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"Make Each Day Count"

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Dear Parent

TRIPS AND VISITS

We wanted to share with parents why we offer our extracurricular activities, trips, visits, theatre visits and why our staff go the extra mile to organise these experiences. It is vitally important that as many children as possible take part in these activities and here is why...

We pride ourselves at Wensley Fold in offering our children a range of experiences outside of the classroom to enhance their learning and give them experiences they wouldn't normally have, which helps them to develop into well rounded citizens.

When parents choose our school they choose to help us develop our school values and aims. Two of our school values are 'perseverance and courage' underpinned by 'continual enhancement and inspiring potential' and our aims of the school include to 'foster the development of all pupils as individuals by using their skills and abilities in extracurricular activities'. This means we encourage children to try new activities and be courageous in pushing their own boundaries.

A judgement of outstanding by OFSTED is only maintained partly due to our 'cultural capital' offer of extra-curricular activities and the extent to which we are equipping our children with the knowledge and **cultural capital** they need to succeed in life. It is the essential knowledge that pupils need to be educated citizens, introducing them to the best that has been thought and said, and helping to engender an appreciation of human creativity and achievement.

By supporting our trips and visits you help us to continue to work towards a judgement of outstanding for our wonderful school community. Thank you.

HIGH SCHOOL APPEALS

Please can we inform parents of Year 6 children that we can no longer support appeals for high schools due to the large numbers of parents asking for them, furthermore past evidence has shown that primary school support has not made any difference to the outcome of appeals. We thank you for your understanding with this matter.

TRAVELLING SCIENCE SHOW

In light of British Science week, next week, Adrian Bowden will be coming into school this Friday 11 March to deliver some science shows to Years 1-4. He will deliver shows on electricity. The cost of this visit will be subsidised by school. Please see the link below to have a little look if you wish!

[Junior Shows – Adrian Bowden's Travelling Science Shows](#)

BREAKFAST CLUB CHANGES

Due to some safeguarding issues recently with children walking from the top gate as early as 7.45am we have taken the decision.

BOOK FAIR

Tomorrow morning (Wed) is the last chance to purchase books from the book fair in the school hall.

WORLD BOOK DAY COMPETITIONS

The winners for the following competitions will be announced in this Thursday's assembly.

- Design a bookmark
- Family Book Quiz
- Book Review

KS1 HOUSEPOINT WINNERS – ASH

Ash are the housepoint winners for the last half-term. As a reward, all children who are in Ash house, Years 1 and 2 can wear their own clothes this Friday but should be **red** (no football shirts please).

RECEPTION STORY/RHYME TIME

Reception classes are now running story/rhyme time sessions in class. Selected parents are invited by SeeSaw – please look out for your invitation.

PARENTS EVENING

Parents' evening will take place on Thursday 17 March and will be face-to-face in school. Parents can now book appointments on line by browsing to <https://wensleyfoldce.schoolcloud.co.uk/> and following the instructions. A full guide has been emailed to parents. Appointment times will be strictly limited to 5mins long and teachers will be using timers to help keep to the schedule. Parents will as usual, receive a report prior to the meeting with details of current achievements.

DT WEEK – YEARS 1-5

All children in Years 1-5 will be designing, making and evaluating a number of different products as part of their DT starting next Monday 14 March. As previously, we are requesting a donation of £1 towards the cost of materials. Please pay your child's class teacher as soon as possible. Thank you.

YEAR 5 HISTORY WORKSHOP

As part of their History topic on Early Islamic Civilisations, a drama production company will be coming into school on Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 March. The children will learn about how Early Islam spread throughout the Middle East and beyond, and take part in re-enactment workshops centred around the topic. The cost of the visit is £9.50 – please pay on ParentPay by Friday 11 March. Thank you.

RECEPTION BLACKPOOL ZOO TRIP

As part of their topic on dinosaurs, Reception children will be visiting Blackpool Zoo on Wednesday 30 March where they will take part in a dinosaur safari and then on to see the rest of the animals. The cost of this trip will be £14.50. A packed lunch will be provided by school unless you indicate otherwise on the consent form, if you send one from home it must be in a named carrier bag (no cans or bottles please). Please log on to ParentPay to complete the consent form. Thank you.

YEAR 6 ART GALLERY VISIT

As part their topic on Art, in particular the artist David Hockney, Year 6 will be visiting Salts Mill Art Gallery in Bradford on Thursday 31 March. The cost of this visit will be £8. A packed lunch will be required, in a named carrier bag, no cans or bottles please. For those children entitled to free school meals a packed lunch will be provided by school unless you indicate otherwise on the consent form. School uniform should be worn. Please log on to ParentPay to complete the consent form. Thank you.

PINOCCHIO SHOW – RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

All infant children will be walking down to King Georges Hall to watch a production of 'Pinocchio' on Thursday 24 March. They will leave school at 1.45pm and will be back in school for approximately 3.45pm. Children should wear their school uniform and a warm, waterproof coat and sturdy shoes. The cost of the visit is £6 – please pay on ParentPay March by Friday 18 March. Thank you.

YEAR 6 ACTIVITIES WEEK 2022

This year's Year 6 Activities week will take place w/c 13 June 2022; the children will be going on a residential to Anderton Centre, Chorley as in previous years. They will stay for 3 days and 2 nights taking part in lots of fun-filled activities Further details and a planned meeting for parents to follow.

YEAR 3/4 GYMNASTICS

There will be a gymnastics competition for selected children in Years 3 and 4 at St Bedes High School, BB2 4SR next Tuesday 15 March. Selected children will be notified later on in the week. Thank you.

YEAR 5/6 FOOTBALL

There will be a football competition for selected children in Years 5 and 6 at Sacred Heart Primary School, BB2 6HQ next Wednesday 16 March. Selected children will be notified later on in the week. Thank you

FEBRUARY HALF TERM CHALLENGES

If your child has completed any of the half term challenges please ensure that you send the evidence together with their passport to school or alternatively send it to Sara at either s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or 07805929965. The deadline for evidence this THIS Friday.

TRIP TO BLACKBURN ROVERS

Please note for those who have signed up that this is taking place THIS Saturday 12 March. A confirmation email has been sent, together with an online consent form which MUST be completed by tomorrow, Wednesday 9 March. Any questions please contact Sara Burton on 07805929965.

ANDERTON CENTRE TRIP

This is taking place on Saturday 19 March. A final details letter together with your child's group will be sent out via the school email system next week. Please do ensure you look out for this. If you have not received this email you must contact Sara Burton straight away on 07805929965.

SCHOOL CLUBS – THURSDAY 17 MARCH

Please note that as it is parents evening next Thursday 17 March there will be no school clubs that evening. All children must be collected at the usual time of 3.10pm.

THE BIG REINVENTION CHALLENGE

A letter has been sent to all CU members in Years 3 – 6 about this. If you would like your child to enter please ensure they complete their design on the paper provided by Friday 25 March. All CU members can collect a stamp in their passport too. Please send all entries together with your child's passport to school to be updated. An email has also been sent out with all the details on.