



# Wensley Fold CE Primary Academy

"Make Each Day Count"

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Dear Parent

## **PE KIT**

Please can we remind parents that children can ONLY wear black PE shorts for indoor PE. Joggers & tights are NOT allowed, please refer to our uniform policy on the school website if parents are unclear about our expectations. If a child does not have the correct PE kit, they will be issued with spare kit in order to take part in the lesson. We do understand that some children in Year 6 may go through puberty at some stage through the year and will be allowed to wear joggers, however parents MUST first apply in writing to the headteacher for this concession. Thank you.

## **CHARITY**

Once again we are raising money for charity through a number of fundraising events over this academic year. Last year we exceeded our target of £1000 and raised £1,062. for Nightsafe, a homeless charity for young people in and around the Blackburn area who will be putting the money towards their new project at St Silas' church in helping to provide accommodation for young people.

This year we have decided to support three charities after sadly losing our colleague and close friend of the school, Pip St John, who worked for many years with our children. Pip passed away over the summer and we thought it fitting to keep her memory alive. We have decided that as a small tribute to her we would like to split any monies raised between the East Lancs Hospice, Cancer Research and Look Good Feel Better.

## **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 23 September. 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. 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.

## **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. **It also contains an easy link to access online payments.**

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!

## **RECEPTION CLIMBING FRAME**

Please can we remind parents that children are not allowed on the climbing frame outside the Reception classes **AT ANY TIME**. Thank you.

## **MEET THE TEACHER REMINDER**

Wednesday 19 September at 2.00pm for children in Years 3 & 4

Thursday 20 September at 2.00pm for children in Years 5 & 6

Prior to the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions parents will have the opportunity to hear a presentation from Mrs Simpson about some of our priorities over the next school year.

## **RECEPTION HOMEWORK MEETING**

There will be a meeting for Reception parents this Thursday at 8.45am in the school hall to talk about homework expectations. Please drop your child off at your child's classroom door and the teachers will take you through to the hall. Thank you.

## **SING TOGETHER PROJECT**

Outreach workers from Blackburn Cathedral's Sing Together project will be visiting school this Wednesday morning to meet the choir. They will be introducing songs for the concert in March 2020. Letters will follow.

## **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**.



## **SECONDARY ADMISSIONS 2019**

Parent of children in Year 6 must now apply for their child's secondary school for September 2020 using the online application at [www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions) The closing date for the applications is **31 October 2019**.

## **YEAR 6 PARLIAMENTARY VISIT**

All children in Year 6 will be travelling to the House of Commons in London on Monday 23 September. **ALL children will require TWO packed lunches (no bottles or cans please) in a rucksack/drawstring bag.** Children should wear their school uniform.

***Please note your child must be dropped off at Preston Train Station main entrance at 8.30am and be collected from this same entrance at 8.30pm.***

## **EUROPEAN LANGUAGE DAY**

We are holding a European Language Day in school on Monday 23 September focusing on the country Italy. Children will be taking part in Italian related activities.

## **HARVEST**

Continuing with our inter faith theme of Giving Thanks, we will be holding our annual Harvest Festival at St Silas Church in October. Please can any donations of the following be sent into school :

- **Tinned:** fish, tomatoes, rice pudding, custard, fruit, meat, peas and sweetcorn.
- Pasta sauces,
- Long grain rice,
- Breakfast cereals.

All donations will be forwarded to Blackburn Foodbank, Oakenhurst Road. 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.

## **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.



### **SPARE FABRIC – ART**

If you have any unwanted fabrics at home, any textile related items such as old curtains and old shawls, please can you donate for art projects in school. Thank you.

### **RECEPTION – YEAR 6 FLU VACCINATIONS**

An email detailing information regarding the nasal flu vaccinations for all children in school was sent to parents last week. If you would like your child to receive the nasal flu vaccine in school on Thursday 10 October, please follow the link in the email, to complete the online consent form. The link will close **Thursday 3/10/19** - If you have any problems accessing it, please telephone 0333 358 3397.

### **ESOL CLASSES**

ESOL classes run 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

### **HEALTH AND WELL BEING COURSE**

A health and wellbeing course runs on Tuesday afternoons, from 1.00pm-3.00pm. However we do require a minimum of 6 parents for them to take place. Please inform Mrs Ghiwala if you are interested

### **CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY SUMMER CHALLENGES**

If any children have completed these challenges for Children's University over the holidays please make sure you hand all the evidence in to the office along with their passport so they can collect their hours. You have until this Friday to hand them in.



### **SUMMER READING CHALLENGE – BLACKBURN LIBRARY**

If your child has completed this and is a member of Children's University, please make sure you hand their certificate in with their passport so they can have 6 hours stamped in their passport. There is still time to complete this if you haven't already. Pop down to Blackburn Library to complete it. You have until the end of September.

### **SCHOOL CLUBS**

Please note all clubs have now started. They will run for 10 weeks, finishing on Friday 6 December 2019.

### **CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY SIGN UP**

There will be a sign up on Saturday 5 October at the University Centre, Blackburn College. Sign up will be anytime between 9.30am and 11.30am and any child in Years 1 – 6 can join. It costs £3 to sign up.

## **CRICKET**

Blackburn Youth Zone are running a cricket coaching session in partnership with Blackburn Rovers Community Trust. The session is for children aged 8 – 11 and is being run on a Saturday from 2.30pm – 3.30pm, the cost being 50p. The session will consist of a range of cricket drills focusing on fielding, batting and bowling. For more information please email Brad Martin on [brad.martin@brfctrust.co.uk](mailto:brad.martin@brfctrust.co.uk)

## **BLACKBURN ROVERS NETBALL CLUB**

Blackburn Rovers Netball Club has started again on a Wednesday from 5pm-6pm at the Blackburn Rovers Indoor Centre (BRIC). Their fun, energetic and friendly sessions are aimed at girls aged 6-11 years old at a cost of £3 each week, with qualified and specialist coaches. They aim to develop children's fundamental and netball skills, and ultimately form the first ever Blackburn Rovers Netball Team! For more details, please contact Catherine Curran via [catherine.curran@brfctrust.co.uk](mailto:catherine.curran@brfctrust.co.uk) or call 01254 508126.

## **WEST PENNINE NETBALL CLUB**

West Pennine Netball Club offer netball sessions on a Saturday morning at Blackburn Sports and Leisure Centre. The sessions are 9am – 10am for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, 10am – 11am for Years 3 and 4 and 9am – 10.30am for years 5 and 6. The sessions cost £3 per week, but the first session is free! No need to register, you can just pop down on a Saturday morning and sign up then.

## **LANCASHIRE CRICKET**

Children in Year 3 will be having their PE lesson on a Wednesday with a coach from Lancashire Cricket, which will be for the full term. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school.

## **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.