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"Make Each Day Count"

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Dear Parent

WELCOME BACK

We hope you all had an enjoyable time with your children over the two-week holidays and we look forward to working in partnership with you over the next term.

RELATIONSHIPS EDUCATION

Please see below what the following year groups will be learning this term:

Year 1 – What is same and different

Year 3 – How can friends communicate safely?

Year 6 – What will change as we become independent?

How do friendships change as we grow

YEAR 6HW PARENTS EVENING

Parents' evening for Year 6HW will take place next Wednesday 22 April. Parents will be able to book appointments on line from 6.00pm today by browsing to <https://wensleyfoldce.schoolcloud.co.uk/> and following the instructions. Appointment times will be strictly limited to 5mins long to help keep to the schedule. Children are invited to attend with their parents to discuss progress/SATS.

SICKNESS

Can we remind parents that if their child has vomited at home or in school in any 24hr period they must stay off school, this is to stop the spread of any potential stomach bug as was the case just before the Easter holidays.

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

As part of the PE curriculum, all Year 6 children will be swimming on Friday afternoons from next Friday 24 April. They will need their swimming kit, cap and towel. Due to the timings of the sessions Y6G will be approx. 15 mins late back until May half term when the sessions are swapped and Y6HW will be late back instead. Apologies for the inconvenience this may cause. 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.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

The annual visit by the school photographer will be next Friday 24 April. Individual and family group photographs will be taken of all children unless we are notified otherwise. Unfortunately we are unable to take photographs of any children who do not attend Wensley Fold.

The school photographer will return back on Friday 22 May for the Reception and Year 6 group photos. Thank you.

Children may wear their hair in their preferred style, for example hair down for school photos but please ensure a hair band/bobble is brought to put hair up afterwards. Thank you for your co-operation.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER – SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please can all children in **Reception Q, Years 3,4,5 & 6** bring their PE kits in a bag to get changed into just for next Friday so they are in their uniforms for the photos. They can come to school in their trainers. Thank you.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER – NURSERY

If your child attends the morning nursery session please bring your child to school at 11.40am after picking your child up from nursery. If your child attends the nursery afternoon session please bring your child to school at 12.15pm before dropping off at nursery. Thank you.

HEALTHY EATING COMPETITION WINNERS – BRUNCH DATE CHANGE

The winners for the Healthy Eating competition will all enjoy a brunch with the school council and Mrs Cooney on Wednesday 22 April at break time.

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 next Tuesday 21 April. **Please can children wear their school jumper and any old bottoms (like forest schools). They will also need to bring their wellingtons in a carrier bag.** 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 3 LAKES

As part of their English and Geography topics, Year 3 will be visiting the Lake District on Wednesday 1 July. 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 (£32.50), 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. Thank you.

YEAR 6 ACTIVITIES WEEK AND HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

Year 6 Activities Week will be taking place week beginning Monday 22nd June. The cost for Activities week and the Year 6 leavers party is £150.

The cost of the Parliament 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.

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

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 activity this term:

23 April	-	Jungle Theme
30 April	-	Messy Play
07 May	-	Creative
14 May	-	Outdoor Play
21 May	-	Role Play

YEAR 5 & 6 BASKETBALL COMPETITION

There is a basketball competition for selected children in Years 5 and 6 at St Michael with St John Primary School, BB1 6DS next Thursday 1 May. Children have been notified, please can parents logon to ParentPay as soon as possible to give consent. Thank you.

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.

SCHOOL CLUBS

Please note there will be 2 signs ups for clubs next week:

- Monday 20th April for Golden Ticket children (names below)
- Tuesday 21st April for everyone else - please note if a club does not appear this may mean it is full from the previous morning.

Please note clubs have to be added individually so they will gradually become available during the 15 minutes (7.30am – 7.45am) each morning so please keep checking.

Places are offered on a first come first serve basis on ParentPay and clubs will be available until Wednesday 22nd April (if there are still spaces).

Information on all the clubs which are available have been emailed out and also put on the School App. Please note that some clubs are invite only. Please read all the information that has been sent. If you have any questions please contact Sara Burton on s.burton@wensleyfold.blackburn.sch.uk or 07805929965 (please leave a message if no answer).

Please note:

- 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 minutes provision. Lunchtime clubs will be £10 as they are for 30 minutes.
- A couple of clubs may be free; however, sign up must still be done through PARENTPAY. Details of any free clubs will be indicated on the club information sheet.
- All children who have qualified for a GOLDEN TICKET are printed below. Please note to qualify for a Golden Ticket your child must not have missed any golden time throughout the previous term as well having **100%** punctuality and at least **98%** attendance. Please note in line with government targets we have changed the attendance to 98% as this now classed as good attendance.
- If you feel like your child should have qualified for a golden ticket, but their name has not been printed in the newsletter you must inform the school office by 3pm this Friday 17th April. The school cannot deal with any of these queries after this time.
- Some clubs are invite only. Those invited to any of these clubs will be sent a separate email and further details on signing up.

- Each child is able to attend a maximum of **TWO** clubs, unless there are still spaces after 3pm on Wednesday 22nd April.
- If your child has been personally chosen / selected to attend a club please check the email sent for this as to whether this club would be counted in their TWO club allocation.
- Choir club is for children in year 1 – 6 and is FREE to sign up. It is NOT included in the 2 club allocation. You must still sign your child up on ParentPay for this.
- The year 5 and 6 Boys' Football clubs on Monday and Friday are for those who attended last term and have automatically been added on. No further sign up is needed. Please check your emails for confirmation of the day for your child.

GOLDEN TICKETS

Those children who have qualified for a GOLDEN TICKET this term are below. If you have any queries about this please speak to the office no later than **3pm THIS Friday 17th April**. The school cannot deal with any of these queries after this time. To qualify for a **Golden Ticket** your child must not have missed any golden time throughout the previous term as well having **100% punctuality** and at least **98% attendance**.

RQ	RS		
Zakaria Aslam	Muhammad Ahmed		
Jaymi Chavda	Armaan Ahmed		
Muhammad Eesa	Zayna Nur Duka		
Sareena Fancy	Younes Kashif		
Adam Ismail	Aishah Khokhar		
Zaynah Khonat	Yusuf Mulla		
Rumaysah Patel	Maryam Patel		
Umaiza Patel	Osman Raza		
Hiba Saad			
Umar Saddique			
Halima Subhani			
1A	1B	2C	2W
Rugayyah Akbar	Hadi Afzal	Mustafa Afzaal	Aniya Ahmed
Jasmine Ali	Ayan Akhlaq	Inara Patel	Haniya Ashiq
Aisha-Maryam Arfan	Iqra Dar	Ali Saddique	Abdullah Bagas
Maryam Hussain	Zaynab Hussain	Eshaal Zulfiqar	Masuma Chand
Aiza Iqbal	Bilal Namaji		Isaac Gaskell
Aqsa Dar	Khadikah Patel		Idrees Khan
Arya Khan	Irtaza Subhani		Momina Mahmood
Aayat Mahmood	Layla Umar Afham		Sara Patel

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CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY DINOSAUR ACTIVITY – YEAR 3 – 6

If you have signed your child up to this please remember it is taking place on Sunday. Please check your confirmation email for all the details.

EASTER HOLIDAY CHALLENGES

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. 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

TESCO STRONGER STARTS – BLACKBURN CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY VOTE

Blackburn Children's University have been successful for the Tesco Stronger Starts Scheme and have been put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores (Blackburn Superstore, Bank Top, Roe Lee, Livesey and Darwen Express). Voting will be in stores from 28th April and will continue until the end of July 2026. The voting is to help fund Blackburn CU holiday activities including cooking as well as a variety of sport and wellbeing activities so children can have fun and learn new skills. Please look out for this if you visit any stores and pick up a token to cast your vote!

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.

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE FESTIVALS BOOK AWARDS 2026

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.

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 IMAGE-ALTERING FILTERS

From playful puppy ears on Snapchat to 'beauty mode' on TikTok, image-altering filters are now a routine part of how young people communicate online. While many are harmless, others subtly reshape people's faces and bodies. This can blur the line between reality and edited content, potentially influencing how children and young people see themselves and others.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ALTERED BEAUTY STANDARDS

Many 'beauty' filters smooth skin, reshape facial features, or adjust body proportions. Over time, repeated exposure to these filters can shift a child's idea of what is 'normal' or attractive, creating unrealistic expectations about their own and others' appearances.

PRESSURE TO LOOK PERFECT

Filtered images can often attract more 'likes' and positive comments. This can encourage children and young people to rely on editing tools to gain others' approval, rather than feeling confident in their natural appearance.

LOW SELF-ESTEEM

Regularly viewing heavily filtered content can lead to comparisons with unrealistic images. This is linked to body dissatisfaction and reduced self-esteem, particularly among children and teenagers.

HIDDEN ADVERTISING

Some filters are linked to beauty products or trends, subtly promoting third-party brands. Children and young people may not recognise this as advertising, while also sharing personal data – such as facial images and usage habits – with apps and third parties.

BLURRED REALITY

As filters become more advanced and natural-looking, it can be difficult for children and young people to distinguish edited content from real life, especially when filters are used in everyday photos and videos.

SEXUALISED EDITS

Certain tools can make users appear older or more sexualised. This may attract unwanted attention, increase the risk of images being shared without consent, and expose young people to unsafe interactions.

Advice for Parents & Educators

START OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Talk regularly about filters, such as how they work and why people use them. Ask the children and young people in your care how filtered images make them feel and encourage honest discussion without judgement.

REINFORCE WHAT'S REAL

Help children and young people understand that filtered images are digitally altered and are not an accurate reflection of real life. Emphasise that they don't need to meet these artificial standards.

CHALLENGE 'PERFECT' POSTS

When viewing content together, gently point out the signs of editing, filters, or posing techniques. This builds critical thinking and helps children and young people question unrealistic images.

PROMOTE OFFLINE CONFIDENCE

Encourage activities that build self-worth beyond appearance, such as sports, hobbies, friendships, and creative interests, so that confidence isn't tied solely to online validation.

Meet Our Expert

Parven Kaur is a digital parenting expert and founder of Kids N Clicks, a platform dedicated to helping parents navigate the online world alongside their children. She is an expert contributor for Internet Matters, offering practical guidance on emerging online safety issues. Her insights have been featured by the BBC, The Telegraph, TalkTV, and other major media outlets, supporting families across the UK.



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