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"Make Each Day Count"

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Dear Parent

ATTENDANCE AWARD

The Fischer Family Trust have sent Wensley Fold a certificate in recognition of being in the top 25% of schools for attendance in the Autumn term, Thank you to all children and families for coming in to school on time and 'Making Each Day Count'.

Yesterday we had the lowest number of children absent from school for over a year. This reflects the dedication and commitment to embracing all opportunities to learn and develop.

SUPER CHALLENGE – EVERYONE HERE TOGETHER!

Keep coming to school every day, when we achieve a day where EVERYONE is in school we will let you know and we will have a treat for the whole school! I wonder when we will achieve our super challenge? Watch this space...

WORLD BOOK DAY

Next Thursday 5 March is World Book Day and all children are encouraged to come to school dressed in any book character they wish. They will be taking part in activities throughout the day and will bring home their World Book Day voucher.

We will also have the Scholastic Book Fair coming into school the following week.

Please see the end of newsletter for opening times, competitions and further information.

SPRING BULBS

As our spring bulbs are starting to grow please can you keep children off the grassed areas especially the bankings along the drive so everybody can enjoy the first signs of spring! Thank you.

YEAR 4 SWIMMING

Due to World Book Day next Thursday Year 4 swimming has changed - 4M will be swimming on Tuesday morning and 4K will be swimming on Wednesday morning.

FASTING – RAMADHAN

As mentioned in previous newsletters, children in Years 5 and 6 will be able to fast in school during Ramadhan, if they choose.

If your child would like to fast week commencing 02 March, please confirm via emailing y.emam@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk by 3pm tomorrow (Friday).

Please note it is important that we have final numbers by 3pm on the Friday before the week ahead because we are employing additional members of staff to come in to supervise the children.

Due to the half term holiday, we have allowed late notice of children fasting this week only. This will not be allowed next week.

We ask kindly to respect all the school is doing to support our families and by following the rules. Thank you.

RAMADHAN FOOD APPEAL

In the month of Ramadhan, a time of reflection, giving, and community, we invite our school family to join us in making a real difference to the lives of families struggling in Blackburn with Darwen. Ramadan is a time for charity and generosity, and we hope our school will take this opportunity to encourage students to embrace the spirit of giving by supporting Blackburn Foodbank's Ramadan Appeal. Every donation, no matter how small, will help ensure that no family in our community goes hungry during Ramadan and beyond.

There are 5 items in particular that are in need: tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit, tinned chickpeas, tinned fish and dried red lentils.

Money can also be donated by scanning the QR code on the poster emailed out to parents on Tuesday.

BREAKFAST CLUB

As previously notified parents now have to **PRE-BOOK** breakfast club on ParentPay, this is so we can organise staffing, particularly for the early session. Furthermore if you have booked the 8am session you will not be allowed in until 8am, this is due to staffing requirements. We'd like to thank all those parents who have cooperated fully with this

😊 and also Mrs Jaber & Mrs Safdar for being our 'testers' during the holidays. Yasmeen fully appreciated your help!

If you book the 7.30 session you can access the dining hall anytime from then but will be charged £4.50 per day. Any questions please call school.

7.30am - 8.45am with breakfast £4.50 per day

8.00am – 8.45am with breakfast £3 per day

HEALTHY EATING COMPETITION

The school council are running a healthy eating competition – the winner will have brunch with the school council. Entry forms are available to pick up from the school office or from Mrs Cooney. Closing date has been extended to Friday 6 March.

YEAR 1 DT

As part of their DT, Year 1 children will be going out locally to investigate houses/homes. Please can children bring in empty cereal boxes into school over the next two weeks. Thank you.

YEAR 2 RE TOPIC

As part of their topic of Easter, Year 2 will be trying different foods next week. This will include chocolate eggs, biscuits, bread, hot cross buns and pretzels. For a full list of ingredients or if you do not want your child to take part, please see your child's class teacher. Thank you.

YEAR 3 WORLD BOOK DAY

On World Book Day, Year 3 will be making 'Gruffalo Crumble' using the following ingredients: digestive biscuits, milk chocolate, dark chocolate, golden syrup and jelly tots. If you do not want your child to take part, please inform the class teacher. Thank you.

YEAR 3 DT

As part of their DT, Year 1 children will be making moving monsters. Please can children bring in empty strong cereal/shoe boxes into school over the next two weeks. Thank you.

YEAR 6 SATS BOOKS

We are ordering Maths & English SATs revision books for Y6 children, these are priced at the discount price of £9.95 for a limited time as they would normally be £11.80 for the bundle. Parents will need to log on to Parent Pay to order by tomorrow (Friday). Any orders placed will be delivered week commencing 2 March. Thank you.

RECEPTION SMITHILLS FARM TRIP

As part of their topic on Growth, Reception children will be visiting Smithills Farm to look at the baby animals born in Spring on Wednesday 11 March. 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 the trip is 19.95. **Please log on to ParentPay by next Friday 6 March. Thank you.**

YEAR 1 EUREKA

As part of their topic on Science this term, Year 1 will be visiting Eureka Children's Museum in Halifax on Thursday 7 May, where they will have fun learning about the human body and how the organs & senses work. **Children should wear their school uniform and will not be back in school until 3.45pm.** 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 £25. Please pay on ParentPay by Friday 1 May. Thank you.

YEAR 2 TOWNELEY HALL

As part of their topic on House & Homes and also their topic on Animal Habitats Year 2 will be visiting Towneley Hall on Monday 20 April. 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 the trip is £14. Please log on to ParentPay for further details and complete the consent and payment by Friday 10 April. Thank you

YEAR 6 ACTIVITIES WEEK AND HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

Year 6 Activities Week will be taking place week beginning Monday 22nd June. Following the success of last year, this year the week will involve a range of fun trips, activities, a school sleepover and pizza night.

Activities during the week will include visiting The Anderton Centre for the day to take part in a range of outdoor adventurous activities plus a day trip to Gulliver's Theme Park. Other activities during the week include ten-pin bowling, ice-skating and a visit to the cinema.

We will also be having a Year 6 Leavers Pizza and Prom Night later in the year.

The cost for the week and the Year 6 leavers party is £150.

We have also been very fortunate to have secured a tour for each of our Y6 classes to visit the Houses of Parliament. This tour includes an opportunity to meet our MP for Blackburn, Mr Adnan Hussain. This will take place on 2 separate weeks in the last week of June or the first week in July.

This is an exciting opportunity for the children to travel to London by train, take the underground, visit the Houses of Parliament, take a trip around some of the sights including Buckingham Palace, followed by a boat trip down the Thames!

The cost of this trip is £40 which has been subsidised by the Houses of Parliament.

The total cost of for all of the above opportunities is £190.

Payment for this has been set up together on Parent Pay and you are able to pay this in full or in small instalments to allow you to spread the cost out.

Please can the first instalment of £50 be paid by next Wednesday 4 March at the latest. 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.

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY AWARDS – TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY

Class of the week	-	5S
KS1 Person of the Match	-	Zaynab Ahmed (1B)
KS2 Person of the Match	-	Imaan Fiaz (4M)
KS1 I ate well today	-	Yusuf Zubair (2W)
KS2 I ate well today	-	Inaayah Zabier (3B)
WF Super Smart Uniform	-	Hafsa Banglawala (1A)

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 next half-term:

05 Mar	-	Thats not my...
12 Mar	-	The Hungry Caterpillar
19 Mar	-	Eyes, Nose, Belly, Toes
26 Mar	-	On the Farm

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.

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



BLACKBURN CU FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CHALLENGES

If your child has completed any of the half term challenges 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. 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. Please post all CU passports in the blue CU box at the school office.

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE FESTIVALS BOOK AWARDS 2026

If you have signed your child up to this please remember to return the book, together with the review as soon as your child has finished it. This ensures we can have books available for other children. Also your child can be sent more books to review too if they want to. We will swap books as quickly as we can, but please note this may take 2 or 3 days once a book is returned. All books must be returned directly to the school office.

CU RAINFOREST ACTIVITY – YEAR 3 – 6

If you have signed your child up to this activity please remember it is taking place this Saturday. Please check your email confirmation for all the details. Any questions please contact Sara Burton on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer).

CU SCIENCE ACTIVITY – YEAR 3 – 6

A letter has been emailed out about a science activity on Saturday 14th March for children in year 3 – 6. Sign up is available now on ParentPay. Places are limited and are offered on a first come first serve basis. The deadline for signing up (if there are still places) is next Wednesday 4th March. If you do sign your child up please look out for a confirmation email which will be sent via the school email system by next Wednesday.

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 WHATSAPP



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

GROUP CHAT PRESSURES

Group chats enable multiple users to message in the same space, but this can also make it easier for young people to feel excluded or overwhelmed. Negative comments can escalate quickly, and young people may feel pressure to respond or stay engaged even when the conversation is uncomfortable or upsetting.

SCAMS TARGETING YOUNG USERS

Scammers are increasingly using WhatsApp to trick users into sharing personal information. Common scams include fraudsters posing as family members in an emergency or tricking users into revealing security codes. These can lead to identity theft or access to private conversations.

DISAPPEARING AND HIDDEN MESSAGES

WhatsApp offers features like disappearing messages and 'Chat Lock', which can give users a false sense of security. While intended to protect privacy, they can be used by young users to hide inappropriate conversations or content, making it harder for adults to spot potential issues.

EXPOSURE THROUGH CHANNELS

'Channels' are an optional feature that allows users to follow updates from public figures or organisations; however, there is no way to block this feature or filter its content by age. Young users may encounter adult or distressing content, including misinformation and harmful ideologies.

UNWANTED CONTACT AND LOCATION SHARING

WhatsApp users can share their live location, and if not managed carefully, this can allow others – even those in mutual groups – to track someone's whereabouts. Also, without the right privacy settings, young users may be contacted by strangers.

COMMERCIAL AND AI CONTENT

WhatsApp now includes ads in the 'Updates' feed and has introduced an AI assistant – Meta AI – across the app, which cannot be removed. These additions raise concerns about targeting, privacy, AI use, and the type of content children and young people might interact with.

Advice for Parents & Educators

REVIEW PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Help young users check who can see their profile photo, status, and location. Activate the 'Silence Unknown Callers' setting and set group chat invitations to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...' for added safety.

TEACH HOW TO SPOT SCAMS

Encourage caution around unusual and unexpected messages, especially if they involve money or codes. Help young users understand the signs of scams and what to do if they receive a suspicious message. Enable two-step verification to add an extra layer of protection.

BE OPEN ABOUT HIDDEN CHATS

Discuss why children and young people might use features like disappearing messages or 'Chat Lock'. Encourage them to share if something made them uncomfortable, even if the messages are gone. Let them know that privacy should not mean secrecy.

TALK ABOUT ADVERTISING AND AI

Explain that WhatsApp now includes ads and AI tools. Discuss the difference between genuine and sponsored content, and the potential for AI to share inaccurate or age-inappropriate responses. Encourage young users to think critically before trusting or interacting with these features.

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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WENSLEY FOLD CE PRIMARY ACADEMY WORLD BOOK DAY



Thursday 5th March 2026

What's happening on World Book Day?

- A full day in school of book and story themed activities across the whole school and nursery.
- **THEME** for the DAY – ‘**Go All In - Read Anything – but Read Every Day**’
- **DRESS** – As a book character of your choice – A winner from each class for a creative costume **will win a token to get a book of their choice from the Book Vending Machine.**



- **READER of the CLASS AWARD - £5 Book Token Winner for the school book fair**

Each class teacher will pick a winner from their class who has a true love of reading, tries their best and ‘Reads their way, every day!’ Winners will be announced in the World Book Day Assembly on Thursday 5th March

COMPETITIONS TO ENTER – WIN PRIZES!

Competition 1

DESIGN YOUR VERY OWN World Book Day TOKEN to be entered into the National AND School Competition WIN A BOOK FROM THE BOOK FAIR



Collect a competition form and instructions from Ms Emam at the Reception desk in school from Friday 27th Feb and return to the entries box in the office by Friday 13th March morning.

PRIZE: Win a book from the Book Fair – winners announced in the Tuesday Achievement Assembly on 17th March.

***Entries will also be entered into the national competition.**

Competition 2

'Go All In - Read Anything – but Read Every Day'- Photo Competition

Take a photo of you reading anything! At any part in the day! Anywhere!

What is your favourite thing to read? How many different things do you read in a day? Who do you read with? Have you a favourite thing to read at home?

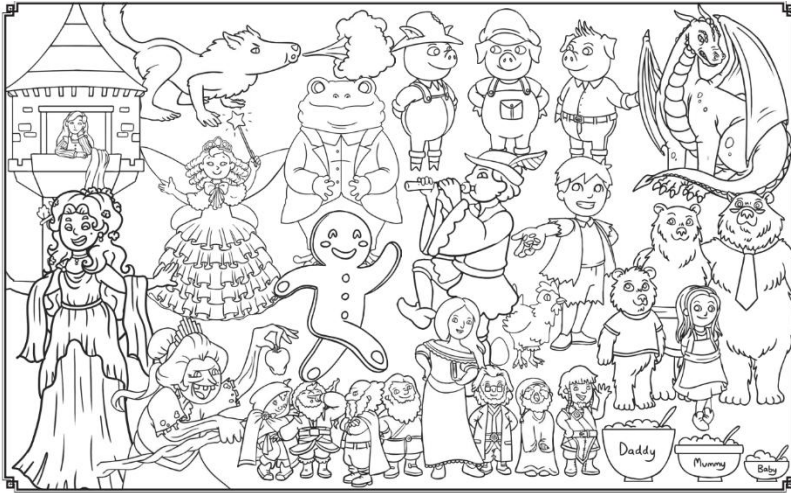
Email the photo into school or bring in the photo and hand in to Ms Emam by Friday 13th March morning.

PRIZE: Win a book from the Book Fair – winners announced in the Tuesday Achievement Assembly on 17th March. Winning photos shared with the school if permission is given.



Competition 3

READING MINDFULNESS COLOURING SHEET



Colour in your favourite from a choice of 3 different colouring sheets linked to reading.

Collect a sheet of your choice from Ms Emam and completed entries into the competition box by Friday 13th March morning.

PRIZE: Win a book from the Book Fair – winners announced in the Tuesday Achievement Assembly on 17th March.



Scholastic Book Fair –In the School HALL

CHOOSE THE BOOKS YOU WANT TO READ

- The Book Fair is coming to school for a week.
- You can choose and buy from a wide range of books suitable for different ages
- You can use your £1 book voucher to get £1 off the cost of a book so don't forget to bring it along.
- **REMEMBER:** You will get a free book voucher from school to use at any book shop. You can use the £1 voucher at our book fair to get £1 off any book with the voucher.
- Cash only please
- It is in the school hall – come in through the back door of the hall on the playground



Opening Times

Wednesday 11th March	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Thursday 12th March	8.15am – 8.40am 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Friday 13th March	8.15am – 8.40am 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Monday 16 th March	8.15am – 8.40am 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Tuesday 17 th March	8.15am – 8.40am 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Wednesday 18 th March	8.15am – 8.40am

