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"Make Each Day Count"

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User Name: parent Password: parent

Dear Parent

PARENTPAY & ONLINE LUNCH ORDERING

Please can we thank all those parents who have booked their meals online so promptly and can we remind all other parents that they have until midnight **TONIGHT** to book their child's lunches for **next week**. As some parents have found out this week it can be distressing if their child does not receive the meal that they want as we have had to book it for them. Can I also remind parents that they can book meals right up to the Christmas break to save time and not have to worry from week to week, however for junior children your account would need to be in enough credit to do so. If, for any reason, parents are still struggling with the system we would be prepared to hold a workshop in school to guide you through the booking process. Please inform Mrs Ghiwala if you would like to attend. Once again many thanks for your continued cooperation.

CHILDREN IN NEED

The annual Children in Need charity appeal will be held this Friday 16 November. The day will be a non-uniform day and we are encouraging all children to wear clothing in relation to Children in Need (Pudsey/Spots), for a minimum donation of £1. All proceeds will go to Children in Need. Thank you once again for your continuing support with all our charity fundraising.



GOVERNOR MEETINGS

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| Meetings of the Governing Body committees will be taking place as below: | |
| Community | Wed 14 November at 5.00pm |
| Finance & Resources | Wed 14 November at 6.00pm |
| Pay & Personnel | Wed 14 November (following Finance) |
| Teaching & Learning | Thurs 15 November at 5.00pm |

FORTHCOMING CHRISTMAS EVENTS – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please find below an itinerary of events taking place in the run up to Christmas.

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| Friday 30 November | Non-uniform day – contributions to fund raiser Children come to school dressed in anything <u>Christmassy or red and green clothing/ Christmas jumper.</u> |
| Thursday 13 December | Christmas Lunch |
| Monday 17 December | Reception Nativity and Year 2 Performance 2.00pm* - Christmas Fayre |
| Tuesday 18 December | Reception Nativity and Year 2 Performance 9.30am |
| Tuesday 18 December | Years 3 & 4 Performance 2.00pm* - Christmas Fayre |
| Wednesday 19 December | Years 3 & 4 Performance 9.30am |
| Wednesday 19 December | Pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty' at King Georges Hall** |
| Friday 21 December | Carol Service at St Silas Church 10.30am *** |
| Friday 21 December | Break Up 1.30pm |

* **Christmas Fayre**

** **Please note children will not arrive back in school until approximately 4.00pm**

*** **All parents welcome**

PARENTS EVENING

Our parent's evening for all children this term is on **Thursday 29 November**. Parents will be able to book their appointments online this Thursday from 6.00pm by logging onto <https://wensleyfoldce.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/>. Thank you.

UKELELE TRIP

Six children in Year 5 have chosen to travel to Blackpool Grand Theatre to see the Ukelele Orchestra of Great Britain on Friday 30 November. The coach will leave St Thomas CE Primary School at 5.30pm and return back at St Thomas approximately 5.30pm. Please make the payment online on ParentPay. Thankyou.

OWLS VISIT TO RECEPTION CLASSES

As part of their learning about autumn and reading the story of owl babies, we have organised for a company to bring a family of owls into the Reception classrooms on Thursday 22 November. This visit will be paid for from the Reception fund.

PANTOMIME – SLEEPING BEAUTY

Once again this year we have arranged for all the children to visit King Georges Hall to watch a production of 'Sleeping Beauty' at a greatly reduced price of just £8.50 (the normal price would be £16) on Wednesday 19 December at 1.15pm. The visit is for all children from Reception to Year 6.

Please make the payment online as soon as possible. Thank you.



RECEPTION FUND

If you haven't already done so, please can parents of children in Reception pay £30 at the school office for the Reception Fund. Thank you.

PUDSEY WRISTBANDS

The official Children In Need Pudsey keyrings and pin badges wristbands can be purchased from the school office for £1. Wristbands are also on sale for £1. Thank you.

YEAR 6 HEIGHTS & WEIGHTS

Our school nurse team will be visiting Year 6 tomorrow (Wed) to measure the children's heights and weights as part of a government initiative.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2019

If your child's 5th birthday is between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 you need to make arrangements **NOW** for admission in September 2019. You must now apply using the online application at www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions. The closing date for the applications is **15 January 2019**.

OPEN EVENING

Due to the increasing numbers of parents wanting information about the school with a view to starting in Reception class, we have taken the decision to hold an open evening next Wednesday 21 November from 6.00pm – 7.00pm. Any new prospective parent will be very warmly welcomed.

DODGEBALL COMPETITION – YEARS 3 & 4

There will be a dodgeball competition for Years 3 & 4 at St Bedes on Thursday 15 November. Children selected will receive further details.

DODGEBALL COMPETITION – YEARS 5 & 6

There will be a dodgeball competition for Years 5 & 6 at St Bedes on Tuesday 29 November. Children selected will receive further details.

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.

ESOL 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.

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. Please register with Mrs Ghiwala in the school office by Thursday afternoon. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY – CHRISTMAS CAROL ACTIVITY

Letters were sent to all CU members in Years 3 – 6 regarding this activity in December. Payment needs to be done through ParentPay and places are limited, there are only a few places left. A confirmation letter will be sent out to all those who have signed up. Please ensure you return the consent form attached if you receive this form.



CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY INDUCTION ACTIVITY

If you have not already done so please make sure you return the consent form for this activity if you have signed your child up. If you have not received this form and believe your child should be attending please ring Sara Burton on 07805929965.

LANTERN WORKSHOPS AT THE BUREAU

Come along to a lantern making session and work with a professional lantern artist from The Blackburn Festival of Light team to create a beautiful paper and willow lantern for the Blackburn Festival of Light Lantern Parade on Saturday 15 December. This is a messy gluey activity, so please wear suitable clothing. Children must be accompanied by an adult. This is a free activity, but a donation of £3 is suggested to help cover the cost of materials.

This activity is taking place at The Bureau Centre for the Arts, BB1 6DW. Drop in anytime from 11am - 4pm, on the following days: -

- Sunday 18 November
- Sunday 25 November
- Sunday 2 December
- Sunday 9 December

If you do attend please make sure you pick up a Children's University slip so your child can collect a stamp in their Children's University passport. Please then bring the slip along with their passport to school.

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DICTIONARIES

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.



STORY TIME & RHYME TIME

Reception parents are invited to attend Story time with their children on Wednesday afternoons at 2.45pm and Rhyme time on Monday afternoons at 2.45pm starting from next Monday 19 November.



ST SILAS CHURCH AUTUMN FAIR

St Silas Church will be holding their annual autumn fair on Saturday 17 November from 11am-2pm. There will be morning coffee, lunches of soup and roll from noon, cakes stalls, books, tombola and raffle. Admission is FREE and everyone is welcome.