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Dear Parent

EASTER HOLIDAYS

School will finish for the traditional Easter holidays **tomorrow (Friday) at 1.30pm** and re-open on Monday 13 April at 8.45am.

Nursery will finish for the traditional Easter holidays **tomorrow (Friday) at 11.30am – there will be no afternoon session.**

Nursery will re-open on Monday 13 April at 8.30am.

EASTER ASSEMBLY

All parents of Year 1 children are invited to join us at St Silas Church for our Easter assembly **tomorrow (Friday) at 9.15am.**

CLUBS

Unfortunately, due to rising staff and building costs we have had to look at the costings for clubs. We have been running our clubs for 16 years and in that time there has only been an increase of £2 (from £5 to £7). This has now become unsustainable and we have to look at increasing the costs by a sustainable amount. As a result the cost of clubs will now be £15 for the summer term, which works out £1.66 per week for 45 mins provision.

In addition to the clubs running from 3.15pm – 4.00pm children can then access the after-school provision outlined below if extra childcare is needed. The club place for the term is booked and paid for as normal and any additional time needed is booked separately using ParentPay, see below.

Children will be escorted from the club to the after-school provision and collected from there.

AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION

We have been lucky enough to secure a 'Wraparound Care Grant' from the DfE to support working parents with childcare provision. We began at February half term by running the Breakfast Club provision with extended hours.

We are now able to offer a heavily subsidised after school provision for those who would like to access after school childcare. Children can stay for different lengths of time dependent on what is required by parents. This can be booked on a daily, weekly or termly basis on ParentPay dependent on need. The provision includes a drink and a snack.

The costs for this are as follows:

3.15pm – 4.00pm (with a drink & snack) £2.50 per day

3.15pm – 4.30pm (with drink & snack) £3.50 per day

3.15pm – 5.00pm (with drink & snack) £4.50 per day

4.00pm – 4.30pm (with drink & snack) £2 per day

4.00pm – 5.00pm (with drink & snack) £3 per day

YEAR 6 SWIMMING

After the Easter break, Year 6 will be starting swimming on Friday afternoons. However the first week back will be a dry week. Thank you.

YEAR 4 ENRICHMENT

Year 4 will no longer be swimming and will be taking part in enrichment (PE Kit needed) on Fridays. Thank you.

EID COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to everyone for all the donations and the amazing turnout yesterday, in the short space of time it was held. For future events, we aim to keep them for a longer period for parents/families to enjoy.

We raised over £600 split between Barnardo's and our outdoor school project.

WORLD BOOK DAY COMPETITIONS

A huge thank you to all who took part in the World Book Day competitions. There were some amazing entries and it was very difficult to choose winners. Look out for us putting some of the entries and the winners on our school Facebook site.

The following were the overall winners and win a Voucher for a book from our school book vending machine. The highly commended winners will get a book from the Headteacher.

Design a World Book Day Bookmark:

1st Place: Athikah Hussain (6G)

2nd Place: Sarim Ali Bukhari (5B)

3rd Place: Aysha Gorji (3A)
Highly commended Hurain Zeeshan (2W)
Aleha Patel (3A)
Saara Sultan (3B)
Mustafa Choksi (1A)
Khadija Choksi (4K)

Colouring:

1st Place: Hurain Zeeshan (2W)
2nd Place: Zaynah Khonat (RQ)
3rd Place: Maariya Ismail (3A)
Ammarah Desai (3A)
Highly commended Sarah Azam (4K)
Hiba Noor Ahmed (3A)
Adam Ismail (RQ)
Zyra Hussain (1A)

Take a photo of you reading somewhere unusual:

1st Place: Ayman Mohammed (6G) and Daana Bint-Mohammed (4K)
2nd Place: Irtaza Subhani (1B)
3rd Place: Abudhar Mansoor (4K)
Highly commended Adam Suleman (4M)
Saihaan Mohsin (5B)
Aaban Mohsin (5S)
Armaan Ahmed (RS)

SCHOOL COUNCIL – HEALTHY EATING COMPETITION

Congratulations to the following winners for their entries to the Healthy Eating competition:

Zunairah Ali (4M)
Zahra Waseem (4M)
Rumaysah Patel (RQ)
Muhib Ashiq (4K)
Mohammad Essa Akhtar (RQ)
Maariya Ismail (3A)
Hibba Khaliq (6HW)
Han'nah Idris (4M)
Haniya Ashiq (2W)

They will all enjoy a brunch with the school council and Mrs Cooney on Tuesday 21 April at break time.

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 **Tuesday 21 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.

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.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

If you are interested in purchasing pre-loved uniform, please contact Mrs Khan or Ms Emam to arrange a viewing or to inquire about specific items.

All sales will make a real difference to our school nominated charity, Barnados.

Thank you for your support

YEAR 3 LAKES

During the summer term, we are planning to take Year 3 children to the Lake District on Wednesday 1 July, which we discussed at the start of the year at our 'meet the teacher' event. This enhances our English and Geography topics and gives our children the opportunity to experience the amazing scenery and wildlife of the beautiful Lake District area. We have priced up the trip and have included our school discounts and the total cost of the trip is £32.50 per child. We understand this is more than our usual cap on costs of trips that we try our best to adhere to. The trip consists of a steam train ride throughout the Lake District, a visit to the Lakeside Aquarium and a boat trip across Lake Windermere so it is a fun filled, busy, educational experience. Due to the higher cost of this trip we have set the payments up on ParentPay as instalments with the initial payment of £12.50 due by Thursday 30 April. If you have any concerns please speak to one of the Year 3 team.

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY – TUESDAY 24 MARCH

KS1 I ate well today	-	Mohammed Saif (RQ)
KS2 I ate well today	-	Khadija Sadiq (3B)
KS1 Person of the Match	-	Eshaal Zulfiqar (2C)
KS2 Person of the Match	-	Rimsha Sharif (3B)
WF Super Smart Uniform	-	Zahraa Mirza (2C)
Class of the week	-	4K

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.

Dates for the next term will be emailed out to parents.

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 overdue 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 of children in Years 1 and 2 pay £12 online for this academic year. Parents of children in both Reception classes – please check with Ms Emam. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY PASSPORTS

Please note all Children's University passports will be returned to classes by tomorrow morning. Please do look out for them as no responsibility will be held by the school once they have been returned.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY DINOSAUR ACTIVITY – YEARS 3 – 6

A letter has been sent out about a dinosaur activity day for children in Years 3 – 6 on Sunday 19th April. Sign up is available now on ParentPay now. Places are offered on a first come first serve basis. If you have signed your child up please look out for a consent form which will be sent over the holidays via the school email system. Failure to complete this consent form will mean your child cannot attend.

EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

If you have signed your family or child up to any of the Easter holiday activities please ensure you know when and where the activity is taking place. Please check your confirmation email for all the details. Please note additional reminders are not always sent, so please ensure you have the date(s) and time(s) in your diary. If you have any questions please contact Sara Burton on 07805929965 (please leave a message if there is no answer) or email s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk.

WOMEN'S ONLY FITNESS CLASSES

Please see the letter (<https://bit.ly/LetterApril26FitnessWF>) with details about some more women's only fitness classes at Wensley Fold Primary Academy starting straight after the holidays on Monday 13th April. Sign up will end next week. Register your interest via this link: <https://bit.ly/WomensFitnessApril26WF>.

EASTER HOLIDAY CHALLENGES

The Children's University Easter holiday challenges have been sent out. If your child completes any of them 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. If you prefer you can send the evidence of the challenges into school together with your child's CU passport.

BLACKBURN CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY GRADUATION – SAVE THE DATE

Please note Blackburn Children's University will be holding their annual graduation on Saturday 11th July 2026. Please pop the date in your diaries. Further details on hours, certificates and times will be sent out in early June. If your child attends any external clubs or activities please note the deadline for hours will be the first week back after May half term.

BLACKBURN CU SPONSORSHIP

Blackburn Children's University are looking for local businesses to support the growth, support activities and Graduation for 2026. Please see the poster for details:

<https://bit.ly/BlackburnCUSponsorship>

If anyone is interested please do not hesitate to contact Sara Burton on s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or 07805929965 to discuss

JUNIOR BOOK BINGO – BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN LIBRARIES

Blackburn with Darwen Libraries are pleased to announce a fun reading challenge - Junior Book Bingo. Children will need to complete the following tasks:

- Read a book about Wild animals
- Listen to an audio book
- Read a book about plants
- Read a poem with a nature theme.

They need to record the title and something that sticks in their mind on the sheet for each task. They can use this form: <https://bit.ly/JuniorBookBingo26>, create their own or pick up one from the library.

Once complete children need to bring their completed form to any of the BwD libraries to receive a certificate. All completed forms will also be entered into a prize draw, which will be drawn at regular intervals, to win a gift set sponsored by our Green Libraries Hub. All forms need to be completed by the end of June 2026.

Children can collect **4 hours** in their CU passports for completing this. Please bring the certificate together with your child's CU passport into school to be stamped after the holidays. Alternatively you can send a photo of the certificate to Sara Burton via WhatsApp on 07805929965 or email s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk.

EASTER CRAFTS AT BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN LIBRARIES

The libraries will be putting on a Easter craft where children can decorate a bug hotel. Remember if your child is a member of Blackburn Children's University and they attend please pick up a slip and hand it into school together with your child's CU passport after

the holidays so they can collect a stamp. Tickets for these sessions will be available from the relevant library 2 weeks before the activity. The dates are:

- Wednesday 1st April, 2.30pm at Cherry Tree Library
- Tuesday 7th April, 2.30pm at Mill Hill Library
- Wednesday 8th April, 2.30pm at Blackburn Library

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE FESTIVALS BOOK AWARDS 2026

If you have signed your child up we are looking for children do a short recording of them reading a page of their book they have been given. Please send these to Sara Burton via WhatsApp on 07805929965 or email s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk. Please note these videos will be shared with the Children's Literature Festivals across their network and also on Blackburn CU's social media pages.

Please do 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.

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.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

ELECTRICAL SAFETY AND DEVICES

Electrical safety is a vital topic for parents and educators, especially with the growing use of devices like smartphones, laptops, and power banks. Electrical fires are a major risk and are the cause of many deaths and injuries each year. There are reportedly nearly 20,000 accidental fires of electrical origin each year in the UK. This guide offers practical advice to help families and schools prevent electrical hazards, and promote safety when using everyday devices.

1 CHECK FOR OVERHEATING

Devices such as laptops, tablets, and smartphones can overheat if used for long periods or when charging. Ensure that children don't use devices on soft surfaces like beds or sofas, which can block ventilation. If a device becomes unusually hot, turn it off and unplug it. Overheating can lead to fire hazards if left unchecked.

2 INSTALL RESIDUAL CURRENT DEVICES

Ensure that homes and schools are equipped with Residual Current Devices (RCDs). These devices cut off the power if an electrical fault occurs, preventing electric shocks and reducing the risk of fires. RCDs should be tested regularly to ensure they are working properly. More information about RCDs is available from Electrical Safety First.

3 AVOID OVERLOADING SOCKETS

Plugging too many devices into one socket can overload the electrical system and cause a fire. In schools and homes, ensure extension leads are not overloaded and never 'daisy chain' multiple extension cords together. Educate children on the dangers of connecting too many devices to a single outlet.

4 POWER BANKS: SAFE USE

Power banks are a handy way to charge devices, but they can also pose a risk if misused. Ensure power banks are of high quality and comply with UK safety standards. Teach children never to leave power banks charging unattended, and to avoid placing them under pillows or bedding where they may overheat.

5 REGULAR DEVICE INSPECTIONS

Regularly check devices for signs of wear and tear. Frayed charging cables, cracked device casings, or devices that are slow to charge may indicate electrical problems. If any issues are noticed, stop using the device until it can be repaired or replaced by a qualified technician. This proactive approach helps prevent fires caused by faulty devices.

6 UNPLUG DEVICES WHEN NOT IN USE

Encourage children and pupils to unplug devices when not in use, particularly overnight. Devices left plugged in unnecessarily can overheat or become fire hazards, especially if left charging unattended for long periods. Simple habits like unplugging can prevent serious incidents.

7 USE GENUINE CHARGERS

Always use chargers supplied by the manufacturer or from a reputable retailer. Faulty or counterfeit chargers can cause devices to overheat, short-circuit, or even catch fire. Teach children the importance of avoiding poor-quality chargers, and regularly inspect charging cables for signs of wear or damage. More tips on safe charging can be found at Electrical Safety First.

8 WATER & ELECTRICITY DON'T MIX

Teach children that water and electricity are a dangerous combination. Devices should never be used near sinks, bathtubs, or swimming pools. Parents and educators should ensure that any electrical appliances near water sources have proper waterproof casings and are plugged into RCD-protected outlets.

9 KEEP DEVICES VENTILATED

Devices need proper ventilation to avoid overheating. Avoid stacking items on top of plugged-in devices like laptops or gaming consoles, and make sure there is enough space around devices to allow for airflow. Proper ventilation helps prevent dangerous heat build-up, reducing the risk of fires.

10 SUPERVISE YOUNG CHILDREN

Younger children may not understand the dangers of electricity, so it's important to supervise them when they are using devices. Keep electrical cords out of reach and always remind children never to put objects into electrical outlets.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings as well as many other industries to help them maintain a safe working environment.



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Peer Advice to Transform Health & wellbeing

**Are you a parent/carer living in
Blackburn with Darwen?**

We are here to help you understand and respond to your child's emotional and mental health, through peer support, workshops, guest speakers, and direct, virtual and in-person support.



Anxiety

Low mood & depression

Self-harm

Eating disorders

Sleep problems

Suicidal thoughts

Obsessions/compulsions

**Darwen Family hub
(9:30am - 11:30am)**



**Join
our drop in
sessions**

Livsey Family hub (9:30am - 11:30am)



Shadsworth Family hub (9:30am - 11:30am)



Little Harwood (9:30am - 11:30am)



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**PARENT CARER FORUM &
SENDIASS**
Engagement & Wellbeing Event!



BUFFET LUNCH PROVIDED!
Vegetarian options & cake!

27th March 2026
11am – 1pm
COMMUNITY CVS,
45 Railway Road, Blackburn

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