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"Make Each Day Count"

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Dear Parent

BREAKFAST CLUB

All of you have received a breakfast club survey form via email advising of the changes to Breakfast Club from after February half term. Please could those of you who use the club or intend to use it in the future please complete it as soon as possible so that we can arrange the staffing. Furthermore those of you who use the club currently will also have to sign up on ParentPay after half term so it's important that you also complete this survey. Please remember you are only registering an interest at this point. Thank you for your cooperation.

As some of you don't have a Google account please email bursar@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk to register your interest. Thank you.

7.30am - 8.45am with breakfast £4.50 per day

8.00am – 8.45am with breakfast £3 per day

After half term ALL parents will need to prebook & pay in advance up to the night before on ParentPay in order to access Breakfast Club

INCONSIDERATE PARKING

Please can parents be considerate when parking outside the school grounds – we have had two complaints in the last week from local residents to say their driveway has been blocked.

STAFFING UPDATE

As you will know Miss Brown (3B) started her maternity leave at Christmas and safely gave birth to a little girl on New Year's Day! Both Mum & daughter are doing well. In

preparation for this Miss Whitfield had been working alongside Miss Brown as the class teacher since September and will continue as 3B class teacher for the rest of the year.

We will be welcoming back Mrs Lord who returns from maternity leave next week. She will be working across school and nursery for the rest of the year.

We are saying goodbye this week to Abi Pollard & Shahin Makda who have both undertaken teaching assistant apprenticeships with us. We wish them both the very best for the future.

SCHOOL DINNERS

We have been reviewing feedback from parents regarding our school meals and we have implemented the following changes which will take place after the Feb half term.

Jacket potatoes with fillings will replace the vegetable curry, vegetable biryani & vegetable sausage on the menus.

We will email all parents the new menu with the changes. Unfortunately when a change is made to the menu online, it cancels all pre-orders for that item, so if you receive an email from parentpay you will need to re-order your child's meal. Changes will be made just before half term so check your emails! Thanks for your cooperation and please keep up with the feedback, positive or negative!

RECIPE 4 HEALTH GOLD AWARD

Congratulations to our kitchen team who have been awarded the recipe 4 health gold award! This is separate from the 'scores on the doors' for which we received a 5-star rating. The award involves management of salt, sugar, protein & carbohydrates in our healthy menus, training, correct documentation & cleanliness of our kitchens. Well done to all involved including Mrs Khan for the submission of the paperwork.

SPARE KIT – REQUEST FOR DONATIONS

If you have any swimming kits/towels, PE uniform or trainers, please send into school. Thank you.

DENTAL SURVEY – 5 YEARS OLD

On behalf of the Office for Health Improvement, Blackburn with Darwen Council have commissioned the dental epidemiology team from the University of Lancashire to carry out a dental survey on Wednesday 15 April. The team will be looking at teeth of children who are aged 5 years old on the day of the visit.

This is an opt-in survey and children selected by the dental team have been notified by email. Please complete the consent form and return to the school office, if you would like your child to participate.

NURSERY – COMMUNICATION THROUGH MUSIC

Parents are invited to join our Communication through Music workshops which will be running over the next few months. Sessions will be at 11:00am for morning children and 2:30pm for afternoon children, starting from Thursday 29 January. Please let the nursery staff know if you can attend. Thank you.

SUPER SMART UNIFORM SLIP WINNERS – NON UNIFORM

As a reward for receiving a WF Super Smart Uniform slip last term, the following children can come into school dressed in non-uniform tomorrow (Friday).

Jacob West	6HW
Muhammad-Zayd-Rafiq	3B
Yusuf Lincoln	4K
Ibrahim Khalid	4M

UNDERSTANDING CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOUR

Come along and join us for this workshop on Tuesday 27 January 2026 from 9am - 11 am.

This workshop will help and support parents/carers to understand what is driving their child's behaviour.

The workshop is part of the Henry Programme for a healthy start, brighter future topic delivered by the Early Years Team from Blackburn with Darwen.

Please contact Ms Emam/Mrs Khan if you like to attend. 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 will have the following activities this half-term:

29 Jan	-	Posting
05 Feb	-	Valentine - Red

RECEPTION FUND

If you haven't already done so, please can parents of children in Reception pay £5 for the Autumn term or £15 for the whole year, 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.

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY AWARDS – TUESDAY 20 JANUARY

Class of the week	-	4M
KS1 Person of the Match	-	Abdul-Hadi Mehmood (1B)
KS2 Person of the Match	-	Minaal Rasool (5S)
		Ismail Patel (6HW)
KS1 I ate well today	-	Imaan Butt (1A)
WF Super Smart Uniform	-	Sulaiman Qamar (3B)

WINTER HOLIDAY CHALLENGES AND CRAFT PACKS

If your child has completed any of the CU Challenges or the Christmas craft pack 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. The deadline for these is **THIS Friday 23rd January**.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY WINTER OLYMPICS ACTIVITY DAY

If you have signed your child up to this please look out for a confirmation email that was sent (sent via the school email system) with a link to an online consent form which must be completed by THIS Sunday 25th January. Failure to complete this will mean your child cannot attend.

FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Further details will be sent out later next week about the activities which will be taking place during February half term. Please keep an eye out for these.

FAMILY FUN DAY AT BLACKBURN CENTRAL LIBRARY – SATURDAY 31 JANUARY

This is taking places on Saturday 31st January 2026. Help the library celebrate National Storytelling Week with free family friendly activities between 10.30am and 12.00pm, and again from 1.30pm to 3.00pm. There will also be story time sessions at 12.00pm and 3.00pm. There's no need to book, just turn up on the day. All welcome. Remember if your child is a member of Blackburn CU to pick up a slip to say you have attended. Please then hand this slip in together with your child's CU passport via the blue CU box at the school office.

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

ROBLOX

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Roblox is an online platform where users can play and create games known as 'experiences' made by other users. Roblox has a large UK audience. ITV News has reported that millions of people in Britain use the platform regularly, with children forming a significant proportion of its users. The sheer scale of it makes it extremely difficult to moderate effectively, creating risks for unsupervised children.

A PLATFORM RATHER THAN A GAME

Roblox differs from traditional video games in that it hosts millions of user-created experiences rather than a fixed set of developer-produced content. Each experience is self-rated by its creator rather than independently age-rated in advance, as is the case with PEGI-rated games. With millions of user-created experiences, moderation is largely automated which means that inappropriate content may reach younger players and have a harmful effect.

MATURE CONTENT

With much of Roblox's moderation automated through AI and creators self-certifying suitability, inappropriate content frequently appears on the platform. Some experiences may include content intended for older players. While Roblox has tools to restrict access based on age settings, these systems are not always perfect. Younger players are likely to encounter content you may deem unsuitable.

IN-GAME SPENDING

Roblox is free to play, but many experiences and cosmetics include optional purchases using Robux, the platform's virtual currency, to get advantages in games. This business model is common across online games, but reporting has highlighted cases where children have spent large amounts of money unintentionally or without understanding the real-world cost.

RISK OF ADDICTION

Roblox encourages repeated and extended play. Many experiences are made of short tasks, rewards, and progression systems that can prompt users to keep playing for longer periods of time. Some games also use reminders, daily rewards, or timed events to encourage frequent logins. These designs can make it difficult to stop playing. Spending long periods online may affect sleep, schoolwork, or other activities if boundaries are not in place.

COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER USERS

Roblox includes text and voice features that allow players to chat in shared game spaces. While the platform uses automated filters and moderation tools, media investigations have found that inappropriate and potentially harmful messages can still get through. There are risks that children could be targeted by groomers. In response, Roblox has announced changes to how chat works. The platform plans to use facial age-estimation technology to restrict chat access between adults and children they do not know.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox's parental controls provide an important starting point. Linking a child's account to an adult account allows parents to apply spending controls, limit communication features, and review recent activity. Regular supervision, use of parental controls, and conversations with children about what they see online can help reduce the risk of exposure to inappropriate content.

CONSIDER LIMITING OR DISABLING CHAT

Although Roblox is introducing tighter age-based chat restrictions, some parents and educators may prefer to disable chat entirely for younger children. Children can still play games while communicating with friends they know through other supervised platforms.

PLAY TOGETHER WHERE POSSIBLE

Playing Roblox with a child can help adults understand the types of experiences available, how monetisation works, and how children interact online. This shared engagement can also make it easier for children to raise concerns if something feels wrong. Parents and educators should monitor all games played on Roblox due to its self-rating nature.

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Many Roblox experiences are creative and age appropriate, and for many children, the platform is an important way to socialise with friends. Rather than banning it outright, parents and educators should talk openly with children about online safety, spending, and how to respond to inappropriate behaviour.

Meet Our Expert

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