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With Christ at the centre of our
community, our mission is to live,
love and learn as Jesus taught us.

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The Newsletter
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Up-date since the last newsletter:

- Well done to the Girls Football Team who played at Priory Academy on Tuesday and WON the tournament; what a brilliant result from a very talented team. Excited for the next tournament!
- If your child is in Reception, a proof/order form will be sent home for the First Days photograph that will appear in the Lancashire Evening Post. If you wish to purchase the photograph, please complete the order form and payment and return to school by Wednesday 18th October. Thank you.
- Thank you to everyone who attended the PTFA AGM last night; it was lovely to welcome new members. A huge thank you to everyone who was involved in any way with all the fundraising events last year which raised just over £11,000 in total which meant that we have been able to purchase the forest school fire pit hut, replace all the interactive whiteboards in each classroom with the most up to date technology and refresh the reading book collections across the school. PTFA funds made a significant contribution to the new resources which benefit every child. Thank you so much!

Coming up:

Friday 6th October - Harvest Festival in Church 2.30pm. Y6 will be leading the Harvest Celebration with the whole school attending. Parents are invited to come along. Donations of items for the local foodbank in Penwortham would be appreciated. Thank you so much for the response so far!

Tuesday 10th October – Bags to School Collection at 9am today.

Thursday 12th October – Final football match at Hutton Grammar 3.45pm-5.00pm (new date).

Thursday 12th October or Tuesday 17th October - Parents' Evening slots are filling up so make sure you sign up for your 5 minute Parents' Evening appointment. Folders are available outside the school office. Signing-up sheets will NOT be available on the day of parent's evening; no last minute appointments can be made on the day. Pre-loved uniform will be available to take during Parents Evening so please help yourself if you need anything.

Friday 13th October - Y6 Taster Day at All Hallows (letter to be issued Friday 29th September). Reminder to return the permission slip along **with £3.00 lunch money.**

Due to October half term, Supplementary Faith Forms for All Hallows are to be handed in to school by **Tuesday 17th October at the latest**. After this date, you need to return your form to All Hallows direct but remember the closing date for Secondary School Admissions is **31st October 2023.**

Wednesday 18th October -Open Morning for any prospective parents who have a child wishing to start school in September 2024 is on 9.15 am – 10.30 am. Please come along and join us.

Thursday 19th October - School closes at 3.15pm for half term and re-opens on Monday 30th October. (After School Club will be operating as normal)

Thursday 19th October -PTFA Fancy Dress Hallowe'en Disco. Tickets are on sale from the school office or you can

send £3.00 in a named envelope with your child and tickets will be sent home with your child. Tickets are £3.00/child in advance or £4.00 on the night. Tuck Shop will be open. Prizes for the best costume, games, dancing and lots of fun!

6.15pm-7pm for Reception, Y1 and Y2 (a parent needs to accompany their Reception child)

7.15pm-8.15pm for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6

Wednesday 18th Thursday 19th October– Mrs Nowak will be selling her famous cakes on the playground at 3.15pm.

Half Term Musical Theatre Masterclass Monday 23rd – Wednesday 25th October in the School Hall 9-3pm

A wonderful opportunity to work with an actor/singer who has trained at RADA. Joe will be running a 3-day masterclass for anyone in Y3, Y4, Y5 or Y6 who has an interest in improving their acting and singing abilities. Letters were sent home (Wed 4th October) and is attached to this newsletter. Places are limited so book early!

Monday 30th October: The school photographer from Tempest will be in school to take Class Photographs.

Wednesday 1st November- Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 will be attending the special Mass for the Feast Day of All Saints at 2.15pm in church. All welcome to come along.

Wednesday 1st November or Thursday 2nd November– Phonics Workshop for Reception parents in the Reception Classroom 3.30-4.30pm. Your child will be able to stay and play with Mrs Cliffe while you learn all about the importance of early reading and phonics. Let us know which night you can attend by returning the slip below.

Thursday 2nd November - Y5 visit to Rock & River Centre, Mawdesley for an outdoor adventurous (letter and kit list sent home 13th September). Children will need a packed lunch and water bottle as well as a waterproof jacket. No school uniform to be worn but children will need to wear appropriate warm clothes. Please ensure that Form 3B Medical Form and permission slip have been returned to school and full payment is made by Tuesday 31st October. Thank you.

Thursday 2nd November - School Meal Promotion 'Bonfire Lunch' for anyone who doesn't normally have a school lunch. The meal served is Crispy Chicken Burger, Onion Ring, Cheese, Lettuce & Mayo or Cheese & Tomato Pizza served with Potato Wedges & BBQ Dip, Sweetcorn or Baked Beans followed by Sticky Toffee Cupcake. If your child is normally on packed lunches and would like a school meal on this date, please complete the attached slip and return to school by Tuesday 31st October and make the payment of £2.50 on ParentPay (Years 3-6).

Y4 Sacramental Programme:

Fr Michael has written to all Y4 parents, inviting you to attend a meeting on **Monday 6th November** at 6.30pm to discuss the programme and the commitment that it will mean over the coming months until your child makes their First Holy Communion on Saturday 18th May (letter sent home 22nd September).

Reminder PTFA School Calendar 2024:

Any businesses that would like to be included in the School Calendar for 2024, please contact the school office. The price of the adverts are £40.00 a month (1 month to 5 months) or £36 a month (6 months or more). The closing date for sponsors is Monday 16th October.

Pastoral Letter:

Fr Michael has asked that I share the attached letter from Archbishop Malcolm that was read out in all churches last Sunday. Pope Francis has always been passionate about the environment and his message about our care for creation is one that will resonate with all of us.

Car Park and Parking:

Following on from the message I sent, there is still have a minority of people who maybe haven't seen the information in Newsletter No.3 dated 21st September.

Car Park and Parking: Just so everyone is clear ...

- The one way system must be adhered to.
- Only park in the designated parking bays.

- The disabled bays are only to be used by registered disabled badge holders. The badge **MUST** be on view.
- No parking on designated walk ways or **yellow gridded areas**.
- Supervise your child when using the car park.
- Engines to be switched off once you have parked in the car park.
- Do not park inconsiderately across anybody's drive in the locality of the school.
- Fixed Penalty Charge Notices will be issued to anybody parking on the zigzags- it's dangerous and illegal.

Fr Michael allows the school to have use of the car park; the car park does not belong to school.

A log is kept and shared with the police of any near misses, abusive behaviour, dangerous/inconsiderate parking.

Thank you for your co-operation in keeping every child safe. Please share the above with whoever picks your child up from school so everyone is clear about car parking at the end of the school day.

Players in Education Drama Club:

The next course will start after half term on **Friday 3rd November** and will be open to all pupils. ACT-SING-DANCE and spread the Christmas Cheer with Players in Education. Please see flyer attached. Sign up to the Christmas course by following the link below.

<https://www.playersineducation.com/signupstoswalds>

And finally...

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with school if you have any queries. We will always do our best to help.

Yours sincerely

B Wood
Headteacher

RECEPTION PHONICS WORKSHOP

Please tick which day you can attend. Sessions are from 3.30pm – 4.30pm.

I/We would like to attend the 'Phonics Workshop' session on **Wednesday 1st November**

I/We would like to attend the 'Phonics Workshop' session on **Thursday 2nd November**

Name of child: Signed by parent/carer:.....

SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – BONFIRE LUNCH – THURSDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2032

I would like my child to have a school meal on Thursday 2nd November. I will ensure payment of £2.50 is made in advance through ParentPay (Year 3 – Year 6 children).

Name of child: Year..... Signed.....