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"Make Each Day Count"

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Dear Parent

PARENTPAY & ONLINE LUNCH ORDERING

Please can we remind parents that they have just before midnight **TONIGHT** to order their child's lunches for next week, (week commencing 10 February). Please note, if you have not booked your child's lunches for the following week, you will have to provide them with a packed lunch. Many thanks for your cooperation.

MORNING LINE UP – 8.40am

We have previously trialled opening the doors at 8.40am to children in Years 5 & 6 to alleviate congestion, this has worked really well so we are now opening the doors at 8.40am to ALL year groups. Children will still need to line up at the first bell but as soon as the second bell goes at 8.45am the doors will be closed promptly and children not in the line will be sent round to the office as previously. Thank you for your cooperation.

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE IN TERM TIME

We are receiving an increasing number of requests for leave in school time. This is incredibly worrying as missed learning impacts massively on children's progress in school. All children have 12 weeks of holidays a year so to request additional time is unacceptable. Our school motto is 'Make Each Day Count' and we literally try to make each second count in our children's learning. Outstanding schools must now maintain 97% attendance across the whole school and we currently sit at 96.4% which is very worrying. Please try and support us by ensuring your child attends school wherever possible and a HUGE thank you to those of you who do this already.

LATE COLLECTION OF CHILDREN

We have a few children whose parents are consistently late in collecting them from school so we are giving fair warning to parents that this is not acceptable and we are to start sending children to a classroom with a member of staff who will be paid to stay behind, the cost to parents will be £5. This will be implemented for those parents who

are late more than 3 times in any one term. Of course we do accept that parents are held up in traffic etc on occasions which is why we will be lenient for the first couple of occasions. We hope we never have to resort to charging, 99% of children are collected on time but the number of children collected late is creeping up and we have no choice but to address it. We thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

MEET THE TEACHER

All parents of children in RH are invited to come and meet Mrs Harrington at 2.50pm tomorrow afternoon (Wed). Please come to the office first if you are able to attend. Thank you.

YEAR 6 ACTIVITIES WEEK 2020

This year's Year 6 Activities week will take place w/c 22 June 2020, the children will be going on a residential to Anderton Centre, Chorley as in previous years. They will stay for 3 days and 2 nights taking part in lots of fun-filled activities culminating with a 'Prom Night' in the Space Building at the end of the week. Further details and a planned meeting for parents to follow. The trip will cost £160, which covers all activities, coach hire and food for the Prom Night. Parents can now start paying in instalments on ParentPay if they wish. If you have any questions in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact school. Thank you.

UNIFORM

Once again can we remind parents that their children should be wearing black, grey or white socks, there are still a few children who are wearing multi-coloured socks which is not acceptable as uniform. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

SING TOGETHER CONCERT

Please note that for those children who are taking part in the sing together concert this is taking place on Monday 9 March 2020. The children will have a rehearsal at King Georges Hall at 2pm and will stay at the venue until the concert. The concert starts at 6pm and will end at 7.10pm. Children can bring a packed lunch for tea or a snack if they wish. If parents are not coming to watch, they can collect their children at 7.10pm from King Georges Hall. Tickets are now available to buy from King Georges Hall.

Please log on to ParentPay to give your consent. Thank you.

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

If you have signed your child up for any of the half term activities on ParentPay you should have received a confirmation letter. Attached to this letter is a consent form, which must be returned as soon as possible. Failure to return this form by Tuesday 11 February will mean your child cannot attend. If you have any questions, please contact Sara Burton on 07805929965.

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES AT BLACKBURN CENTRAL LIBRARY

There are a couple of activities taking place at Blackburn library during half term. Pendle Productions, The Storytellers Theatre Company presents Wind in the Willows on **Wednesday 19 February**. There will be two sessions, with the first performance being at **11am – 12.15pm** and the second one being **2pm – 3.15pm**. Tickets cost £1 for children (£3 for accompanying adults), available from Blackburn Central Library, tel: (01254) 661221.

Also during half term, come and have a go at the Lego Robotics sessions, run by our partners at Adult Learning and suitable for children age 5 +. Please note that places are **VERY** limited, so advance booking is strongly advised. The session is on **Thursday 20 February** from 10am - 12pm, Please book direct with the Adult Learning service on 01254 507720. Each child must be accompanied by an adult.

If your child attends either of these activities, 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.

HEALTH HUB LAUNCH AT BLACKBURN LIBRARY – FAMILY DAY

This Saturday 8 February Blackburn Library are offering a range of activities for all ages including simulations suits, Wii games, treasure hunts, quizzes, balance testing and much more. Pop in anytime between 10am and 1.45pm. If your child attends and is a member of Children's University, please remember to pick up a slip and hand this into school with their CU passport to collect a stamp.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY CADBURY WORLD TRIP

For those who have signed up for this a final details letter will be going today. Please make sure you look out for this and if your child has not brought it home by Wednesday and you feel they should be on the trip you **MUST** ring Sara Burton straight away on 07805929965. Please ensure you read this final letter and make sure you drop your child off in plenty of time on Saturday as the buses will be unable to wait for any late children.

BBC 500 WORDS

A letter has gone out to all Children's University members about the BBC 500 word competition. If any child does complete this, please make sure you hand a copy of their story into school together with their CU passport so they can collect 2 hours in their passport. The deadline for the actual competition is Thursday 27 February.

BUNTING COMPETITION

A letter will also be going out to all Children's University members later this week about designing bunting for the 75th VE Day Anniversary. Please look out for this letter. CU members can collect a 1 hour stamp for doing this and the overall competition has a

prize of £50 for the chosen winner! The deadline for this competition is Friday 6 March. Please ensure all entries are handed in to the school office with your child's CU passport.

BLACKBURN YOUTH ZONE ACTIVITIES

Blackburn Youth Zone are offering Children's University members in Years 4 – 6 EXCLUSIVE activities. These will be run on a Saturday afternoon, every couple of weeks. There will be a trial for the first month and then hopefully these will continue. A letter will go out later this week and a notification will be sent on the school app when it does.

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.

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

As well as uploading the newsletter to the website and school app we are now going to email it all parents so you will have no excuse to miss vital information!