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"Make Each Day Count"

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Dear Parent

HALF TERM

School will close this Friday 11 October for the half term break and will re-open on **Monday 28 October**. Clubs will be on as normal on Friday.

CHARITY

This year we are raising money in memory of Pip StJohn, our language specialist teacher, who sadly passed away during the summer holidays. Pip had been instrumental in helping to support our children and even throughout her illness, remained determined to make a difference to our children. Despite battling cancer, she remained positive and bright, and was an inspiration to all who met her. As way of honouring her we would like to support three charities who also helped Pip. These include Look Good Feel Better, the East Lancashire Hospice and Cancer Research.

NON-UNIFORM DAY FRIDAY

To kick off our cancer charity fundraising efforts we are asking that children wear either pink or grey this Friday (the last day of half term) which we are dubbing "Tickled Pink and Groovy Grey". We are asking that children bring in £1 to support these worthy causes.



CAKE RAFFLE

Mrs Khansia, Layla and Yusuf' mum has very kindly offered to donate a cake to be raffled off for our nominated charities. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the main office for £1 or 10 tickets for £5. The raffle will be drawn on Friday.

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 28 October. 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.

ORDERING GRAB BAGS

The majority of parents are still ordering a dessert when ordering a grab bag for their child's lunch, the Grab Bag option **CLEARLY** states on ParentPay that a dessert is **included**. If you have ordered as above for all the menus until December, please cancel the dessert option on ParentPay tonight. Please can we remind parents that all children in KS1 (Rec, Years 1 and 2) can only order a Grab bag once a week. Thank you.

HARVEST

Continuing with our inter faith theme of Giving Thanks, we will be holding our annual Harvest Festival, which will be led by Year 1 children, at St Silas Church this Thursday 10 October at 9.30am. We hope that parents, grandparents and friends will be able to join us on the day.

Please can any donations be sent into school by Friday morning, which will then be forwarded to Blackburn Foodbank, Oakenhurst Road. Thank you.



YEAR 3 CLOG DANCING

Children in Year 3 will this week be having a go at Clog Dancing! The Lancashire Sparks Project (a joint partnership between Lancashire County Council and About Time Dance Company) will be paying the two classes a visit in order to demonstrate and teach the children about the county's tradition of clog dancing. The taster afternoon will involve a demonstration by a team of clog specialists and will also give the children an opportunity to try out clog dancing for themselves. Next year the project will return to the school for an eight week stint of lessons with Year 3 which we hope to showcase with a performance at King George's Hall Blackburn.

RECEPTION – YEAR 6 FLU VACCINATIONS

Nasal flu vaccinations will be carried out to all children that the NHS has received consent for this Thursday 10 October.

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. Thank you.



BLACKBURN ROVERS SPORTS SESSION

Every Friday, Blackburn Rovers Community Trust we will be running a free sport session at school (Wensley Fold) as part of Blackburn Rovers Community Trust's

"Neighbourhood Offer". The session will run from 4pm - 5pm. This will run each and every week throughout the year, including half terms (excluding Christmas). The aim of these sessions is to offer extra activities to young people in the local area to attend from the age of 8-11 years old regardless of ability. Coaches will be there to oversee a range of sports, tailored to the needs of the group. Come along and sign up. A consent form must be signed on the first session.

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**.

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 The closing date for the applications is **31 October 2019**.

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.

NETBALL COMPETITION

A netball competition is taking place this Thursday 10 October at BRIC, Blackburn Rovers Indoor Centre, Ewood Park. Children selected for the team have been notified – please complete the consent form on ParentPay. Thank you.



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.

OCTOBER HALF TERM

If your child has signed up to any half term activities please ensure the consent form attached to the confirmation letter is returned by THIS Thursday. Failure to return the form will mean your child cannot attend. If you have any questions please

contact Sara Burton on 07805929965.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY WW2 ACTIVITY

Sign up for the above activity went live this morning on ParentPay and places are limited. It is for Children's University members in Years 3 – 6. If you have signed your child up you should receive a confirmation letter. Please can the consent form attached to this be returned before the end of the week.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY SIGN UP

If you missed the sign up for Children's University on Saturday there will be a sign up after half term on Tuesday 29 October at 3.10pm in the school office. Sign up is for children in Years 1 – 6 and it costs £3.

MATHS AT WITTON

For those children who have been attending the maths at Witton Park Academy on a Monday after school please note there is a final session this Monday 14 October. Children can still attend, however it is the parent / carer's responsibility to drop them off at Witton for a 3.35pm start and collect them at 4.30pm. School uniform does not need to be worn.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY TRIP

Details about a trip for Children's University members in Years 3 – 6 will be hopefully out soon. Details will be published on the school app, so please do look out for this.

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)

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.

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES AT BLACKBURN CENTRAL LIBRARY

There are a couple of activities taking place at the library during half term. **Free tickets will be available 3 weeks before the event from Blackburn Library. If your child attends this activity 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.

The activities organised are: -

- The Sustainable Neighbourhoods will be offering some spooky seasonal fun, with **story and craft sessions** based on the story '**Funnybones**' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. Please note that children should be accompanied by an adult at these sessions. This event will be on Wednesday 23 October, 11 am - 12 pm
- **Code Club on** Tuesday 22 October, 2 - 4 pm

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.