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With Christ at the centre of our
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The Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Due to staff illness in the kitchen (not Covid related) it will not be possible to cater for Junior school dinners on Monday. So if your child is in Y3, Y4, Y5 or Y6 they will need to bring a packed lunch on Monday. Normal service will resume on Tuesday. Apologies for the inconvenience. Infant School dinners will be provided as normal on Monday.

Up-date since the last newsletter:

- Huge thanks to Fr Michael for the lovely First Holy Communion Masses last Saturday. The children were so respectful and a real credit to you! Y5 joined the parishioners on Thursday as a class to celebrate Mass together.
- Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 have enjoyed their Sports Day events with great sporting achievements and personal bests. Videos and photographs have been uploaded to the website for you to enjoy.
- Y5 have taken part in the Uclan Virtual Science Festival this week and were inspired!
- Little Owls have completed week 2 of their Induction Programme and are doing so well. It is lovely to see them all in their Little Owl uniforms and coming in with big smiles on their faces.

Coming up:

Monday 5th July	End of Year Reports to be sent home. Y5/Y6 Sports Club – last one.
Tuesday 6th July	Y5/Y6 Football – last one.
Wednesday 7th July	9.15am – 11.45am Little Owls programme Week 3 Y6 Tennis – Last one.
Thursday 8th July	Y5/Y6 Netball – last one.
Friday 9th July	9.30am and 11.00 am Y6 Production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory in the marquee! Tickets were sent home to Y6 parents on Tuesday. 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.
Monday 12th July	Y6 Visit to Borwick Hall for an extended day of outdoor activities (letter issued 10 th June).
Tuesday 13th July	Y5/Y6 'Boxercise with Emily' – last one. 'Moving Up' morning. Children will spend the morning in their new class.

Y6 Leavers Mass at 6pm with Fr Michael in the marquee. 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 14th July Little Owls programme Week 4 9.15am – 11.45am.

Y6 Leavers Assembly 1.30pm in the marquee. We will be inviting 30 adults to attend (1 adult per child). Masks to be worn and seating will be distanced.

Thursday 15th 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 18th June).

Friday 16th July 1.30pm School closes.

Reminders:

New Starter Forms 2021: Please can all new starter forms (children who are starting school in September) be returned to school by Monday 5th July. Thank you.

School Photographs: Orders to be placed either online or returned to school with payment by Wednesday 7th July. This is the deadline in order to receive the photographs back in school before the end of the summer term (proofs sent home with your child on Wednesday 30th June).

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.

Free School Meals & Pupil Premium:

Free school meals are provided for all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes as part of Government initiative which began in September 2014. However, for those pupils who have a statutory entitlement to free school meals, i.e. those pupils whose parents/carers are in receipt of the benefits mentioned below, the school can benefit from additional funding called Pupil Premium. This is worth over £1000 per pupil for the school once you have registered your entitlement. The benefit entitlements are:

- Income support or Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, with an annual income of less than £16,190 and not in receipt of Working Tax Credit
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit

If you think you meet any of these criteria, we do urge you to register. All you need to do is complete a simple form which is available from the school office or, alternatively, contact LCC on 01772 531809 and provide them with the claimant's (parent's) name, date of birth and National Insurance number and they will be able to confirm over the phone whether or not you are entitled.

End of Year Admin / Finance:

ParentPay accounts MUST be cleared before the end of the summer term as a deficit balance MUST NOT be carried forward to the next academic year. Year 6 accounts should be cleared without delay otherwise, we will be contacting you shortly to request payment!

Y6 ParentPay accounts in credit will be refunded w/c 5th July or alternatively the balance can be transferred to a siblings account. Please contact the school office if you wish for this to be arranged.

Please may I also remind all parents that school meals will CONTINUE to be ordered in September unless you inform the school office that your child will be having packed lunches instead, or vice versa. Pupils who are having Marvellous Mondays and Friday Favourites will continue to have meals booked for them on these days unless you inform the school office in writing (letter or email) to the contrary.

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

Reminder to all Y2 parents to return the slip BY MONDAY 5th JULY stating your child's lunchtime arrangements from September 2021. If you do not return the slip, it will be assumed that your child is having school meals and you will be charged accordingly. Copies of the letter (issued 18th June) are available from the school office. Thank you.

Summer Support for Families in South Ribble:

Please find attached information from South Ribble regarding support for families throughout the summer holidays. South Ribble vouchers have been ordered for families in school who are in receipt of benefits and qualify for free school meals. Three vouchers will be issued to cover the 6 week holiday. Parcels can be collected from Penwortham Community Centre, Kingsfold Drive.

And finally...

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

Yours sincerely

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