



# Wensley Fold CE Primary Academy

"Make Each Day Count"

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Dear Parent

## **HALF TERM**

School will close this Friday 16 October for the half term break and will re-open on **Monday 2 November.** Clubs will be on as normal on Friday.

## **SCHOOL START TIME**

Please can we remind parents that classroom doors will be opened from 8.35am onwards, this is to alleviate crowding around the doors, however too many children are arriving too early, in some cases just after 8am, unsupervised this is not acceptable. Breakfast club is open for those children who need to be dropped off early but you need to register by Thursday of the week before. Late children after 8.45am will still need to come through main office. Thank you.

## **PE KITS**

Can we remind parents that PE hoodies should only be worn by children in the junior classes and not infant classes, as it is part of the junior PE kit only. Infant children should wear their normal school sweatshirt for PE. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

## **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

Please can we let parents know that we are not accepting cakes or small gifts to distribute for children's birthdays at the moment. We are now allowing sealed tubs of chocolates ie celebrations, heroes etc which we will then hand out to the children at home time. Thank you.

## **HARVEST**

Continuing with our inter faith theme of Giving Thanks, we will be holding our annual Harvest Festival in school next Friday 16 October, which will be led by our Year 5 children. Please can any donations of the following be sent into school by this Friday morning:



- Tinned Meat & Fish
- Tinned Carrots
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Long Life Fruit Juice
- Tinned chopped tomatoes
- Jam
- Shampoo
- Baby wipes
- Nappies size 5 & 6

There will be a collection box at the front of the main office, please could you put your donations in there. All donations will then be forwarded to Blackburn Foodbank, Oakenhurst Road. Thank you.

## **SOCIAL DISTANCING - PARENTS**

Please can we remind parents that they must not socialise on the school grounds and should maintain a 2 metre distance away from other parents, if this is not possible then a mask must be worn. Can we also remind parents that only 1 adult should be dropping off and collecting their child. We have worked hard in school to try and protect your child and all we ask is that parents support us by following the rules. Thank you.

## **BREAKFAST CLUB**

If you wish your child to attend Breakfast Club, please make sure you have informed the office by this Thursday. Please remember that payment must be made in advance on ParentPay.

## **BREAKFAST CLUB DROP OFF**

Please can we remind parents that they MUST park up in the two designated parking spaces (the 2 on the left across from the gates). You should not be stopping in the middle of the road blocking traffic. Thank you.

## **VISION SCREENING – YEAR 1**

Vision screening for all children in Year 1 will take place on Thursday 3 December. If you would like your child to **opt out** from the vision screening test, please contact the school office.

## **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 Reception, Years 1 and 2 pay £12 online for this academic year. Thank you.

## **RECEPTION FUND**

As mentioned in your Reception induction booklet, throughout the year, children will have the opportunity to sample new foods and to bake. We ask for a contribution towards the cost of baking and other consumable items of **£5.00** each half term. This money is paid directly to the school office, please can parents of children in Reception send in £30 (for the full year) in a sealed envelope in their child's book bag. Thank you.

## **PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2020**

If your child's 5th birthday is between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 you need to make arrangements **NOW** for admission in September 2021. 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 2021**.

## **SECONDARY ADMISSIONS 2020**

Parent of children in Year 6 must now apply for their child's secondary school for September 2021 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 2020**.

## **RECORDER CLUB**

If your child attended the recorder club last year, please can all recorders and books be returned back to school as soon as possible.

## **SCHOOL CLUBS**

Unfortunately we are still unable to offer clubs to all classes. Due to bubbles closing some clubs will be continuing after half term for the same classes. School clubs are still not as they were, however we do want to gradually work our way back to a full offer as soon as we possibly can. In the meantime, we will be offering a small number of clubs to a couple more individual classes. This may mean your child may not have the opportunity to attend a club yet. As soon as we are able to offer more we will do.

If you have any questions, please contact Sara Burton on 07805929965.

## **BLACKBURN CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORTS**

For those who have handed in their child's Children's University passport please note these will not be given back until after half term. Once they have been done they will be sent back to classes for children to bring home.

## **OCTOBER HALF TERM ACTIVITIES**

During the second week of the October half term holidays there will be a number of online activities for children to take part in. You can still sign your child up to the activities (if there are still spaces) if you have not already done so, and have until next Tuesday 20 October to do this. Those who have already signed up will receive a confirmation email by the end of this week. Please keep an eye out for this. If you do not receive this email, please ring Sara Burton on 07805929965.

## **OCTOBER HALF TERM CRAFT PACK**

Craft packs will be given to all children who have ordered them by Thursday this week. Please ensure your child brings it home if you have ordered one. If you have ordered a craft pack and your child does not bring it home by Thursday, you MUST ring Sara Burton straight away on 07805929965. All craft packs will come with instructions and children must be supervised by an adult at all times when doing them. If your child is not in school we will make alternative arrangements to ensure you are given your craft pack, and if there are any problems someone will be in touch with you.

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

Sign up is now available for those children who are not already members of Blackburn Children's University. Children in Years 1 – 6 can sign up. Sign up on ParentPay now. You have until the beginning of November to do this. Any new members who have signed up will be given their new CU passport after half term.

## **SHARING STORIES, MAKING MEMORIES ONLINE ACTIVITY – SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER**

Letters were emailed out yesterday about this online activity with the University Centre, Blackburn College. It is for all children in Years 2 – 6. Children who sign up will be given their very own activity pack before the session, which will include felt tips, activity sheets and a couple of craft items. The activity will involve a game, craft activities and stories from students and Blackburn Museum. You must sign up via ParentPay and it is available now. Places are limited.