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"Make Each Day Count"

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Dear Parent

WEEKLY VALUE

This week we have looked at the life story of a famous lady who showed the value of courage in her life. Her name was Grace Darling.

Enjoy the video telling of her amazing life:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yv3eS40jON0>

HOMEWORK

Unfortunately we have had an increasing number of children who have missed part or all of their Friday golden time session in school due to having not completed all or part of their homework for the week.

We do not want children to miss out on their golden time as they work so hard in school during the week.

Please could you ensure that you support and encourage the children in completing the homework set. If you are unsure of what is expected of them or are having problems logging in or accessing any part of it, please do not hesitate to contact us so we can help. Encouraging a good homework habit will also help prepare for expectations in high school.

One of the most valuable things you can do with your child is encourage them to read at home every week. The ability to read well and with fluency impacts so much of the rest of the school curriculum. If we can work together to ensure each child reads at least 3 times a week at home it will make a real difference to progress. Some children are saying they have read but the card has not been signed. We would really appreciate your support in signing the card after every read. Please note 1 read does not mean a full book each time. It may be a few pages of reading and talking about what has been read. If we can help in any way with any problems you may be having with home reading please don't hesitate to ask us for support.

Mrs Whittingham

IN THE LINE

Please be standing in the line for 8.45am as the infant gates & junior doors close when the bell goes. Unfortunately, any arrival after this time will be marked as late in line with school policy.

SCHOOL BEFORE 8.30AM

There are some children being dropped off in the school grounds before 8.30am, please can we remind parents that if this is to be the case the child must go to breakfast club. It is a safeguarding issue as there are not staff around at that time to monitor the children. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

LABELLING OF CLOTHES

We cannot stress how crucial it is to ensure that **ALL** clothes and belongings are clearly labelled. This is particularly important when it comes to PE kit and detachable hoods. It can be very distressing for children if they mislay items of their school uniform. A lot of belongings including glasses were donated to a local charity shop as they were not labelled or claimed. Overall it will cost you a great deal more in replacing the items, so please, please **LABEL THEM!!** Thank you.

HOLIDAYS TERM-TIME

Please can we remind parents requesting a leave of absence, that they must complete the leave of absence paperwork with proposed dates for absence at **least one month in** advance of the absence. It is important that parents do not book any tickets before completing.

Exceptional Circumstances are defined as **rare, significant, unavoidable and short**. Wensley Fold does not consider the following to be exceptional circumstances; the availability of cheap flights or holidays, the availability of desired accommodation, the overlap at the beginning or end of the school term or the working pattern or availability of parental holiday entitlement. Thank you.

NURSERY – SPARE CLOTHES

Please ensure your child has a spare set of clothing in nursery. Thank you.

CHARITY FILM NIGHT

We are holding a film night on Thursday 13 February after school, the film will be 'Super Pets' and tickets are available to buy for £3 (popcorn and drink included), from the main office. All proceeds will go to our nominated charities, The Brain Tumour Charity and Children with Cancer UK. Please note tickets will need to be purchased by Tuesday 11 February and the film will finish at approximately **4.45pm**. Thank you.

RECEPTION – TED AND GEORGE TURN 5

The children will be celebrating their class teddy's 5th Birthday tomorrow (Friday). We would like the children to dress up in their party clothes and enjoy the birthday celebrations with games and cake. Please contact the office if you have any queries.

RECEPTION STAY AND PLAY

We would like to invite one parent for each child to come and play within their classroom setting and listen to a story together, for Reception L next Thursday 6 February and for Reception Q on Thursday 13 February. The session will run from 2pm-3pm, where there will be many fun activities for you to enjoy with your child. Please sign up at the school office by this Friday 31 January.

RECEPTION HEIGHTS AND WEIGHTS

Our school nurse team will be visiting both Reception classes next Tuesday 4 February to measure the children's' heights and weights as part of a government initiative.

RECEPTION HEALTHY BEDTIME ROUTINE

Next week the children in Reception will be learning about what makes a healthy bedtime routine. On Wednesday 5 February, we would like the children to come to school dressed in their pyjamas and school shoes so they can fully emerge themselves in the bedtime routine. As part of this learning we will be teaching the children the importance of good oral health. The children will be bringing home a toothbrush and toothpaste for them to use at home which has been kindly donated by AP Smilecare, Preston New Road.

YEAR 1 EUREKA

As part of their topic on Science, Year 1 will be visiting Eureka Children's Museum in Halifax on Thursday 27 February, where they will have fun learning about the human body and how the organs & senses work. Children should wear their school uniform. A packed lunch will be provided by school; however children may bring a packed lunch from home if they wish in a named carrier bag, but please indicate clearly on the consent page on ParentPay. The cost of this trip will be £19.50. Please pay on ParentPay by Friday 21 February. Thank you.

YEAR 2 BLACKBURN LIBRARY

Year 2W will be visiting Blackburn library next Monday 3 February and Year 2C will be visiting the library next Thursday 6 February. If your child is already a member, please send their library card into school. Thank you.

YEAR 4 TASTE TEST

As part of the Year 4 Geography topic of Campania, children will have the opportunity to taste test foods that are found in Italy next week. These will be as lemons, cherry tomatoes, olives and vegetarian mozzarella. Please inform school if your child has any allergies.

YEAR 6 HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

We have been very fortunate to have secured tours of the Houses of Parliament for our Y6 children. This is an exciting opportunity for the children to travel to London by train, take the underground, visit the Houses of Parliament and a boat trip down the Thames!

Year 6G will be visiting next Friday 7 February – Parents must drop their child off at Preston Railway station for 5.40am and pick up at 6.40pm

Year 6B will be visiting on Wednesday 26 February - Parents must drop their child off at Preston Railway station for 6.35am and pick up at 7.40pm.

Two packed lunches will be required one of which they will eat on the train home, ideally these should be in a SMALL rucksack, as they will be carrying it around all day. Children should wear their school uniform.

If parents are struggling to transport their child to the train station, please contact school. Thank you.

YEAR 5/6 SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the children who took part and came 2nd in the sportshall athletics competition on Tuesday. Outstanding effort and attitude to every event. Well done!

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:

06 Feb	-	Fun with Playdough
13 Feb	-	Let's get Creative

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY AWARDS – TUESDAY 28 JANUARY

Class of the week	-	RA
KS1 Person of the Match	-	Muhammad'Hamza Nawaz (RQ) Orhan Saqab (1A)
KS1 I ate well today	-	Hadi Afzal (RL) Rimsha Sharif (2W)
KS2 Person of the Match	-	Aaban Mohsin (4K)
KS2 I ate well today	-	Fatima Faisal (5M)

COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Wensley Fold neighbourhood network would like to understand more about what it's like living in Wensley Fold – what you like about the community, the environment you live, local facilities, safety, community spirit, work opportunities, things to do, health factors, housing, young people and volunteering to help your community.

Everyone is welcome to attend a community fun day tomorrow at Wensley Fold Children's Centre, 11am-3pm.

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

HOLIDAY CHALLENGES AND CU PASSPORTS

Please note all CU passports that have been handed in for CU challenges last week have now been returned. If you posted your child's passport this week all these passports will be returned tomorrow (Friday). If you have handed our child's in please do look out for it as no responsibility will be held by the school now they have been returned.

BLACKBURN ROVERS V PRESTON FC

If you have signed your child up to this football match please remember it is taking place this Friday. Final confirmation details will be sent by 6pm tonight. Please do look out for this as it will confirm the timings for drop off and pick up. Any questions please contact Sara Burton on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

Please note that all the half term activities are now full. If any further places do become available these will be added to ParentPay at 12pm on Monday 3rd February.

If you have signed your child up to any of the activities please look out for a confirmation email which will be sent (from s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk) early next week with all the details as well as the link to the online consent form which must be completed. Failure to complete this will mean your child cannot attend.

WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.



'Apps' are designed to run on certain devices and are written for a specific operating system, such as Apple iOS, Windows, or Android. The official store for the Apple iOS operating system is known as the 'App Store' and it's where you can browse and download more than 2 million apps and games to use on the iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch and other Apple devices. When your children are using the app store, you need to be aware of the risks...



What parents need to know about

THE APP STORE

IS YOUR CHILD 13+?

To download and buy apps from the App Store, your child will need an Apple ID. If they have used other Apple services, such as iCloud, they can sign into the App Store with the same Apple ID. If they are aged 13 and under, they cannot sign up for an Apple ID on their own, but an adult can create an Apple ID for a child.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Apps are either free, paid-for or free with in-app purchases. In-app purchases are optional transactions that can unlock extra functionality, virtual goods or unique content. Unless you change the settings, once your child has entered a password to make an in-app purchase, they can make additional purchases for 15 minutes without re-entering a password. This makes it extremely easy for children to accidentally run up huge bills.



LOOKALIKE APPS

Some developers release apps that copy the functionality, user interface and even product names and branding of popular apps, in an attempt to trick unsuspecting users to install them. By downloading an app from an unknown developer, your child could find their device compromised. Experts warn that through app permissions, hackers can potentially take photos using the camera and access media remotely, track your child's location, record any passwords they enter for other accounts, and send text messages from phones.

INAPPROPRIATE APPS

Some apps and games have content that is unsuitable for younger children – even the most popular or innocuous looking apps may feature adult-themed content, violence or cruelty to other people or animals, unmoderated chat, pornographic or sexual content.

THIRD-PARTY APP STORES

Because the official Apple App Store has a very stringent policy about what apps it approves, children may look elsewhere for apps and games they've heard about from friends. As well as the Apple App Store for iOS, there are hundreds of other third-party app stores, but the danger is they may not apply the same level of scrutiny toward the apps they allow to be listed. There's a higher chance of apps that infect devices with malicious codes or put user privacy at risk by extracting sensitive information.



Top Tips for Parents



CREATE YOUR CHILD'S ACCOUNT

You can create an Apple ID for a child under 13 and add them to your family group to keep an eye on their activity. Go to Settings > (your name) > Family Sharing > Add Family Member > Create a Child Account > Next. Enter your child's birthday and tap Next. Review the Parent Privacy Disclosure and tap Agree. With Family Sharing, you can add up to six family members to share App Store purchases, as well as iTunes and Apple Books.

SWITCH ON 'ASK TO BUY'

If you have a child that is over 13 years of age and has their own Apple account, make sure that you only allow them to make purchases with gift cards. You can also activate the 'Ask to Buy' feature if you are using Family Sharing, so that whenever a family member who isn't an adult initiates a new purchase, a request goes to the account organiser. You can also limit what content your child can access on the devices they use.

RESTRICT IN-APP PURCHASES

You can restrict your child's ability to make in-app purchases. On an iOS device, open Settings tap General and then Restrictions. Tap 'Enable Restrictions'. You can put a limitation that requires a password every time there is a purchase made in the App Store or iTunes Store.

BROWSE APPS BY AGE

To find apps and games that are right for your children, check the age ratings. On an iPhone or iPod Touch, this can be found in the information section on an app's product page, and on an iPad or desktop, the age range is near the Buy button. On the Kids page, you can find apps for age ranges, including 5 and under, 6 to 8, and 9 to 11.

AVOID OTHER APP STORES

Put a rule in place that your child can only use the official App Store to download apps and games. Explain why it is wise to only install applications from a trusted source to ensure their device is not affected by security issues or virus attacks.

HOW TO KNOW AN APP IS SAFE TO INSTALL

Advise your child that just because they're downloading an app from an official store, it doesn't make it safe. Fake or copycat apps will often include misspelt words and poor grammar, so always read the app description, and double check the developer name and title for warning signs. Be wary of apps that come with a long list of permission requests. Check the app's reviews and ratings – one star, one-line reviews complaining that an app didn't work on a certain device, or that there was a billing issue, is not a good indication.

SPOT FAKE REVIEWS

When checking the customer reviews within the app store, make sure they aren't vague and generic, or overly effusive, as some developers will try to manipulate their app's positions by posting fake ratings and reviews. Check the number of downloads the app claims to have – the higher the number, the more likely it is to be safe. Your child can also check the company's website to see if the app is a

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