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"Make Each Day Count"

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Dear Parent

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

School will close this Friday 9 February at 3.10pm for the half term break and re-open on Monday 19 February 2018. Clubs will run as normal on Friday.

RECEPTION CLASSES UNIFORM

We have received a few complaints from parents regarding their child's uniform being mixed up, please can we remind **ALL** parents that **ALL** uniform **MUST** be clearly labelled with their child's **full** name, there are quite a few children with uniform that is not labelled clearly enough and this is when mix ups occur especially on PE days. Sewn in white labels are perfect! Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

MID TERM EFFORT AWARDS

This Thursday 8 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.

NON-UNIFORM DAY

We are holding a 'Valentines' themed non-uniform this Thursday 8 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 charity, 'Lancashire Minds'.



KS2 HOUSEPOINT WINNERS

As a reward for having the most house points over the last term, all children in Years 3-6 who are in the house group **Beech** and **Ash** can come to school in non-uniform in their house colours – **BLUE** and **RED** (no football shirts please) this Friday 9 February. Thank you.

KS1 HOUSEPOINT WINNERS

As a reward for having the most house points over the last term, all children in Years 1 and 2 who are in the house group **Oak** can come to school in non-uniform in their house colours – **YELLOW** (no football shirts please) this Friday 9 February. Thank you.

BOOK PEOPLE BUS

As part of celebrating World Book Day, we have arranged for a 'Book Bus' to come into school on Tuesday 27 February. The 'Book Bus' is run by the Book People where you can save up to 75% off RRP on books. All children will have a session on the bus and parents can also purchase books on the bus after school.

WORLD BOOK DAY

This year World Book Day is on Thursday 1 March and in line with this year's theme 'Share a Story', all children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character (no football shirts).

WORLD BOOK DAY – SHARE A STORY WENSLEY FOLD 'EXTREME READING CHALLENGE'

As the theme for World Book Day this year is 'Share a Story', we are setting a half term extreme reading challenge! - Where is the most unusual place you can find to read a book in the half term holidays?

Take a picture of your child reading 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 from each year group will win a prize and a place on our reading 'Hall of Fame' board in school. How extreme can you go?

YEAR 4 SWIMMING

As mentioned in Issue 17 of the newsletter, all children in Year 4 will start swimming after half-term. Please ensure children have swimwear, a towel and a swimming cap. A staff member from Blackburn Sports and Leisure Centre will be talking to the children tomorrow afternoon about what will happen when they start swimming lessons.



RECEPTION SOUTH LAKES WILDLIFE PARK

As part of their topic on 'bears', both Reception classes will be visiting South Lakes Wildlife Park on Tuesday 20 February. Children should wear suitable warm clothing and their school sweatshirt, a waterproof jacket and a pair of wellingtons. Please note the children will not be back in school until 3.30pm. – Please can all payments be paid online by next Friday 15 February. Thank you.

YEAR 5 FRANCE MEETING

There is an information meeting for all parents of children who are going to the France trip this March on Wednesday 21 February at 2.30pm – **it is essential for all parents to attend.** Details such as final itinerary, packing list, details of travel

arrangements, spending money and an emergency contact list will be discussed in the meeting. If any parent cannot attend, please contact school as soon as possible.

SCHOOL DIRECT TEACHER INFORMATION EVENT

Are you a graduate who would like to train to be an outstanding teacher? Then come along and find out about our 'School Direct' teacher training PGCE programme. It is a fantastic opportunity to receive 'on the job' training which will be delivered by our Specialist Leaders of Education across the authority and the University of Cumbria. The event will be held at Wensley Fold CE Primary Academy on Thursday 22 February from 2.00pm – 5.00pm. More information about School Direct can be found on the school's website www.wensleyfold.co.uk. To attend the event, please email m.hutchison@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk. Thank you.



SING TOGETHER

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. Please note the children's concert date is 5 March 2018.

PARENTS WORKSHOP – INSPIRE MATHS

This continues to run on Monday mornings.

ENGLISH CLASSES

We are running ESOL classes in school on Monday afternoons 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.

LITERACY COURSE

This will continue to run on Tuesday mornings.

GYMNASTICS COMPETITION

A gymnastics competition will take place at St Bedes tomorrow (Wed). Children selected have already been notified.

NETBALL COMPETITION

There will be a netball competition at Blackburn Rovers Indoor Centre this Thursday 8 February. Children selected have received further details.



HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

All the half term activities are now full. If your child has already signed up please make sure you return the consent form attached to the confirmation letter by THIS Friday. Failure to hand this in will mean your child will be unable to attend. If you have not received this confirmation letter and you think your child should be attending over half term please ring Sara Burton **straight away** on 07805929965.



CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY TRIP

All children who have returned slips for this will find out by tomorrow if they have a place or not. Due to the number of children handing letters in we have had to select children out of a hat. Texts and letters will be sent to all those affected.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY AT THE UNIVERSITY CENTRE, BLACKBURN COLLEGE – TOGETHER WE CAN!

For those who have already signed up to this there will be a conformation letter sent out today. Please ensure the consent form is completed and returned to the school office by THIS Friday. If you have not received this confirmation letter and you think your child should be attending over half term please ring Sara Burton **straight away** on 07805929965.

BLACKBURN CENTRAL LIBRARY HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

The following activities are taking place at Blackburn Central Library over the half term holidays. Please pop in to Blackburn library for tickets **before** each event or activity. If you have any questions please give them a ring on 01254 661221. All children should not be left unaccompanied. A parent/guardian should remain with them at all times. If your child attend 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.

Peter Pan, a show for all the family produced by Pendle Productions, Storytellers Theatre Co.

Tuesday 13 February, Blackburn Library, 10.30am - 11.30 am and again, 2pm - 3 pm. Tickets £1 children, £2 accompanying adults.

Harry Potter themed family craft sessions with the Sustainable Neighbourhoods team

Wednesday 14 February, 10.30am - 11.30am. Tickets are free.

Code Club (age 8 - 11 years)

Thursday 15 February, Blackburn Library, 2pm - 3.30pm. Tickets are free, but advance booking is strongly advised as places are limited.

BLACKBURN YOUTH ZONE

Blackburn Youth Zone is a 21st century youth hub located at the heart of Blackburn, open to young people aged 5 to 19 years old, aiming to change the prospects offered to young people in the area. They are now registered with Blackburn Children's University so members can collect stamps in their passports. They are now offering a club to children aged 5-7 on a Saturday afternoon between 12.30pm - 2pm and sessions for children aged 8-11 are on a Wednesday and Friday evening and Saturday afternoon. Each session is run by fully trained staff and sessions are only 50p!

They also offer a range of activities including sports, trampolining, games, dance and much more! For more information or to register your child, please contact Emma at Blackburn Youth Zone on: 01254 292000.

GIRLS GROUP AT BLACKBURN YOUTH ZONE

Blackburn Youth Zone will be holding a **GIRLS GROUP** Open Day on **Sunday 11 February - 1.30pm - 3.30pm**. This is an invite for all girls (of any age) in the community to come and join in and participate in many different activities. Activities such as, Dance, Gym, Music, Multi Sports, Climbing, Professional Henna Class, Cooking, Arts and Craft, a chance to get involved in Social Action Community Projects and be a voice for young people's opinion will all be on offer on the day. All girls need to attend the open day with a responsible female adult.

FREE membership is on offer on the day. This is a strictly **GIRLS ONLY EVENT** with an all-female staff team, to empower girls in the community to become future leaders and to build on their confidence, self-esteem and resilience.

The Girls Group runs every Sunday 1.30-3.30pm, and has many different activities on. Children who are members of Blackburn Children University Challenge will be able to collect stamps for attending the Group on a weekly basis. Blackburn Youth Zone staff look forward to meeting you all.

If you would like any further information please contact Sharmin Iqbal at **Blackburn Youth Zone**, Jubilee Street, Blackburn on 01254 292000.

BBC 500 WORD CHALLENGE

This is a competition being run by BBC Radio 2. All Children's University members received a separate flyer last week with more information and details of how to enter. It also includes how you can collect 2 hours for Children's University. This is something to complete over the half term holidays.

FREE ARTS AND SCIENCE SESSIONS FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

These sessions are being run at The Bureau, Centre for the Arts in Blackburn Town Centre during March and April. They are suitable for children in Year 2 and above but at least one female adult must attend. All female Children's University members will receive a letter with more details on later this week and will be able to collect stamps in their passport if they attend. Please keep an eye out for this letter. If your child is not a member of Children's University but you would like more information please contact Sara Burton on 07805929965.

WELL-BEING CO-ORDINATOR – DROP IN SESSIONS

Mrs Tasneem Abdul is our well-being coordinator and holds a drop in session every Tuesday afternoon from 2.00pm – 3.00pm. Her role is to support pupils and their families through challenging times and to ensure they receive all the practical and emotional support they may require. Parents can attend the sessions for any issues, worries or concerns they may have or even help with filling out forms. She may not

always have the answers but a large part of her work involves working with other agencies to ensure that our parents receive the best support possible.

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.

STORY TIME & RHYME TIME

Reception parents are invited to attend Story time with their children on Wednesday afternoons at 2.45pm and rhyme time with their children on Friday afternoons at 2.45pm.



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).

DICTIONARIES




As discussed at Meet the Teacher meetings last week, dictionaries are available to buy from school, age appropriate:

- Key Stage One (Years 1 & 2) £5
- Key Stage Two (Years 3-6) £6

We encourage all children to have access to a dictionary for use when completing spelling and vocabulary work.



WENSLEY FOLD CE PRIMARY ACADEMY – DINNER MENU 07 Feb 18 – 20 Feb 18

Wednesday Homemade Lamb Curry With Rice & Naan Bread Salad from the Cart		Thursday Roast Chicken Breast With Roast Potatoes, Carrots & Cauliflower Salad from the Cart		Friday Homemade Meatballs in Tomato Sauce With Spaghetti & Carrots Salad from the Cart		Monday Oven Baked Fish Fingers With Mash & Beans Salad from the Cart
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Tuesday Homemade Lamb Bolognaise With Pasta & Sweetcorn Salad from the Cart
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Healthy Grab 5 Meal Sandwich Baps with Assorted Vegetarian Fillings A Selection of Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt & Dried Fruit Cheese & Biscuits Breadsticks Homemade Muffins or Cookies Water, Milk or Fresh Fruit Juice Tickets can be purchased daily (except Mon)
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Also Available Daily Baked Potatoes with Assorted Fillings Bread & Butter A Selection of Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt Cheese & Biscuits Water, Milk or Fresh Fruit Juice
