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Dear Parent

WELCOME BACK

We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year holiday and that you had an enjoyable time with your children. On behalf of all the staff please can we thank everyone for their kind cards and Christmas gifts. As always, 2025 promises to be as busy as ever here at Wensley Fold and we look forward to working in partnership with you and your children in the forthcoming months.

WEEKLY VALUE

This week we have introduced our new value which is courage and we have talked about 'stepping out of our comfort zone' to try new things and have a go.

Please enjoy this video which tells the bible story of 'Daniel in the Lion's Den'

www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/articles/znxckt

RELATIONSHIPS EDUCATION – SPRING TERM

The children will be learning the following topics this term:

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| Year 1 | - | Who is special to us? |
| Year 2 | - | What makes a good friend? |
| | | What is bullying? |
| Year 3 | - | How can we be a good friend? |
| Year 4 | - | How do we treat each other with respect? |

LOST PROPERTY

Please can all lost property from the Autumn term be collected from the office by **tomorrow**. Any unclaimed property will be donated to charity. Thank you.

MEET THE TEACHER – NEW NURSERY PARENTS

All parents of children who attend the nursery will have the opportunity to meet the teacher next Monday 13 January (please see email sent yesterday). Thank you.

KS2 HOUSE POINT WINNERS

As a reward for the most house points last term, all children in OAK can come to school in **yellow** next Friday 17 January. (No football shirts please).

PE DAY CHANGES

Due to Forest Schools for Spring Term only, PE day will change for the following classes:

3S - Tuesday

5M – Monday

SCHOOLAPP

Please can all parents download the school app as many whole school messages are sent this way and some messages are being missed by parents.

Instructions for download

1. Using your device (iPhone, iPad, smart pad, tablet or android phone), visit the relevant market place (Apple Store or Google Play)
2. Search for '**OurSchoolsApp**' and download the app
3. Once downloaded, use the search bar within the app and enter the postcode **BB2 6LX** or **school name** and hit search.
4. Once the school name has been displayed, touch the screen on the name and confirm your choice by pressing OK.
5. You will now be presented with the correct app for Wensley Fold. Congratulations!

HENRY PROGRAMME

The HENRY Healthy families programme is for parents or carers of children aged 5-11 years old – it is free to join. The sessions will run for 8 weeks, starting on Wednesday 22 January 2025. If you are interested in joining the programme, please contact Mrs Khan or Ms Emam. Thank you.

PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP

Come along to our Parent and Toddler group every Thursday at 8.45am-9.45am in the school hall. A chance to meet other parents and have a fun time with your little ones.

We have the following activities next half-term:

16 Jan	-	Artic animals
23 Jan	-	Small world
30 Jan	-	Posting
06 Feb	-	Fun with Playdough
13 Feb	-	Let's get Creative

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2025

If your child's 5th birthday is between 1 September 2025 and 31 August 2026 you need to make arrangements **NOW** for admission in September 2025. You must now apply using the online application at www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions. The closing date for the applications is **next Wednesday 15 January 2025**.

RECEPTION & NURSERY FUND

Reception and Nursery fund is now due for the Spring Term. If you have not already paid for the year, please pay £5 at the school office. Thank you.

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.

100 BOOKS READING CHALLENGE

If you would like to sign up for the 100 books reading challenge, registration forms are available from Mr Desai in the school library after school. Please note the library is open to specific year groups on certain days from 3.15pm - 3.30pm



Monday	–	Reception classes and/or siblings
Tuesday	–	Years 1 and 2
Wednesday	-	CLOSED
Thursday	–	Years 3 and 4
Friday	–	Years 5 and 6

SCHOOL CLUBS

Please note there will be 2 signs ups for clubs next week:

- Monday 13th January for Golden Ticket children (names below)
- Tuesday 14th January for everyone else - please note if a club does not appear this may mean it is full from the previous morning.

Please note clubs have to be added individually so they will gradually become available during the 15 minutes (7.30am – 7.45am) each morning so please keep checking.

Places are offered on a first come first serve basis on ParentPay and clubs will be available until Wednesday 15th January (if there are still spaces).

Information on all the clubs which are available have been emailed out and also put on the School App. Please note that some clubs are invite only. Please read all the information that has been sent. If you have any questions please contact Sara Burton on

s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or 07805929965 (please leave a message if no answer).

Please note a few points below:

- Some clubs are invite only. Those invited to any of these clubs have been sent a separate email. Please do check your emails for these.
- Due to staffing restraints we do not have as many clubs available. Therefore, each child is able to attend a maximum of **TWO** clubs, unless there are still spaces after 3pm on Wednesday 15th January.
- If your child has been personally chosen / selected to attend a club please check the email sent for this as to whether this club would be counted in their TWO club allocation. Emails will be sent via the school emails.
- For the netball and two football clubs it will be for those children who attended last term.

GOLDEN TICKETS

Those children who have qualified for a GOLDEN TICKET this term are below. If you have any queries about this please speak to the office no later than **3pm THIS Friday 10th January**. *The school cannot deal with any of these queries after this time.* To qualify for a **Golden Ticket** your child must not have missed any golden time throughout the previous term as well having **100% punctuality** and at least **96% attendance**.

1A	1H	2C	2W
Aizah Noor Ali	Haniya Ashiq	Ammarah Desai	Husnain Fiaz
Fatimah-Zahra Ali	Eesa Dudhia	Aysha Goji	Umar Hussain
Sakina Amin	Isaac Gaskell	Anisah Hanif	Muhammad-Armaan Iqbal
Aleena Khan	Anaya Khan	Fatimah Namaji	Yusiarah Mansoor
Inaaya Mehuddin	Momina Mahmood	Muhammad Patel	Muhammad-Zayd Rafiq
Israt Patel	Khadijah Mohammed Asmeen	Halimah Suleman	Khadija Sadiq
Ilyana Qasim	Sara Patel		
Ali Saddique	Ayzah Usman		
Ammarah Yusuf			
3B	3S	4K	4S
Zunairah Ali	Humairah Ahmed	Imaan Afzaal	Fatimah Banglawala
Maliha Aslam	Sarah Azam	Aamina Asghar	Aliyah Khan
Sakina Batool		Inaaya Asghar	Fatima Patel
Unaisah Bux		Isabelle Bracewell	
Aaryan Hussain		Zahra Chand	

Hamza Khan		Madinah Chandia	
Khadija Patel		Safa Noor Hussain	
Adam Suleman		Adam Khansia	
Hamzah Sultan		Aminah Mahmood	
Zahra Waseem		Muhammad Ibrahim Mahmood	
		Rayan Nain	
		Ahmedraza Patel	
		Amina Patel	
		Minaal Rasool	
		Inaya Saddique	
		Fatima Sadiq	
		Asiya Ullah	
		Abuzahr Younis	
5H	5M	6B	6G
Maryam Adalat	Usman Akbar	Hamdaan Ahmed	Hunainah Afzal
Yahya Ahmed	Fiza Batool	Zaina Ahmed	Mohammad Ayaan Akhtar
Mohammed Hassan Bhai	Fatima Faisal	Khadeeja Aslam	Mustafa Ali
Safaa Dudhia	Athikah Hussain	Ayaan Chockwala	Aamina Asghar
Elliot Hide	Aditya Jetha	Azaan Iqbal	Hanaa Bint-Mohammed
Safa Noor Iqbal	Arham Khurshid	Zenab-Noor Malik	Zainab Munshi
Maham Jalil	Hanzalah Mansoor	Naeema Mulla	Aamilah Patel
Mehreen Shazad	Aamna Mazafar	Muhammedibrahim Patel	Simrah Touqir
Aisha Sultan	Ayman Mohammed	Mustafa Sabir	Aroosha Zeeshan
Muhammad-Yaqub Ughardar	Humayd Mulla	Habiba Sadiq	
Rayyan Umarji	Khadijah Patel	Zainub Fatima Yusuf	
Jacob West	Janat Qadeer	Zoya Zaheer	
	Rayhan Qasim		
	Abdurraheem Safdar		
	Raza Saleh		
	Qasim Uneeb		

HOLIDAY CHALLENGES

If your child has completed any of the CU Challenges or any activities at the library over the holidays please ensure you send the evidence to Sara Burton via s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or 07805929965. You must still remember to send your child's CU passport in to school so it can be updated, please post in the BLUE CU box at the school office. If you prefer you can send the evidence of the challenges into school together with your child's CU passport so it can be checked and updated.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT PACKS

If your child has completed one of the craft packs over the holidays do not forget to send some pictures to Sara Burton (on 07805929965 or s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk) if your child is a member of Children's University and would like to collect a stamp in their passport for completing these crafts.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY ACTIVITY – SUPERHERO ACTIVITY DAY

An email has been sent out about a CU superhero day at the end of January for children in years 3 – 6. Further details have been emailed. Sign up is available from 7.30am tomorrow (Friday) on ParentPay, places are limited. If you do sign your child up please look out for a confirmation email from school later next week, which has a link to the consent form. Failure to complete this consent form will mean your child cannot attend.

WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about JUSTALK KIDS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

JusTalk Kids is a child's version of the JusTalk app – a highly popular social networking platform – designed for users up to 13 years of age, allowing them to video call, message and participate in group chats. While adults can link their own JusTalk account to their child's and make use of parental controls, it's important to understand the risks associated with the app.

SUBSCRIPTION FOR PREMIUM ACCESS

While JusTalk Kids is free, there's the option to subscribe to a kids' premium account or a premium family account. At a cost, this feature allows children to have access to more fun features such as games they can play with others in a chat, exclusive stickers, a badge denoting them as a premium subscriber, and exclusive ringtones and themes.

RESISTANCE TO CONTROLS

JusTalk Kids endeavours to allow children the sense of having a chat-based app while allowing parents to set controls (within the app or from their own adult JusTalk account). The basis behind this is positive; however, some children are challenging their parents by refusing to use JusTalk Kids, preferring to use the adult version without any restrictions in place.

KNOWING THE PARENT PASSCODE

After downloading JusTalk Kids, parents can set a passcode which users must enter to add contacts. The parental controls help to manage which content can be viewed and who children can add as a contact; this then allows children to chat with friends in a controlled environment. However, prospective contacts don't have to know a specific username. In theory, someone could type in a random name and then add them as a friend.

POTENTIAL DATA LEAKS

JusTalk and JusTalk Kids claim to be secure and encrypted, going so far as to state that even the developers themselves won't access your data. However, a security lapse in 2022 highlighted that messages were not in fact encrypted – leading to concerns around the security of the app and the transparency of the development team.

CYBERBULLYING

Online chats can provide a sense of anonymity, leading some users to post things which they wouldn't normally say in person. Combined with the option of group chats, there's a risk that young people might join in with this kind of behaviour, escalating it further and potentially turning what should be a fun experience into something deeply negative.

TOO MUCH SCREEN TIME

A report by the UK Parliament Education Committee highlighted a 52% increase in children's screen time between 2020 and 2022 – as well as finding that 25% of children used their smartphones in a manner consistent with screen addiction. Introducing children to social networking apps when they're too young can lead to bad digital habits and a reliance on technology from an early age.

Advice for Parents & Educators

JUSTIFY THE CONTROLS

If parents allow their child to use JusTalk Kids, they should explain that they're putting parental controls in place to make the app safer. Make sure the child knows not to put their full name on the account and doesn't use a photo of themselves as their profile picture. This type of open discussion will help to ensure that a child is aware of the app's potential risks and knows how to reduce them.

TALK ABOUT ONLINE FRIENDSHIPS

Young children could be excited to use this app. However, highlight that they must do so in a positive, respectful and responsible manner. While it can be easy to get caught up in a group chat, it's important to talk to others politely and call out any unpleasant behaviour. Discuss the importance of limiting their contacts to people they know in real life and use parental controls to enforce this.

DOS AND DON'TS OF SHARING

Some children might not understand the potential dangers of oversharing online. Set clear guidelines around what is and isn't safe to share on the internet, and discuss the concept of a digital footprint. Children need to understand that the things they say and share online can never be completely erased. Even if they delete it themselves, it can be saved and distributed by others.

ENCOURAGE OPEN COMMUNICATION

Apps like JusTalk can sometimes lend themselves to bullying behaviours. Parents should monitor what their child is sending and receiving, check in with them regularly and encourage them to share their feelings (both positive and negative) at home. Remind them that they can block a contact if someone is treating them disrespectfully.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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