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"Make Each Day Count"

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Dear Parent

WEEKLY VALUE

This week we linked our school value of courage to the Story of David and Goliath. Enjoy the story of how David had faith and courage and this helped him to be brave in battle.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=OrZOWjfoMH8

CHEWING GUM

Please note chewing gum is NOT allowed in school or the school grounds. In recent weeks, the site supervisors have had to remove chewing gum found on the playgrounds.

JEWELLERY

As per our school policy, children are not allowed to wear jewellery in school.

REPORTING ABSENCES

Please can we ask when reporting absences, parents speak clearly stating their child's full name, class and reason for absence. Thank you.

MATERNITY LEAVE – RECEPTION L

Next Friday 14 February, we will be saying goodbye for a short while to Mrs Lord (RL) who is going on maternity leave. We would like to wish her all the very best with the birth of her third child. Her class will be covered by Mrs Smith who is moving from 3S. Mrs Smith has worked in Reception last year.

YEAR 3S COVER

As Mrs Smith will be covering maternity leave in Reception L, Year 3S will be covered by Miss Whitfield and Mr Smith who have been working in Year 3S alongside Mrs Smith to prepare for this change over.

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

School will close next Friday 14 February at 3.15pm for the half term break and re-open on Monday 24 February 2025. Clubs will run as normal on Friday.

MID TERM EFFORT AWARDS

We will be holding our midterm effort awards assembly in various subjects, next Wednesday 12 February at 8.50am. Parents of children nominated will receive an invitation to the assembly tomorrow via email. If you are invited, please do not inform your child. Thank you.

YEAR 6 HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

Year 6G will be visiting the Houses of Parliament, London tomorrow (Friday) - Parents must drop their child off at Preston Railway station for 5.40am and pick up at 6.40pm

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

Children should wear their school uniform.

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

GOVERNORS

There will be meetings of the Governing Body next week as follows

Quality of Education – Wednesday 12 Feb at 5pm

Finance, Audit and Risk – Thursday at 5pm

CHARITY FILM NIGHT

We are holding a film night next 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.

NURSERY CELEBRATION

We would like to invite one parent for each child to join in a 'Valentine's Celebration' next Thursday 13 February – 11am for the morning children and 2pm for the afternoon children.

A letter was sent home with further details - please return the slip sent home to confirm attendance by tomorrow (Friday).

RECEPTION BAKING

Next week, as part of their learning, the children will be baking and eating cupcakes.

They will contain the ingredients: butter, eggs, sugar, flour, vanilla essence and icing sugar.

Please let us know if you would prefer your child not to participate.

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 3 WITTON PARK

As part of their Geography topic on River studies, Year 3B will be going to Witton Park on Tuesday 11 February and Year 3S will be going on Thursday 13 February. Please ensure children have their wellingtons in school on the days. Thank you.

YEAR 5 WESTHOLME

All children in Year 5 will be going to Westholme school next Friday 14 February, where they will attend an online safety assembly and take part in various activities.

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:

13 Feb - Let's get Creative

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY AWARDS – TUESDAY 04 FEBRUARY

Class of the week	-	5M
KS1 Person of the Match	-	Zaynab Ahmed (RL) Abbas Ashraf (1H)
KS1 I ate well today	-	Yusuf Sultan (RL) Ammarah Desai (2C)
KS2 Person of the Match	-	Humayd Mulla (5M)
KS2 I ate well today	-	Usman Akbar (5M)

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

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

Please note that all the half term activities are now full. If you have signed your child up to any of the activities please look out for a confirmation email which has been sent from s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk. This has all the details on as well as the link to the online consent form which must be completed. Failure to complete this consent form by this Sunday 9th February will mean your child cannot attend.

BLACKBURN TOWN CENTRE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Please see the link (<https://bit.ly/FebMarketFlyer25>) for a copy of all the different free activities which are taking place in the town centre over the holidays. This includes places like Blackburn Library, Blackburn Market and Blackburn Museum. Please remember if your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University and they attend any of these to pick up a slip so they can collect a stamp in their passport. Please note at Blackburn Museum you can also get their passport stamped there instead. If for any reason there are no slips available please drop Sara Burton a message on 07805929965.

HOLIDAY CHALLENGES AND CU PASSPORTS

Please note all CU passports that have been handed in for CU Winter challenges have now been returned. 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.

FEBRUARY HALF TERM CHALLENGES

A copy of these challenges from Blackburn Children's University will be sent out next week. If your child completes any 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 after the holidays, 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 after the holidays.



Attendance Matters - Make Each Day Count!



0 days of school missed	100%	Outstanding	Excellent chance of success and progress in learning and future.
Equates to 2 days in a school year	99%	Excellent	
Equates to 5 days in a school year	97%	Good	Good chance of success and progress in learning and future.
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern	Less chance of success. Harder to make progress.
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned- Persistent absence	Detrimental effect on success and progress
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very concerned	

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 SCAMS AND FAKE NEWS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

"Fake news" refers to falsified or misleading material presented as a legitimate account of events. It's often used by malicious actors online to push an agenda, or even by criminals as a way of making scams more persuasive. Scammers can trick us into handing over personal information, security details and even our hard-earned cash.

"CLICKBAIT" PHISHING SCAMS

A message arrives saying "Have you seen this video of yourself?" or you might be sent an attention-grabbing headline about a celebrity that's been shared on social media. This kind of "bait" is produced by scammers to drive us to click on an unsafe link, where malware could be downloaded to our devices. These scams rely on our curiosity and our "need-to-know" instinct.

SALES, DEALS & DISCOUNTS

Some scams appear as adverts, offering a chance to buy something – such as designer products, expensive gadgets or tickets to a popular show – at a reduced price. Such plays often include a time limit or countdown, urging us to hurry so we don't miss out on the deal. This pressure encourages us to input personal details or payment information before pausing to check if it's legitimate.

YOU'RE A WINNER!

This kind of scam involves fake giveaways, opportunities or freebies. It could be a message saying we've won a prize draw or competition. Or it could be a gift, free trial, bonus credit, and suchlike. It might claim that a package or refund is waiting. All these techniques are used to prompt us to share our personal information, thinking that there's something to be gained by doing so.

FALSE FRIENDSHIPS

Scammers often pretend to be someone they're not to gain their victims' trust. They might attempt to convince any children they connect with that they're a child of similar age with shared interests. Warning signs include a high volume of messages (often with an intense tone), secrecy, inappropriate levels of intimacy, guilt tripping, emotional manipulation, threats or blackmail.

PANIC MODE

To trigger a sense of panic, scammers may claim that a child's account has been hacked, or a virus has been installed on their device, or any number of other scary scenarios. They may claim to be able to fix the problem or offer a solution – if the child hands over control of the device or sensitive information. Similar scams involve impersonating a friend or relative, claiming that they're in trouble and need help.

FAKE CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS

Impersonating influential people online is a common tactic for scammers, who can use technology to create fake photos, audio and even videos that look authentic. These can be used to convince us, for example, to buy products, sign up for so-called "business opportunities" or invest in cryptocurrency schemes – all of which are fake or otherwise malicious. Many scams also involve the impersonation of popular companies' social media accounts, as well as those of individuals.

Advice for Parents & Educators

STAY INFORMED

Stay up to date with the latest information and best practice on cyber-security. See what scam stories are reported in the news and make note of what tactics were used. Keep up with young people's digital lives: talk about what they're doing online and use properly endorsed resources to learn what risks certain sites and apps pose to their younger users.

ENCOURAGE HEALTHY SCEPTICISM

Most scams rely on emotional or psychological manipulation, tapping into our human instincts – whether that's to keep ourselves safe, help others, find answers, make friends, avoid losing out or to secure something we really want. Encourage children to recognise that pressure to act and to always consult with an adult – especially if what's on offer sounds too good to be true.

TALK TOGETHER

Chat often and openly with young people about fake news, online scams and how they both work. Encourage them to talk to you about anything they're unsure of or worried about online. If a child claims to have been scammed, don't pass judgement. Blaming the victim may deter young people from asking you for help. Remember: adults are scammed just as often, if not more.

BE PROACTIVE

Children increasingly use digital devices for education, socialising, shopping and play. Don't wait for a problem to arise before you discuss the risk of scams, false information and fake news. Highlight what to look out for and clearly communicate under what circumstances the child ought to speak to an adult. Finally, ensure that they're aware of the support services that are available to them (such as Childline).

Meet Our Expert

Dr Holly Powell-Jones is the founder of Online Media Law UK and a leading expert in digital safety, media law and young people. Her PhD investigates children's understandings of risk online. She works with schools, businesses, and universities to provide award-winning education on the criminal, legal and ethical considerations for the digital age. Visit OnlineMediaLaw.co.uk for more.



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