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Dear Parent

EID LEAVE CONFUSION

Eid Mubarak, we hope you had a lovely day celebrating.

We wanted to take this opportunity to apologise for any confusion caused in the newsletter; as in previous year's all children are authorised 1 day off for Eid if the day falls on a school day, not if it falls in the holidays or weekend. We were advised that Eid fell yesterday for all families and we were unaware that some were following a different calendar.

All children by law have to attend school 190 days a year. We follow the local authority holiday pattern in order to stay in line with other schools to make it easier for parents to coordinate children being off.

Our October holiday was extended, through parent consultation a number of years ago, to allow longer for parents to take extended leave at a time that parents deemed was more appropriate for them to travel to Asia.

Other schools use their INSET days to give additional time at Eid; we can't do that because of the 2 weeks at October.

If we were to shorten Christmas or Easter holidays then this would need to be in consultation with professional bodies of teachers and support staff/unions etc and with the diocese as we are a Church of England Academy.

We went to parent consultation 3 years ago regarding keeping or changing October to one week, but the overwhelming majority asked to keep it at 2 weeks.

We hope this explains how our holidays are set and once again we apologise for any confusion.

Mrs Simpson

YEAR 6 SATS WEEK COMMENCING 9 MAY 2022

A timetable for the above tests can be found below.

Mon 9 May	Tues 10 May	Wed 11 May	Thurs 12 May
English: Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (including vocabulary) <i>2 papers</i>	English: Reading <i>1 paper</i>	Mathematics: Arithmetic, Mathematical Reasoning <i>2 papers</i>	Mathematics: Mathematical Reasoning <i>1 paper</i>

As a treat for our Year 6 children we would like to invite them to share breakfast together each morning (Mon-Thurs), during next week. However the children will have to be in the dining hall by **8.30am** each morning. If at all possible it is recommended that the children have some early nights this week in preparation for the tests. If parents have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact school

EID PARTY

To celebrate the end of Ramadan **ALL** children can wear non-uniform this Friday 6 May, this will give children the opportunity to wear their Eid clothes and take part in celebrations during Golden Time. No football shirts or denim. Thank you.

MATHS BOOSTER CLASSES

Some Year 3 children have been selected to attend maths booster classes after school starting next Monday 9 May, please can you check ParentPay and if your child has been selected please give your consent. If your child has an after school club on Mondays please contact Sara burton or the office for a refund. Thank you.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Please note the last day for ordering photos is next Wednesday 11 May, any orders received after this will incur a postage charge. Thank you

YEAR 3 WITTON PARK VISIT

As part of their topic on Geography, Year 3 children will be taking part in a river study at Witton Park on Wednesday 18 May, to look at how rivers are formed and the wildlife that live in them. A geologist will accompany the children and for their services there will be a £2 charge. A packed lunch won't be required as this is a morning or afternoon visit. Children should wear their school uniform. Please logon to ParentPay to give your consent as soon as possible if you haven't already done so. Thank you.

RECEPTION TRIP – SMITHILL FARM

As part of their topic on Growth Reception children will be visiting Smithills Farm on Thursday 12 May to look at the baby animals born in Spring. Please logon to ParentPay

and give your consent as soon as possible. If you are bringing a packed lunch from home please indicate on ParentPay at least a week before. Thank you.

YEAR 6 HOODIES

Please note the last day for ordering leavers' hoodies is this Thursday 5 May.

PARENT & TODDLER GROUP

We are looking to hold a parent & toddler group, if you are interested please contact Mrs Ghiwala to add your name to the list.

SCHOOL CLUBS

Please note all clubs start this week. If your child is doing an after school sports club, please do ensure you send their kit in a bag so they can get changed for clubs. All lunchtime sports clubs children will need to bring pumps / trainers. If you have any questions please contact Sara Burton on s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or 07805929965.

TESCO VOUCHERS – BLACKBURN CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY VOTE

Blackburn Children's University have been successful for the Tesco Community Grants Scheme and have been put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores (Blackburn Superstore, Bank Top, Roe Lee and Livesey). Voting is now in all the stores and continue until 30th June 2022. The voting is to help fund Blackburn CU holiday activities including cooking as well as a variety of sport and wellbeing activities so children can have fun and learn new skills. Please look out for this is you visit any stores and pick up a token to cast your vote!

EASTER CHALLENGES

If your child has completed any of the Easter challenges for Blackburn Children's University please ensure you send their evidence together with their passport to school. Alternatively you can send the evidence electronically to Sara Burton either on 07805929965 or s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk. The deadline for all challenges is THIS Friday 6th May.