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With Christ at the centre of our
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The Newsletter
Spring term no.8 – 7th March 2024
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PLEASE READ!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Update since last newsletter:

- Huge congratulations to the Athletics Team who came 2nd in the South Ribble Athletics Competition at Lostock Hall Academy last Thursday.
- Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 had a brilliant triathlon event last Friday run by TriKidz who work all over the North West. The coaches were really impressed with every class and the way they showed great resilience and super listening.
- Fr Michael would like to pass on his thanks to all the Y4 families who attended Mass on Sunday and the Sacramental Programme session on Monday.
- Year 5 had a great time at Judges Lodgings, Lancaster on Tuesday. The children were exceptionally well behaved.
- Reception had a fabulous time at 'Bring Yer Wellies' on Wednesday with lots of great learning involved. The staff at 'Bring Yer Wellies' commented that the children were a fantastic class and their questions, attitude and listening skills were excellent.
- Y1 did the most thoughtful assembly for Parents on Wednesday. All the children took part and did so well with their speaking, singing and beautiful art work. Well done Y1!
- Year 1 have enjoyed watching the chicks hatch this week, a big thank you to Bowland Farm for providing such a wonderful experience for the children.

Coming up:

Monday 11th March

Stay and Play session for parents in Reception 2-3pm. The theme is 'Spring' so you are welcome to come and join your child in their learning. Please return the slip (newsletter no.6) so we know who is coming along.

Wednesday 13th March

Freddy Fit in school to promote healthy lifestyles with every class. This is being funded from our Sports Premium funding. Every child must have their PE Kit in school for this event.

Thursday 14th March

Y4 trip to Formby Point and the Eco Centre as part of their Geography Studies. If you have not yet done so, please return the permission slip and make the payment of £20.00 on ParentPay ASAP –thank you! Due to the nature of activities taking place, children are to wear old tracksuit bottoms, **school jumper, shirt and tie**, wellies (or strong footwear) together with a warm, waterproof jacket or coat. Please ensure that your child is dressed warmly.

Thursday 14th March

Rugby Tournament at Hutton 3.45-5pm (letters to be given to the team today, Friday 8thMarch).

Monday 18th March

PTFA Easter Egg Raffle tickets go on sale today! Each class will be able to buy raffle tickets for the chance to win an Easter Egg in the final Golden Assembly of the term on Thursday 28th March. Raffle tickets are 50p each. Please send in raffle ticket money in an envelope marked with your child's name.

- Tuesday 19th March** Y6 Dance Team will be performing in the Dance Competition at Priory. Letter will be issued to the team on Monday 11th March with all the arrangements
- Thursday 21st March** Y2 'Journey in Lent' Assembly on 2.40pm in the School Hall. Y2 Parents invited.
- Thursday 21st March** Family Bingo 6.30pm – 8.00pm. Tickets are free and available from the school office. Bingo books are £2.00 each and available on the night. Prizes to be won, tuck shop open, tea and coffee available. Come along for a fun night with the family!
- Monday 25th March** 1.15pm Adam Darwen, Drumming Teacher, would like to showcase the drumming talent that has been improving over the term so if your child is part of the Drum Class with Adam, you are more than welcome to come to school and watch the showcase which will last approx 30 mins.
- Thursday 28th March** Y6 will be leading the Holy Week Liturgy in church at 2.15pm. All welcome.

SEND Newsletter Spring 2024:

The SEND Newsletter is for parents and carers of, and professionals working with, children and young people with special educational needs and/or a disability (SEND).

Download the latest issue at: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/getting-help/send-newsletter/>

Parents and carers can also sign up for a regular copy at the link above.

Lancashire Link Social Prescribing Service:

Please see attached poster regarding a Wellness & Recovery Taster Session organised by Barnardos Lancashire Link.

Free School Meals Vouchers – Easter Holiday 2024

The Department for Works and Pensions Household Support Fund (HSF) grant has been extended for a further year with funding being made available to County Councils and Unitary Authorities in England. The funding will support those most in need, helping with global inflationary challenges and the significantly rising cost of living. This funding covers the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 inclusive.

We can confirm that approval has been granted for schools to utilise the LCC Edenred account to order Easter holiday vouchers for benefits-eligible Free School Meal pupils. This extends to all benefits-eligible school aged children (Reception up to and including Year 11) and where applicable, benefits-eligible secondary school sixth form students.

Each eligible pupil will be issued with **£30** in vouchers to cover the two-week holiday period w/c 25th March 2024.

If your own circumstances have changed and you think you are entitled please contact Pupil Access Team at Lancashire County Council on 01772 531809 with your Name, Date of Birth and National Insurance Number.

Qualifying benefits:

If you or your partner receive any of the following benefits you can apply for free school meals:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

School Meal Promotion – Easter Lunch:

Our next school meal promotion will be held on **Wednesday 27th March**. The menu is: Roast Turkey or Quorn Fillet with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables followed by Flopsy, Mopsy and Cotton-Tail Chocolate Cornflake Nests. If your child does not normally have school meals, but would like to have an Easter lunch on 27th March, please complete the attached slip and return to school no later than Monday 25th March. Payment of £2.50 should be made in advance through ParentPay, our on-line payment system. Thank you.

Looking Ahead- Summer Uniform:

When we return to school on **Monday 15th April**, the children are to wear summer uniform:

Boys: School polo shirt with logo, school sweatshirt with logo, grey trousers or shorts, grey socks & black school shoes.

Girls: Green/white gingham dress, school sweatshirt or sweatshirt cardigan with logo, white socks, black school shoes, green scrunchies, green headbands or green bobbles are allowed.

Our uniform supplier is Justs in Penwortham who are very helpful for all uniform requirements.

We do also have good quality pre-loved uniform items including summer dresses. Please can in to the office if you wish to take anything.

Let’s hope we do have a summer full of sunny days! The field will be in use over lunchtimes in the summer term so mini football tournaments can be played as well as other sports activities. We are so looking forward to inviting you to all the Sports Days!

Car Park Safety - Polite Notice:

Please only park in the marked bays provided as parking anywhere else can cause an obstruction. For safety, walk your children to the car, using the pedestrian paths as far as possible. Please be mindful that safety for every child is paramount.

And finally...

A group of Y5 pupils would like to raise money for the RSPCA and have chosen to do a Cake Sale on Monday 18th March on the playground after school. Cakes will be 50p each.

B Wood
Headteacher

SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – EASTER LUNCH – WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH 2024

I would like my child to have a school meal on Wednesday 27th March. I will ensure payment of £2.50 is made in advance through ParentPay.

Name of child:

Year group:

Signature of parent/carer:
