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Dear Parent

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

School will close next Friday 17 December at 1.30pm for the Christmas holidays and reopen on Tuesday 4 January 2022 at 8.45am.



CAROL SERVICE AT ST SILAS CHURCH

All parents and friends are invited to join us at St Silas Church for our Carol Service, next Friday 17 December at 10.30am.

CHRISTMAS PLAYS & CONCERTS

The following Christmas productions will be taking place next week:

Monday 13 December	Year 2 & Reception Nativity at 2.00pm
Tuesday 14 December	Year 2 & Reception Nativity at 9.30am
Tuesday 14 December	Year 4 Play at 2.00pm
Wednesday 15 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 FAYRE – MONDAY 13 DECEMBER

Due to increasing numbers of the new variant our annual Christmas fundraiser will take place in the school hall and bottom corridor, after school on Monday **ONLY**. There will be lots of stalls that staff have worked hard to prepare, including the popular tombola, so please come along and support our fundraising.

CHRISTMAS CARDS/BAUBLES

Baubles are still available to buy from Year 4S at playtime this week, for £1. They can be decorated at playtime or at home, and will then be hung on the special tree in the main entrance. All proceeds will go to our nominated charity, Stepping Stone Projects. Thank you.



CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH AND CHRISTMAS JUMPERS

Please note we will be having our Christmas lunch this Thursday. All children can come to school in non-uniform dressed in their Christmas jumper, or anything **Christmassy or red and green clothing**. Thank you.

STONE AGE WORKSHOP

As part of their History topic, Year 3 will be working with a production company in school taking part in a re-enactment of the Stone Age tomorrow (Wed). Thank you.

YEAR 2 VISIT TO SKIPTON CASTLE

As part of their History topic on castles, Year 2 will be visiting Skipton Castle tomorrow (Wed). Children should wear their school uniform. A waterproof coat may be required depending on the weather. Thank you.

FULL GOVERNORS

There will be a meeting of the full governing body, incorporating the Annual General Meeting, this Thursday at 5pm. The academy's annual accounts will be ready to view on the website w/b 20 December 2021.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday 16 December will be our Christmas party day and **non-uniform day** where children will have the opportunity to dress up in their favourite party/Eid clothes.

NETBALL COMPETITION

There will be a netball competition at Blackburn Rovers Indoor Centre School tomorrow (Wed). Children selected have received further details.



DODGEBALL COMPETITION

There will be a dodgeball competition at QEGS playing fields, Lammack Road tomorrow (Wed). Children selected have received further details.

SNOW WHITE & THE SEVEN DWARFS – PANTOMIME

Please note the pantomime is next Wednesday 15 December - Can we remind parents that the children will not be back from the pantomime until approximately 4.15pm. Please ensure that your children have suitable outdoor clothing and adequate footwear on the day. Please can all remaining payments be paid as soon as possible. Thank you

LIBRARY

Please note that the Library will be closed from Monday 13 December for the end of term auditing process. Please return all the library books including the TOP 100's by the end of Wednesday 15 December.



In the meantime, your child can continue to take part in the Top 100 challenge during the holidays by borrowing the books from the Blackburn Central Library. Please pick up a leaflet from reception for more information. Thank you to all the parents and children for your support.

THURSDAY ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

There will be no achievement assembly this week

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY AWARDS – THURSDAY 2 DECEMBER

Class of the week	-	6B
KS1 Man of the Match	-	Hashir Adnan (2B)
KS2 Woman of the Match	-	Noor Qamar (5M)
KS1 Empty Plate/Healthy Lunchbox	-	Usman Akbar (2W)
KS2 Empty Plate/Healthy Lunchbox	-	Mohammad-Daniyal Iqbal (4B)

ENGLISH CLASSES

Due to lack of interest, we are no longer able to run English classes. If you are interested please let Mrs Ghiwala know and we will keep a register of interest and maybe run them in the future. Thank you

SCHOOL DINNERS – FEEDBACK

We are encouraging parents to give feedback on the meals currently be provided whether they are good or bad comments. If you email bursar@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk I will collate all the feedback and pass directly on to our area manager therefore ensuring that the feedback gets through to the right department.

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 online on ParentPay. Thank you.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2022

If your child's 5th birthday is between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023 you need to make arrangements **NOW** for admission in September 2022. You must now apply using the online application at www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions. The closing date for the applications is **15 January 2022**.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY ACTIVITY – SATURDAY 11 DECEMBER

For those who have signed up, please note this is taking place this Saturday. Your child must only attend if you have received confirmation and completed the online consent form. Please note that parking at the University is chargeable and cameras are in operation so please find alternative parking when dropping your child off. If you have any questions or you are unsure if your child has signed up, please contact Sara Burton on 07805929965.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORTS

If your child has attended a school club this term and they are a member of Blackburn Children's University, please ensure you hand their Children's University passport in to school by THIS Thursday 9 December. Failure to hand their passport in will mean they will lose the hours they have done this term. All passports will be returned before the end of this term so please ensure you look out for it. No responsibility will be held by the school once they have been returned.

BLACKBURN LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Blackburn library are offering some activities during the holidays. Booking is not required, but depending on how busy they are you may need to wait a little while when you arrive, so that they can control the numbers and keep everyone as safe as possible. Blackburn Children's University members can collect a stamp for attending any of these. Just remember to pick up a CU slip from a member of staff when there. Blackburn Library will be running the following activities:

- Tue 21 Dec, 2 - 4 pm, Make a cardboard snowman (age 2 - 7)
- Wed 22 Dec, 2 - 4 pm, Create winter pine cone characters (age 7 - 11)

WINTER CAMP WITH YOUTH ACTION

Youth Action are running a 3-day Winter Camp! This programme is **FREE** with a **daily lunch provided** and open to children and young people in Blackburn with Darwen. **Priority will be for those on or applied for Free School Meals.** Winter Camp will run **from Monday 20 December to Wednesday 22 December** and is for **ages: 5 to 15** (living in Blackburn or Darwen). There are 2 session options of 9:00 – 12:30 or 13:00 – 16:30. Please complete the booking form: tinyurl.com/YAWinterCamp One form must be complete per child. (*Please note: places will be allocated subject to availability for each time slot*). If you require any further information about amazing Winter Programme please get in touch with Youth Action by calling 01254 695847.

BLACKBURN FESTIVAL OF LIGHT

The date is set for Saturday 18 December (Blackburn Town Centre, 4.30pm – 7pm) and there are loads of ways to get involved in this year's event.

There are lantern making workshops at [The Bureau Centre for the Arts](#) in Blackburn this weekend (Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 December from 1pm – 4pm). There is also a

session at Blackburn Market on Saturday from 12pm – 3pm to make paper bag lanterns. CU members can collect stamps in their passports for attending. For more information visit <https://blackburnfestivaloflight.co.uk/> or to book a place on a workshop visit <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/blackburn-festival-of-light>