed in something red/hearts (no football shirts please), for a donation of £1. All proceeds will go our nominated charities: East Lancs Hospice, Cancer Research and Look Good Feel Better.



## **PARENTPAY & ONLINE LUNCH ORDERING**

Please can we remind parents that they have just before midnight **TONIGHT** to order their child's lunches for week commencing 24 February. Please note, if you have not booked your child's lunches for the following school week, you will have to provide them with a packed lunch. Many thanks for your cooperation.

## **MID TERM EFFORT AWARDS**

This Thursday 13 February we will be holding our midterm effort awards assembly in English, Maths, Science and Computing. Parents of children nominated will receive an invitation to the assembly later on today. If you are invited, please do not inform your child. Thank you.

## **WELFARE ASSISTANT**

Thank you to everyone who applied for the post, we have now filled the position.

## **WORLD BOOK DAY**

This year World Book Day is on Thursday 5 March. We will have a day filled with book themed activities and all children can come to school dressed as a book character (no football shirts please). There will be a prize for the best costume for each year group.

## **EXTREME READING CHALLENGE**

For World Book Day this year, take a picture of your reading a story in an unusual place, 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 2 March. Thank you.

## **BOOK FAIR**

To celebrate World Book Day, we will be holding a book fair in school where children will be able to use their £1 book token. More details to follow after half term.

## **RECEPTION – DIPPY THE DINOSAUR**

As part of our topic on Dinosaurs, we have been very fortunate to secure free tickets to see Dippy the Dinosaur at a theatre in Rochdale on Monday 30 March. The cost of this visit will be £5 to cover the cost of the coach. We have to make it clear that no pupil will be denied the opportunity to participate in this visit on the grounds that no contribution has been made on his/her behalf. However, if we do not receive enough money to cover our costs this trip will have to be cancelled. A packed lunch will be provided by school however if you prefer to send one from home please indicate clearly on the consent page. Children should wear their school uniform. Please pay the payment and complete the consent form on ParentPay by Tuesday 24 March. Thank you.

## **YEAR 2 GAWTHORPE HALL**

As part of their topic on Houses & Homes Year 2 will be visiting Gawthorpe Hall, Burnley on Tuesday 31 March. The cost of the visit is £10 which includes the entrance fee and transport costs. We have to make it clear that no pupil will be denied the opportunity to participate in this visit on the grounds that no contribution has been made on his/her behalf. However, if we do not receive enough money to cover our costs this trip will have to be cancelled. A packed lunch will be provided by school however, should you wish to bring one from home please indicate clearly on the consent page. Children should wear their school uniform. Please pay the payment and complete the consent form on ParentPay by Tuesday 24 March. Thank you.

## **YEAR 6 ACTIVITIES WEEK 2020**

This year's Year 6 Activities week will take place w/c 22 June 2020; the children will be going on a residential to Anderton Centre, Chorley as in previous years. They will stay for 3 days and 2 nights taking part in lots of fun-filled activities culminating with a 'Prom Night' in the Space Building at the end of the week. Further details and a planned

meeting for parents to follow. The trip will cost £160, which covers all activities, coach hire and food for the Prom Night. Parents can now start paying in instalments on ParentPay if they wish. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact school. Thank you.

### **SING TOGETHER CONCERT**

Please note that for those children who are taking part in the sing together concert this is taking place on Monday 9 March 2020. The children will have a rehearsal at King Georges Hall at 2pm and will stay at the venue until the concert. The concert starts at 6pm and will end at 7.10pm. Children can bring a packed lunch for tea or a snack if they wish. If parents are not coming to watch, they can collect their children at 7.10pm from King Georges Hall. Tickets are now available to buy from King Georges Hall.

**Please log on to ParentPay to give your consent.** Thank you.

### **HALF TERM ACTIVITIES**

If you have signed your child up for any of the half term activities on ParentPay you should have received a confirmation letter. Attached to this letter is a consent form, which must be returned by THIS Wednesday 12 February. Failure to return this form will mean your child cannot attend. If you have any questions please contact Sara Burton on 07805929965.

If your child has signed up to any activities please do ensure you know when and where they are taking place.



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

There are a couple of activities taking place at Blackburn library during half term. Pendle Productions, The Storytellers Theatre Company presents Wind in the Willows on **Wednesday 19 February**. There will be two sessions, with the first performance being at **11am – 12.15pm** and the second one being **2pm – 3.15pm**. Tickets cost £1 for children (£3 for accompanying adults), available from Blackburn Central Library, tel: (01254) 661221.

Also during half term, come and have a go at the Lego Robotics sessions, run by our partners at Adult Learning and suitable for children age 5 +. Please note that places are **VERY** limited, so advance booking is strongly advised. The session is on **Thursday 20 February** from 10am - 12pm, Please book direct with the Adult Learning service on 01254 507720. Each child must be accompanied by an adult.

If your child attends either of these activities, 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.

### **BBC 500 WORDS**

A letter has gone out to all Children's University members about the BBC 500 word competition. If any child does complete this, please make sure you hand a copy of their

story into school together with their CU passport so they can collect 2 hours in their passport. The deadline for the actual competition is Thursday 27 February.

### **BUNTING COMPETITION**

A letter went out to all Children's University members last week about designing bunting for the 75<sup>th</sup> VE Day Anniversary. CU members can collect a 1 hour stamp for doing this and the overall competition has a prize of £50 for the chosen winner! The deadline for this competition is Friday 6 March. Please ensure all entries are handed in to the school office with your child's CU passport.

### **BLACKBURN YOUTH ZONE ACTIVITIES**

Blackburn Youth Zone are offering Children's University members in Years 4 – 6 EXCLUSIVE activities. These will be run on a Saturday afternoon, every couple of weeks. There will be a trial for the first month and then hopefully these will continue. The first activity is full, however there will be more available after half term so please keep an eye out.

### **YOUTH ACTION**

Youth Action are holding a JUNIOR JAM Half Term Club during the half term holidays (Monday – Friday) from 9am to 3pm, with the cost being £30 for the full week. Please note places are limited.

Youth Action also offer other activities including Junior Jam which is every Saturday 11am-1pm and for children aged 5-11 years old. They also have Girls Force (girls only) every Saturday 1pm-3pm (Age 10-16 years), Parents Group every Tuesday 10am-12pm.

For further information on the above or to book please contact Noshin on 01245 695847 who will be very happy to assist you. Youth Action are a part of Children's University, so any children who do attend can collect stamps in the CU passport.

### **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.

### **NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL**

As well as uploading the newsletter to the website and school app we are now going to email it all parents so you will have no excuse to miss vital information!