



# 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 just before 10pm **TONIGHT** to order their child's lunches for week commencing 2 December. 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.

## **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

This Friday 29 November we will be having a non-uniform day, when as in previous years we will be requesting donations for our Christmas Fayre which will be held after the Christmas performances (afternoons only). Donations can take the form of:

- Contributions to a hamper e.g. packets, tins, biscuits, sweets, etc
- Unused gifts
- Toiletries
- Meal/Dessert Vouchers
- Beauty treatment vouchers
- Meat vouchers etc

If you wish to make a donation or help in any way, please contact the school office. Please support school in raising much needed funds for school. Thank you.

In keeping with the Christmas theme can all children come dressed in anything

**Christmassy or red and green clothing. They can also wear Christmas jumpers.**

## **PARENTS EVENING**

Our parent's evening for all children this term is next **Thursday 5 December**. There are still a few parents who have not yet booked, it is essential that appointments are made as soon as possible through Parent Mail, NOT to be confused with ParentPay. Thank you.

## **PARENT MAIL/PARENTS EVENING**

If any parent is struggling with booking parents evening appointments or registering on to Parent Mail, Miss Abdul has very kindly offered to host a drop in session tomorrow afternoon (Wed) between 2pm – 3pm where she will help in any way she can. It is vital that ALL parents have a Parent Mail account for future communications. Thank you.

## **UNIFORM – LAYERS OF CLOTHING**

Despite notifications to parents some of you are still sending your child to school with lots of layers under their uniforms, this is causing your child distress as they get far too warm in school and are very uncomfortable, we do understand that parents will be worried during cold weather, however a warm coat and hat and scarf coming to and from school is sufficient, also particularly with the younger children it's very difficult when they are changing for PE. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **SEAT BELTS**

Please can all parents make sure that their child wears a seatbelt when in your car, it has been noticed by staff that some parents are allowing their children to travel without a seatbelt, please be warned that this is against the law and more importantly very dangerous for your children!

## **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 with have a lunch provided.**

Year 4M will be going to the Museum tomorrow (Wed) and Year 4S on Thursday.

## **BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL CONCERT**

This is taking place next Monday 2 December and tickets are now available for parents to purchase from on the following website :

<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 next 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 **tomorrow**. 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 next Friday 6 December. **If your child is usually on school dinners, please do not order a lunch on ParentPay for this day.** Thank you.

### **CHRISTMAS PLAYS & CONCERTS**

We look forward to welcoming family and friends to the children's Christmas productions which will be taking place week commencing 16 December. The days and times can be found below.

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| Monday 16 December    | Year 2 Performance & Reception Nativity at 2.00pm |
| Tuesday 17 December   | Year 2 Performance & Reception Nativity at 9.30am |
| Tuesday 17 December   | Year 4 Play at 2.00pm                             |
| Wednesday 18 December | Year 4 Play at 9.30am                             |

Please can we stress that for Health & Safety reasons admission will be by **ticket only which are available from the main office at a cost of £1.50.** Can we also remind everyone to be prompt and in their seats 10 minutes before the start of the performance - latecomers **WILL NOT** be admitted. Parents with younger children are encouraged to attend the morning performances and all prams must be left in the front entrance of the space building. Thank you.

### **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 next **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.

## **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 next Friday 6 December. Thank you.



## **DT WEEK**

Please can all remaining monies be paid to your child's class teacher. Thank you.

## **DODGEBALL FESTIVAL**

There will be a dodgeball competition for selected children in Years 5 and 6 at QEGS Sportshall on Lammack Road tomorrow (Wed). Children selected for the team have received further details.

## **YEAR 4 DODGEBALL COMPETITION**

There will be a dodgeball competition for selected children in Year 4 at Witton Park next Wednesday 4 December. Children selected for the team will receive further details by 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](http://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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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](mailto:info@bureaublackburn.co.uk)

## **CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY WRITING COMPETITION**

Letters went out last week to all Children's University members in Years 1 – 6 about a writing competition. Please look out for this. The deadline is 15 January, however stories can be handed in before we break up if you like.



## **SCHOOL CLUBS**

Please note next week is the last week of clubs (week ending Friday 6 December). Please however note there will be no clubs running on Thursday 5 December due to it being parent's evening.

## **CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORTS**

If your child has attended a club this term please make sure their Children's University passport is handed in to the school office. The deadline for passports is Friday 6 December. Failure to hand your child's passport in will mean they will lose their hours for clubs this term.

## **CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY TRIP TO CADBURY WORLD**

There will be a trip to Cadbury World on Saturday 8 February. Letters will be going out to all Children's University members in Years 3 - 6 tomorrow (Wednesday). Please note that places are EXTREMELY limited and will be offered on a first come first serve basis on ParentPay. The trip will go live at 8am THIS Thursday 28 November. If any additional places are available after this a notification will be sent through the school app. If you have any questions or your child does not get a letter and they are a member of Children's University (Years 3 – 6) please ring Sara Burton straight away on 07805929965.

## **ONE VOICE**

One Voice offer Cricket and Netball sessions on a Sunday morning at Blackburn Sport and Leisure Centre. Leaflets went out last week. If you would like your child to attend, please contact One Voice by emailing them at [info@onevoicenetwork.org.uk](mailto:info@onevoicenetwork.org.uk) or call (01254) 676193. If children attend any activities run by One Voice and they are a member of Children's University they can collect stamps in their passport too.