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With Christ at the centre of our  
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### The Newsletter

Summer Term No.8 –17<sup>th</sup> June 2021

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Dear Parents,

### Up-date since the last newsletter:

- Every class has enjoyed a Pottery Workshop this week which has been facilitated by Andrew Hill, a very talented ceramicist. The theme has been World Oceans. Next week the children will be painting their pottery and eventually will bring them home for you to admire and enjoy.

### Important Information:

**Sadly we will not be inviting parents to any Sports Day events as we cannot go over the legal limit of 30 people gathering. I know this is extremely disappointing but we will be filming the Sports Days and putting them on the website for you to enjoy together as a family. This week I have had to send a group of pupils from Y1 home to isolate as they were identified as close contacts to a positive case, our first one since November 2020. Y1 will do their Sports Day w/c 28<sup>th</sup> June when the children return.**

**I have prioritised my new intake families and their children and my Y6 families and their children during this last 4 weeks of school. Where we can make things happen safely, we will. If I have any doubts about the safety of events etc then they will be cancelled as I have 242 pupils and 32 staff to keep as safe as possible.**

### Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June:

6.30pm New Intake Parents Meeting 6.30pm in the large marquee (1 adult with mask and no children please) New parents are to enter the playground via the gate. As the intake this year is 30 I can guarantee that the legal limit will be adhered to for this meeting. All covid risk assessments will have been carried out before the meeting.

### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June:

9.15am – 11.45am "Little Owls" programme is to start. We will be using the large marquee for the sessions and Little Owls will be in their own bubble for the morning. Parents will not be allowed to stay and must wear masks for dropping off and picking up.

### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June:

10am or 12 noon First Holy Communion Mass This mass is for families and children in Year 5 (letter issued 14<sup>th</sup> May with allocated time slot). This event can still go ahead as families are in their own bubbles and Fr Michael has ensured that all controls are in place. Adults must wear masks.

### Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June:

School Nursing Team will be in school carrying out vision screening checks for Reception. Your child will come home with a letter from Virgin Healthcare today. **It is an OPT-OUT system.** All children will have vision screening in school unless a reply slip to OPT OUT is returned.

### Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June

9.15am – 11.45am "Little Owls" programme

### **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

End of Year Reports to be sent home  
Y5/Y6 Sports Club – last one.

### **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

Y5/Y6 Football – last one

### **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

9.15am – 11.45am "Little Owls' programme  
Y6 Tennis – Last one

### **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July**

Y5/Y6 Netball – last one

### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July**

9.30am and 11.00 am Y6 Outdoor Production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

As we have 30 children in Y6 this year and I can guarantee no more than 30 adults will be at the event which will be in the large marquee/outside, we will be inviting 1 adult to the 9.30am show and 1 adult to the 11am show. Adults will be seated at a distance and must wear masks for the 45 minute production time. We will also film the show so you can enjoy it with the whole family. Details to follow about booking a seat for this event.

### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

Y6 Visit to Borwick Hall for an extended day of outdoor activities (letter issued 10<sup>th</sup> June). **This event will still go ahead as Borwick Hall have everything in place and we are going as a Y6 Bubble**

### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

Y5/Y6 'Boxercise with Emily' – last one

6pm – Y6 Leavers Mass with Fr Michael. This event will go ahead in the large marquee/outside. We will be inviting 30 adults to attend (1 adult per child). Masks to be worn and seating will be distanced. The event will last approx. 45 mins.

### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July**

9.15am – 11.45am "Little Owls' programme

1.30pm - Y6 Leavers Assembly – PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME. THIS IS SO WE CAN USE THE OUTDOOR SPACE/LARGE MARQUEE and invite 30 adults to the event (1 adult per child) Masks to be worn and seating will be distanced.

### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

Y6 Retreat Day to Crosby Beach for picnic, walk on the beach, reflection and prayer time and to see the Iron Men (letter issued Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June). This event will go ahead.

### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

1.30pm School closes.

### **Update to parents on COVID-19 in Lancashire schools and colleges:**

As you may be aware, in recent weeks, there has been an increase in the number of Covid-19 cases and outbreaks reported in education settings. There has been media attention recently on variants of concern, and the Lancashire County Council area is no exception. Therefore, it is important to do as much as possible to continue to keep our children and families safe and minimise the disruption to education.

If your child has one or more of the three classic Covid-19 symptoms – a high temperature; a new continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell – you or they must isolate immediately and book a PCR test via the NHS. If the PCR test result is positive, children and their household members must self-isolate from the day their symptoms started (or the day they had the test if they do not have symptoms) and the next 10 full days. **If the result is negative, they can return to school provided they have been fever free for 48 hours and feel well.**

If you are informed you or your child are a close contact of a person who has tested positive for Covid-19, you must stay at home and self-isolate for 10 full days. People who have been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive with Covid-19 can now get a PCR test during their 10-day self-isolation period, whether or not they have symptoms. It is important to isolate for 10 days even if the PCR test is negative.

### **We need to continue to be vigilant about handwashing, masks and distancing.**

### **School Meals Increase:**

As from September 2021, we will be increasing the school meal cost to £2.35/meal which is still great value for money. The school kitchen staff do a fantastic job serving healthy lunches every day.

**ParentPay Accounts:**

Please note that all Parent Pay accounts must be cleared completely by the end of the summer term as debts must not be carried forward to the next academic year. Please ensure, therefore, that your child’s account has a zero or positive balance.

Parent Pay accounts for Year 6 pupils must not have a negative balance and stay in credit.

**Universal Free School Meals – end of entitlement for current Year 2 pupils:**

Children in Year 2 will come home with a letter today regarding the end of entitlement of Universal Free School Meals. Please return the slip ASAP indicating your child’s lunchtime arrangements from September 2021. Thank you.

**School Meal Promotion – ‘Jump into July!’**

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July we will be holding our next school meal promotion. If your child is normally on packed lunches and would like to have a school meal on this date, please complete the attached slip and return to school no later than Friday 25th June. Pupils who normally have a school meal will be automatically included in the promotion. Payment should be made through ParentPay please. The menu will be Beef Tower Burger in a Bun with Hash Brown served with Wedges & Mixed Salad or Homemade Macaroni Cheese Bake served with Garlic Dough Balls & Broccoli Florets followed by Jam & Cream Splits.

And finally...

I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding over the last few weeks. We only have 4 weeks to the end of term and I really want to finish the year with everyone healthy and happy!

Last Friday, Governors appointed two new teachers to start in September. Miss Fisher and Mrs Nuttall are delighted to be joining our school community for the next academic year. In next week’s newsletter I will let you know who is teaching your child next year!

As always please get in touch if you have any concerns, no matter how small you think they may be!

Yours sincerely

B Wood  
Headteacher

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**‘JUMP INTO JULY’– SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2021**

I would like my child to have a school meal on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July and will ensure that payment of £2.30 is made through ParentPay.

Name of child: ..... Year group: ..... Signature of parent/carer: .....

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