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"Make Each Day Count"

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Dear Parent

SCHOOL DINNERS

It has been brought to our attention that a few parents have made complaints both to school and parent governors that their child has not been given the lunch of their choice or has been given 'whatever is left', particularly if they attend a lunchtime club. Please can we just clarify:

- ALL children are offered a balanced, healthy meal regardless of choice
- If the main meal choice is unavailable an alternative hot meal of jacket potato with a filling of either tuna, cheese or beans plus salad and/or bread is ALWAYS available.

After a meeting with the catering staff today, in light of the complaints, some issues have arisen and these are:

- Some children, who have been offered the alternative have declined to have a jacket potato and particularly if there is mash available have chosen to have that instead.
- Some children are also declining to have the fillings offered and just choosing to have salad and/or bread.

As a result of the above the decision has been taken that **ALL KS1** children will not be able to decline any protein or carbohydrate part of their meal and will be encouraged to eat as much as they can and all KS1 children who attend a lunchtime club will have their lunch **BEFORE** their club in order for them to have a choice of both options. Children in KS2 clubs will **usually** receive their first choice as normal.

Parents should appreciate that we offer a very flexible way of ordering meals with Grab 5's and daily ordering of meals which is unique to our school and this can sometimes prove very difficult for the catering manager to predict when defrosting meat the day before. The situation will be closely monitored but it could be that we may have to adopt most schools' system of ordering meals on a half termly basis where numbers & choices cannot fluctuate. We can only apologise to the small number of children and their

parents who may have been affected recently and we aim to resolve these issues with immediate effect.

PARKING ON ZIG ZAG LINES

Once again we have received a number of complaints about parking on the zig zag lines outside of the school gates, these are there for a reason, to protect **ALL YOUR** children. Please be aware that the highways department have been informed and they have told us that traffic wardens will be on patrol on random days. You have been warned!

ONLINE PAYMENTS

As a lot of our parents are aware we have operated an online payment scheme since March 2016 and many of you have already registered and hopefully found it very user friendly. From September 2017 **ALL** parents will need to be using the system to pay for dinner money, trips, milk, Reception fund and reading book & PE bags as we are going to be operating a cashless system for everything other than water bottles and charity events. This minimises the obvious risks in banking and human error and will ease the congestion in the office area every morning. Grab 5s & one off dinner orders can still be ordered and paid for at the office until further notice. Please ensure that you have registered for online payments, if you have any queries do not hesitate to contact school. Many thanks for your cooperation with this matter.



How do I get started with SIMS Agora? (Online Payments)

- If you have not already registered you will need to ask school to provide another activation letter containing a unique reference for your child – you will need this reference to access your child's account.
- You will need your child's date of birth.
- You will also need a Microsoft account - you can use an existing account (e.g. a Hotmail account) or create a new one online – they are free, easy to setup and you can use **any valid email address and password**.
If you need a free Microsoft account please go to: <https://signup.live.com>
- To access SIMS Agora please go to: www.payyourschool.co.uk
- Follow the few simple steps to activate your account.
- You will receive an email to confirm your account has been activated; once you have clicked the link in the email you will be able to make payments for school items straight away.
- If you have more than one child at the school, you can easily merge their SIMS Agora account into a single combined view – please see the Help section within SIMS Agora on how to do this.

- For more information about SIMS Agora online payments please see the frequently asked questions for parents:
www.capita-sims.co.uk/agora-parents

SCHOOL APP

OurSchoolsApp is a personalised app which allows us to keep you all updated with school information, news and calendar events as well as a link to our facebook page. The online payment system is also linked to the app and is available for IOS and Android phones.

When the app is updated with new information, including the weekly newsletter a push message notification will automatically be sent to your device to inform you.

Instructions for download

1. Using your device (iPhone, iPad, smart pad, tablet or android phone), visit the relevant market place (Apple Store or Google Play)
2. Search for '**OurSchoolsApp**' and download the app
3. Once downloaded, use the search bar within the app and enter the postcode **BB2 6LX** or **school name** and hit search.
4. Once the school name has been displayed, touch the screen on the name and confirm your choice by pressing OK.
5. You will now be presented with the correct app for Wensley Fold. Congratulations!

CLUSTER SPELLING BEE

Well done to all the children who took part in the Cluster Spelling Bee last Friday. A special mention to Aamina Sikandar in Year 4D who won the Year 3/4 competition and Lina Mohammed who came runner-up in the Year 5/6 competition. A fantastic effort from all.

PARK AND STRIDE

In line with Walking to School Week, we have organised a Park and Stride this Friday 16 June, where parents can drop their children off in the **Sacred Heart Church car park** in the morning from 8.25am – 8.35am and staff members will walk them to school. As we are just trialling this at the moment, we are limiting this to 20 children only. If you are interested, please register your names with Mrs Ghiwala. Thank you.

BETTER READING

We are once again launching our Better Reading programme which has proved to be a great success, if you want to help improve the reading of children in school and can spare 15 minutes a couple of times per week, or if you have been a Better Reading partner previously and want to re-register please see Mrs Ghiwala. Full training will be given. If anyone would like further information please do not hesitate to contact school. Thank you.



DEBATING COMPETITION

All children who are in the debating clubs, will be going to watch four children from Years 5 and 6 take part in a debate competition tomorrow (Wed) against three different schools within the borough and Bolton. The competition will take place in the Mayor's Chambers in Blackburn Town Hall. If any parents would like to come and watch, please contact Mrs Mercer as soon as possible. Children selected have received further details.

ECO WARRIORS

Eco-warriors in Years 2, 4 and 5 will be litter picking in the local community this Thursday lunchtime.



BBC PHILARMONIC WORKSHOP – RECEPTION & YEAR 1

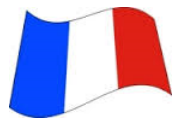
We are very privileged to welcome the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra next Monday 19 June. The orchestra will hold a workshop for Reception and Year 1 classes. Please check Facebook for photographs from the day.

RECEPTION HEIGHTS & WEIGHTS

Our school nurse will be visiting both Reception classes next Tuesday 20 June, to measure the children's' heights and weights as part of a government initiative.

FRANCE TRIP

Please can all deposits for the France trip next year be paid into the school office by Thursday 29 June. Thank you.



GOVERNOR MEETINGS

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

Teaching & Learning	Tues 20 June at 5.00pm
Community	Wed 21 June at 5.00pm
Finance	Wed 21 June at 6.00pm
Pay & Personnel	Wed 21 June (following Finance)

BOYS CRICKET COMPETITION

A boys' cricket competition will take place tomorrow (Wed) at Darwen Cricket Club. Children selected for the team have received further details.



GIRLS CRICKET COMPETITION

The girls' cricket competition which was cancelled last week has now been re-scheduled to this Thursday 15 June. Children selected have received further details.



BOYS FOOTBALL

A football competition will take place this Friday 16 June. Children selected for the team have received further details.



ATHLETICS EVENT

An athletics event will take place at Witton Park next Monday 19 June. Children selected for the event will receive further details.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON SCHOOL CLUBS AND GOLDEN TICKETS

Please note the criteria for receiving a GOLDEN TICKET for school clubs next term will change slightly. Children will qualify for a Golden ticket by meeting the following criteria: -

- They do not miss any golden time this term
- Their attendance is above 98% for this term
- Be on time **everyday** – to be on time, be in the line at quarter to 9!

All children who have been successful will be printed in the newsletter on the last week of this term.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY TRIP TO HOGHTON TOWER

Children's University members in Years 3 – 6 (not Year 2 as stated in last week's newsletter) have been given a letter TODAY about a trip to Hoghton Tower in July. Places are offered on a first come first serve basis. Please see the letter sent out for more information. If you have any questions please contact Sara Burton on 07805929965.



CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY COMPETITION

All Children's University members (Years 1 – 6) have received a letter about a drawing competition for Hoghton Tower. All children who enter this will receive a stamp in their passport. Please see the letter that was sent out for more information. The deadline for entries is Wednesday 28 June.

ARTS AWARD AT BLACKBURN MUSEUM

Blackburn Museum and Art Gallery are offering children to complete their Discover and Explore Arts Awards over the summer holidays. Further information will be given out in the next couple of weeks. If you would like more information, please ring the museum on (01254) 667130. Children's University members can also collect hours if they take part in this.

LIBERIA CHARITY APPEAL

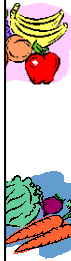
HIS Church (who kindly donated cereal to school in the summer term) would like us to help them with their appeal for Liberia. Please can parents send in any stationary and exercise/writing books that we can collect and send out with the charity to Liberia. Thank you.

WENSLEY FOLD CE PRIMARY ACADEMY – DINNER MENU 14 June 17 – 20 June 17

Wednesday

Homemade
Lamb Curry
With
Rice & Naan Bread

Salad from the Cart



Thursday

Roast Chicken Breast
With
Roast Potatoes, Carrots
& Cauliflower

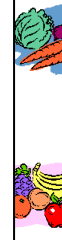
Salad from the Cart



Friday

Homemade
Meatballs in
Tomato Sauce
With Spaghetti &
Carrots

Salad from the Cart



Monday

Oven Baked
Fish Fingers
With
Chips & Beans

Salad from the Cart

Tuesday

Homemade
Chicken Curry
With
Rice

Salad from the Cart

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)
for those children who are not on school
meals

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