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"Make Each Day Count"

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Dear Parent

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, particularly as the children have had almost 2 years of learning disrupted. Outstanding schools **must** maintain 97% attendance across the whole school and we currently sit at 95% which is very worrying. We have many requests for places at school from families who wholeheartedly assure us that if given a place they will not take holiday leave in school time but unfortunately those places have already been filled by families who don't have the same commitment. Over the past two years, children have tragically lost their places at Wensley Fold due to their parents taking them out on holiday in school time. This is heart breaking for them and for us. 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.**

SPRING BULBS

As you will be aware the spring bulbs are beginning to come out on the grass verges within the school grounds. Please can parents ensure that children **DO NOT** go onto any of the verges and bankings but keep to the paths, this will ensure that when the flowers bloom they can be enjoyed by us all. Thank you



SAFER INTERNET DAY

Next Tuesday 8 February is Safer Internet Day. All children will be taking part in activities focusing staying safe on the internet. Our local PCSO will also be talking to our Year 4 children.

HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES

We have a number of children that are bringing unhealthy snacks such as crisps and chocolates, in their lunchboxes every day. Please can parents encourage their children to have healthy snacks and maybe 'treat' their children once a week.

Please also remember, as mentioned in last week's newsletter, we have made the decision not to allow chocolate spread sandwiches in packed lunches, due to nut allergies. If a child does bring one in it will be sent back home in the lunchbox and an alternative sandwich provided at a cost to the parent. We appreciate that this may sound harsh; however, we have a duty of care to those children with allergies. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

JEWELLERY & HEADWEAR

Please can we remind parents that jewellery, including earrings, is **not** allowed in school. Girls may wear **plain blue** bobbles and headbands only and long hair must be tied back. Thank you.

RECEPTION HEIGHTS AND WEIGHTS

Our school nurse team will be visiting both Reception classes next Tuesday 8 February to measure the children's' heights and weights as part of a government initiative.

YEAR 6 SATS BOOKS

These are available to buy on ParentPay and must be ordered by **tomorrow** (Wednesday 2 February). Any orders placed after Thursday will incur a £4.50 delivery charge. Thank you.

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY AWARDS – THURSDAY 27 JANUARY

Class of the week	-	5M
KS1 Man of the Match	-	Abdulrehman Mansoor (2W)
KS1 Empty Plate/Healthy Lunchbox	-	Sammy Shah (2B)
KS2 Empty Plate/Healthy Lunchbox	-	Jannat Sharif (4S) Mohammad-Daniyal Iqbal (4H)

CHARITY CAKE SALE

We are holding a fundraising event next Thursday 10 February to raise money for our school nominated charity, Stepping Stone Projects. Cakes will be sold after school in the school hall, prices starting from £1. There will also be a raffle to win a special 'Khansia' cake. Please can parents support this event by donating any cakes by **next** Thursday morning. All donations must have clear ingredients provided. Raffle tickets are now available to buy from the school office, £1 a ticket or £5 for 10 tickets. Thank you.

HUMRAAZ SUPPORT SERVICES

Humraaz Support Services is a Blackburn based specialist led by and for BME Women and Girls service. Over the years we have supported hundreds of women affected by domestic abuse, honour-based violence, sexual violence, and other forms of harm. We

offer advice, guidance and support women to move from crisis to safety and independence. We are culturally sensitive and understand the needs of diverse backgrounds. Our service is free and multilingual.

We provide:

- **Refuge** – a safe place to recover nurture and grow.
- **Community** – a central hub to engage Black and Minoritised Ethnic women to upskill, connect and improve their wellbeing through participation of various activities to include one to one coaching, self-esteem, coffee mornings.
- **Professional** – a peer support group for the development of professional Black and Minoritised Ethnic women through workshops, networking, mentoring and topical discussions.

Call us on 01254 695800 for confidential advice and more information or email info@humraaz.org.uk

TAG RUGBY – MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL

Please note if your child is in the tag rugby club after school on a Monday, they are planning on going outside from next week. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit (including their jumper), however please send them with a pair of old trainers or football boots in a bag which they can use for the club in case it is a little muddy.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY WINTER CHALLENGES

All CU passports have now been returned. Please look out for this as no responsibility will be held by the school once they have been returned.

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

Sign up for the half term activities went live this morning on ParentPay. There are limited places remaining. If any additional places become available, they will go live at 12.30pm this Friday. Those who have already signed up will receive a confirmation email early next week with an online consent form which MUST be completed. Failure to do this will mean your child will lose their place. Any questions please contact Sara Burton on 07805929965.

BLACKBURN CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY TRIP

A letter will be going out about an outdoor activities trip to the Anderton Centre this week. It will be for CU members in Years 4 – 6 and will be taking place in March. Please keep an eye out for this email as sign up will be this week.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE WHILE GAMING ONLINE FOR PARENTS/CARERS – WEDNESDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2022, 5.30pm – 6.30pm (ONLINE)

Blackburn Children's University are working in partnership with the NSPCC on an internet safety campaign, which is part of Safer Internet Day. Do you know your whispers from your skins? Your Fortnite from your FIFA? This February, the NSPCC are supporting UK Safer Internet Centre's Safer Internet Day and encouraging families across the UK to get talking about online gaming. Their workshop 'Keeping children safe while gaming online' will help give parents and carers an understanding of how young people game online and knowledge of tools and resources that can help to keep them safe.

The event will take place virtually, **to book your place, please click here**

<https://bit.ly/SafetyOnline16Feb>

INTERNET SAFETY POSTER COMPETITION

Further details have been emailed out about this. They are some great prizes to be won and CU members can collect a stamp in their passport too! There is still time to enter! The deadline is 3pm on Thursday 10 February.

FEBRUARY HALF TERM CHALLENGES

There will be some February half term challenges for CU members. These will be sent out later next week, before the holidays. Please look out for them.

RECEPTION FUND

Reception Fund for this term is now due - if you haven't already done so, please pay £10 at the school office. Thank you.