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Dear Parent

PARENTPAY & ONLINE LUNCH ORDERING

Please can we remind parents that they have just before 10pm **TONIGHT** to order their child's lunches for week commencing 25 November. Please note, if you have not booked your child's lunches, you will have to provide them with a packed lunch. Please also ensure once you have booked your child's lunches that you check to make sure the booking has been confirmed. Many thanks for your cooperation.

PARENTS EVENING

Our parent's evening for all children this term is on **Thursday 5 December**. Please can parents book their appointments online by logging onto your Parent Mail account. **This is NOT to be confused with ParentPay.** Thank you.

EMAIL

Please do not attempt to contact teachers via school email – these will not be responded to. If you have any queries/concerns, please email the school office: bursar@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk and your query/concern will be passed onto the relevant member of staff. Thank you.

UNIFORM – LAYERS OF CLOTHING

Please can parents not add layers of extra clothing underneath their child's uniform, we do understand that parents will be worried during cold weather, however it is very warm in school and children are getting too hot, also particularly with the younger children it's very difficult when they are changing for PE. Thank you for your cooperation.

DT WEEK

We will be holding our this term's Design & Technology week next week when all classes from Years 1 to 6 will be designing, making and evaluating a number of different

products. As previously we are requesting a donation of £1 towards the cost of materials to be paid to the class teacher. Thank you.

YEAR 3 DT – MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

As part of their DT next week, Year 3 will be making musical instruments out of junk materials. Please can all children bring in cereal boxes, shoes boxes, kitchen roll/tin foil tubes and/or plastic bottles. Thank you.

YEARS 5 AND 6 HYGIENE

Please can parents bring to their child's attention the importance of personal hygiene, ie showering regularly and using deodorant, regular changes of clothes, this advice is for their own wellbeing as well as others in the class. Thank you for your cooperation.

EARRINGS AND STICKS - REMINDER

Please can we remind parents, in particular new Reception parents, that earrings cannot be worn in school under any circumstances, this includes the use of 'stick's in order to keep the holes open as this is a health and safety issue. We recommend that you have your child's ears pierced in the summer holidays when the ears have chance to heal. Thank you for your cooperation.

YEAR 4 LINKING SCHOOLS VISIT TO BLACKBURN MUSEUM

As part of the Linking Schools project, Year 4 will be meeting their partner school at Blackburn museum for a day of team building and interactivity. As they will be walking to and from the museum, please ensure children are wearing suitable footwear and waterproof coats on the day. All children will require a packed lunch however children on free school meals will have a lunch provided. If your child is on school dinners, please do not book a lunch on ParentPay for that particular day. Year 4M will be going to the Museum on Wednesday 27 November and Year 4S on Thursday 28 November. As this trip has been funded by the Linking Schools project there will be no charge to parents.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to all parents, staff and children who helped to raise an amazing **£536.45** for Children In Need last Friday.



FORTHCOMING CHRISTMAS EVENTS – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Friday 29 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 12 December	Christmas Lunch
Monday 16 December	Reception Nativity and Year 2 Performance at 2.00pm* Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 17 December	Reception Nativity and Year 2 Performance at 9.30am*

Tuesday 17 December	Year 4 Performance at 2.00pm* - Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 18 December	Year 4 Performance at 9.30am
Wednesday 18 December	Pantomime 'Cinderella' at King Georges Hall**
Thursday 19 December	Party Day
Friday 20 December	Carol Service at St Silas Church at 9.30am ***
Friday 20 December	Break Up 1.30pm

* **Christmas Fayre**

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

*** **All parents welcome**

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

The school kitchen has very kindly offered to cook a Christmas lunch for all children on Thursday 12 December. A traditional lunch will be served (all halal). We would very much like every child to participate regardless as to whether children normally have sandwiches. If your child is normally on packed lunches a Christmas dinner can be ordered by logging onto ParentPay and clicking on other payment items. This has to be ordered by **Tuesday 3 December**. Thank you.

MEAL CHANGE

Just to let parents know that on Thursday 12 December, the meal choice will be a traditional Christmas Dinner (Roast Chicken) with a Christmas themed ice cream dessert, and not Lamb Bolognese with Pasta as stated on ParentPay. There will be no Jacket Potatoes or Grab Bags available on the day.

YEAR 6 HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRES

Year 6 will be completing health questionnaires with the school nurse next Monday 25 November.

SCHOOL VISITS – NEW PARENTS

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 a visit **next Wednesday 27 November at 9.30am**. If you know of any new prospective parent(s), please ask them to contact the school for further information.

BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL CONCERT

Tickets are now available for parents to purchase from on the following website for the Cathedral Concert on Monday 2 December:

<http://boltonmusicservice.com/event/bolton-blackburn-with-darwen-cathedral-concert-monday/>

YEAR 2 VISIT TO CLITHEROE CASTLE

As part of their History topic on castles, Year 2 will be visiting Clitheroe Castle on Tuesday 3 December. Children should wear their school uniform. A waterproof coat may be required depending on the weather. Please can all monies be paid online and consent forms completed on ParentPay by Tuesday 26 November. **If your child is usually on school dinners, please order a Grab bag for their lunch on ParentPay for this day.** – Children will be asked the day before which filling they want. Thank you.
Thank you.



YEAR 3 RIBCHESTER MUSEUM

As part of their history topic on Romans, Year 3 will be visiting Ribchester Museum on Wednesday 11 December, where they will view and handle Roman artefacts. The children are invited to wear Roman dress – details to follow. A packed lunch will be required, however children entitled to free school meals will have a meal provided. Please can all monies be paid online and consent forms completed on ParentPay by Friday 6 December. **If your child is usually on school dinners, please do not order a lunch on ParentPay for this day.** Thank you.

CINDERELLA – PANTOMIME

Once again this year we have arranged for all the children to visit King Georges Hall to watch a production of ‘Cinderella’ at a greatly reduced price of just £8.50 (the normal price would be £16) on Wednesday 18 December at 1.15pm. The visit is for all children from Reception to Year 6. **Please make the payment online by Friday 7 December.** Thank you.



YEAR 4 DODGEBALL FESTIVAL

There will be a dodgeball competition for selected children in Years 5 and 6 at QEGS Sportshall on Lammack Road next Wednesday 27 November. Children selected for the team will receive further details by next week.

FOOTBALL COMPETITION

There will be a football competition at St Bedes next Tuesday 26 November. Children selected for the team will receive further details next week.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2019

If your child's 5th birthday is between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 you need to make arrangements **NOW** for admission in September 2020. You must now apply using the online application at www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions. The closing date for the applications is **15 January 2020**.

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.

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.

MILK

Milk money is now due for the Autumn Term for all infant children; however all Reception children will receive free milk up to the term in which they have their 5th birthday. Please can parents of children in Years 1 and 2 pay £12 online for this academic year. Parents of children in both Reception classes – please check with Mrs Ghiwala. Thank you.

DONATIONS – OLD BOARD GAMES

We are looking for anyone who has any board games at home that they are not using any more. These will be donated to our games club and other similar activities in school. We are asking for games with all the pieces. If you can help with this please hand any donations to the school office.

CHILDREN'S WRITING COMPETITION

Letters will be going out later this week to all Children's University members in Years 1 – 6 about a writing competition. Please look out for this.



CRICKET – ALL STARS – HAVE A GO SESSION

This is for both boys and girls ages 5 – 8 years old and is a free cricket taster session. It will be taking place at Blackburn Sport and Leisure Centre THIS **Sunday** 24 November from 2pm – 4pm. Please ensure you register your interest on the Lancashire Cricket Federation website. The link is: <https://foundation.lancashirecricket.co.uk/news/2019-news/all-stars-cricket-free-taster-sessions-in-blackburn/>

BLACKBURN FESTIVAL OF LIGHT – LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOPS

In the build up to the Festival of Light the Bureau are running lantern making sessions around Blackburn. Come along to one of these workshops and work with a professional lantern artist from The Blackburn Festival of Light team to create a quick and easy lantern for the Blackburn Festival of Light Lantern Parade on Saturday 14 December. You can make an individual lantern to take home after the parade. These workshops are suitable for ages 5-95! This is a messy gluey activity, so please wear suitable clothing. Lanterns will be stored at The Bureau until the parade. Children must be accompanied by an adult. There is a suggested donation of £3. If your child attends

and they are part of Children's University do not forget to pick up a slip and bring it to school with their Children's University passport.

Please see details below of the dates, times and locations: -

Saturday 16 November – Blackburn Market – 10am – 2pm

Saturday 16 November – The Bureau – 2pm – 6pm

Sunday 17 November - The Bureau – 1pm – 5pm

Saturday 23 November – Blackburn Market – 10am – 2pm

Saturday 23 November - The Bureau – 2pm – 6pm

Sunday 24 November - The Bureau – 1pm – 5pm

Saturday 30 November – Blackburn Central Library – 10am – 2pm

Saturday 30 November - The Bureau – 2pm – 6pm

Sunday 1 December - The Bureau – 1pm – 5pm

Saturday 7 December – Blackburn Central Library – 10am – 2pm

Saturday 7 December - The Bureau – 2pm – 6pm

Sunday 8 December - The Bureau – 1pm – 5pm

Please arrive no later than an hour from the start time in order to give yourself time to finish your creation.

Please note that at the sessions at The Bureau will be upstairs so please consider this when decided on a venue. Both the Market and Library have lift access.

There is no need to book, but if you wish to secure a place you can pre-register at:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-bureau-centre-for-the-arts>

For more information, please contact Kerris at The Bureau on 07845 964802 or email info@bureaublackburn.co.uk