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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 just before midnight **TONIGHT** to order their child's lunches for week commencing 2 March. Please note, if you have not booked your child's lunches for the following week, you will have to provide them with a packed lunch. Many thanks for your cooperation.

TALENT SHOW

We are holding our very own talent show, 'Wensley Fold Has Talent' on Wednesday 1 April. If your child would like to take part, please complete an interest form and hand back to your child's teacher by this Friday 28 February. Auditions will be held in March.

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. The fair will be open to parents and children before school from 8.15am, and also after school until 4.15pm. It will also be open to children during break times. All children will have a chance to preview which books will be on sale by this Thursday, and will then be able to purchase them on the following days:

- Friday 28 February
- Monday 2 March
- Tuesday 3 March
- Wednesday 4 March (am only)

SMART WATCHES

Please can we remind parents that only a simple wristwatch should be worn in school, children must not come to school with 'Smart' watches, not only are they expensive to replace if lost but can be very distracting to children when in class. If a child is found to be wearing one it will be taken off them and given back at the end of the day. Thank you for your cooperation.

CHATTY HANDS

Please note Chatty Hands is cancelled just for this week. Thank you.

RECEPTION - STAY AND EXPLORE

Stay and Explore will replace parents evening for Reception classes. All parents have received a letter and we are looking forward to welcoming you into school every Tuesday at 2.25pm this half term. During the session, you will be able to view and explore the provision and discuss your child's progress.

RECEPTION - RHYME TIME AND STORY TIME

Rhyme time will begin next Friday 6 March. Parents from each class will be welcomed into **their child's classroom** for a rhyme time and story time from 8.50am-9.10am.

RECEPTION – PEOPLE WHO HELP US

As part of our topic, a number of visitors will be coming in to discuss how they help us, e.g. carers, firemen, nurses, dentists. If you know of anybody who could come and talk to the children, please speak to Mrs Wilkinson or Mrs Harrington. Thank you.

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 child 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.

NON-UNIFORM DAY

Thank you to all parents who helped us to raise over £360 for our school nominated charities: East Lancs Hospice, Cancer Research and Look Good Feel Better.

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.

CHESS MATCH

There will be a chess match in school next Wednesday 4 March after school. Those children who are taking part have already been notified.

BBC 500 WORDS

The deadline for this competition is this Thursday 27 March. 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.



BUNTING COMPETITION

CU members can collect a 1 hour stamp for doing this competition 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.

READING SIGN UP

There will be a reading sign up at Blackburn Library on Saturday 14 March 2020. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

POETRY COMPETITION

A letter went out yesterday to all CU members in Years 1 – 6 about this competition. The deadline is Wednesday 11 March. All entries must be handed in to the office with your child's CU passport so they can collect a 1 hour stamp for this. If you have any questions please contact Sara Burton on 07805929965.

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. The second activity is roller skating on Saturday 14 March. Letters have gone out to CU members in Years 4 – 6 today and sign up needs to be done through ParentPay from 8am THIS Thursday (27 February). Places are extremely limited.

BLACKBURN ROVERS – NEXT GENERATION GAME

Further details will be sent out later this week about this. This is offering Children's University families free tickets to the Blackburn Rovers football game against Bristol City on Saturday 14 March 2020.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY TRIP

A letter will be going out next week to CU members in Years 3 – 6 about a trip at the end of March. Please look out for this.