



# Wensley Fold CE Primary Academy

"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 9 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.

## **EXTENDED LEAVE**

Can we remind parents of the detrimental effect on their children's education when parents take them on extended leave. This impacts hugely on their progress and takes staff a lot of time & effort to try to bring them to the standards of the rest of the children in their class on their return. Since September, across the school, there have been 200 days of teaching lost, equal to 40 weeks of a child's education. Please consider this before you decide to take your children out of school.

## **INCONSIDERATE DRIVING/PARKING**

Please can we once again remind parents NOT to park across driveways on Crosshill Road, we have had numerous complaints from residents, about not only the parking but also abuse to residents, which is NOT acceptable. Can we also remind parents that we now have cameras trained on the entrance to the school and have witnessed cars parking dangerously on the junction to Manor Road, we will start to name and shame any driver who is blocking the footpaths directly across from the school gates. The safety of the children is paramount and we will not hesitate to name & shame. You have been warned!

## **WORLD BOOK DAY**

This year World Book Day is this 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 today (Tues). Thank you.

## **GUESS WHO'S READING - WORLD BOOK DAY CHALLENGE**

This World Book Day why not take part in our 'guess who's reading' competition? Entries cost £1 a go, sheets are on sale in the office. Please return all completed sheets back to Mrs Ghiwala, the correct entries will be entered in a prize draw. All proceeds will go to our school nominated charities: East Lancs Hospice, Cancer Research and Look Good Feel Better. Good luck!

## **BOOK FAIR**

Tomorrow morning (Wed) is the last chance to purchase books from the book fair in the school hall.

## **SING TOGETHER CONCERT**

Please note that for those children who are taking part in the sing together concert this is taking place next 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 which ends at 7.10pm. Children can bring a packed lunch for tea or a snack if they wish. Please come and support your child, tickets are now available to buy on Ticketmaster. Thank you.

## **YEAR 6 ACTIVITIES MEETING**

All parents of children in Year 6 are invited to attend a meeting next Wednesday 11 March at 2.45pm regarding Activities Week. It is very important that a member of the family attends the children will be attending a residential trip. Thank you.

## **GOVERNOR MEETINGS**

There will be meetings of the governor sub-committees this week as follows:

Teaching & Learning	Wed 4 March at 5.00pm
Community	Thurs 5 March at 5.00pm
Finance	Thurs 5 March at 6.00pm
Pay & Personnel	(following Finance)

## **RECEPTION HEIGHTS & WEIGHTS**

Our school nurse will be visiting both Reception classes this Thursday 5 March, to measure the children's heights and weights as part of a government initiative.

## **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 this 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**

Many thanks to auntie of Yousuf Mitha (Rec W) who came into school today to speak to both Reception classes about her role as a nurse and how she helps people.

## **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.

### **OLD/UNUSED GAMES**

If you have any spare unused/old **complete** games suitable for children in Years 1 and 2, please send into school. We are in need of games for children to play with during Golden Time and for wet play. Thank you.

### **CHESS MATCH**

There will be a chess match in school this Wednesday 4 March after school. Those children who are taking part have already been told and should be collected at the later time of 4.30pm.

### **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 this 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 to all CU members in Years 1 – 6 last week 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**

The roller skating activity is full. Another activity will be on Saturday 28 March and letters will be going out in the next week or so.

### **BLACKBURN ROVERS – NEXT GENERATION GAME**

As soon as we have the details for this the information will be sent out.

### **CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY TRIP**

A letter went out to all CU members in Years 3 – 6 yesterday, and the trip went live on ParentPay this morning. For those who have already signed up a confirmation letter will be sent out in the next couple of days. The consent form attached to this must be returned by next Wednesday otherwise your child will lose their place.

### **ZOE TAYLOR DANCE ACADEMY**

They are now a learning destination for Children's University. Zoe Taylor's Dance Academy is based at Blackburn Empire Theatre and offers a variety of dance classes and gymnastics. For further information please visit <https://www.zoetaylordance.co.uk>. If your child does attend any of the classes they can have their CU passport stamped too.

### **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.