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With Christ at the centre of our  
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## The Newsletter Autumn term no. 6 – 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Up-date since the last newsletter:

- Year 6 did a brilliant job leading the 'Harvest Festival' on Friday. 'Churches Together' local foodbank in Penwortham collected the items yesterday and would like to pass on their thanks for all the generous donations.
- Both Football teams have been exceptional this term. Congratulations to the B Team who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in their Tournament, well done boys!  
The A team came 1<sup>st</sup> in their Tournament and went through to the District Finals yesterday, finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. The organisers commented on the high standard of football that was shown throughout the finals. Well done to the whole team on a fantastic result!
- If your child is in Reception, a proof/order form will be sent home today 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 23<sup>rd</sup> October.  
Following on from the visit from ABC Portraits for the Lancashire Post First Class Special, we are pleased to inform you that the photograph will be printed in the Lancashire Post on **Thursday 7th November**. Please find attached the letter for any parents who would like to pre-order any postal copies for relatives. Please note the deadline for orders is Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October.

### Don't forget:

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October**  
and **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

Y6 Bikeability delivered by South Ribble County Council. Cycle checks to be carried out at home (letter and cycle check forms issued Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September). Your child is to bring their bike and cycle helmet to school. If your child wishes to leave their bicycle in school, please ensure they have a lock. If your child does not have a bike, please let us know so we can arrange for a bike and helmet to be available for them to use one for the duration of the Bikeability course.

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

Open Morning 9.15am – 10.15am for any prospective parents who have a child wishing to start school in September 2025.

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Or Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

Parents Evening 3.40pm – 6.00pm. Don't forget to sign up! Folders are available outside the school office.

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

Last Netball Club until the Spring Term.

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Please note no guitar sessions today.

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

Last Football Club until the Spring Term.

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

PTFA Cake Sale 3.15pm on the playground.

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October school closes at 3.15pm for half term and re-opens on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November. (After School Club will be operating as normal on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October).

### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 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**

**The playground will be open for parking for this event as it does get very busy. As part of our safeguarding procedures for this event, please come into the hall to collect your child at the end of the disco.**

### Coming up next Half Term:

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November** - School Meal Promotion 'Bonfire Lunch' for anyone who doesn't normally have a school lunch. The meal served is Hot Dog & Tomato Ketchup or Catherine Wheel Pizza served with Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn or Baked Beans followed by Sparkler 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 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November and make the payment of £2.70 on ParentPay (Years 3-6).

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November** - Y5 visit to Rock & River Centre, Mawdesley for a day of outdoor adventure (letter and kit list sent home 16<sup>th</sup> September). Please ensure that Personal Information Forms and medical 3B Forms are returned asap

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November** – Freddy Fit will be in school all day to work with every class promoting fitness and healthy eating. The day is funded from the Sport Premium budget that primary schools receive from the Government.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November** - Children in Need Fundraising Day. The School Council are busy organising the day. They have asked if all the children could come to school either in their pyjamas or wearing something spotty in return for a donation of £1.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November** - Y5 Parent Assembly in the hall at 2.40pm. Y5 will be presenting their assembly on the theme of 'It's Good to be Me' as part of National Anti -Bullying Week. Parents are welcome at 2.40pm.

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November** - Y4 Sacramental Programme meeting for parents at 6.30pm **in church** to discuss the programme and the commitment that it will mean over the coming months until your child makes their First Holy Communion in May (letter sent home 8<sup>th</sup> October).

**It is important that you attend the meeting. If you are unable to attend, please contact Fr. Michael on 01772 612136.**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November** – Y4 visit to Lancaster City Museum (letter issued Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October).

**Save the Date!!!** Infant Nativity starring Reception, Y1 and Y2 will be **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** in Church at 2pm and 6.30pm. Details to follow after half term.

### School Meal Vouchers:

For families who are eligible for free school meals and in receipt of benefits, free school meal vouchers to the value of £15.00 per child have been ordered for the week of October half term.

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)

**Players in Education:**

Please see flyer attached for Players Drama School Christmas Special at St Oswald's from Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. If you wish for your child to attend Players, you can sign up at [www.playersframeschool.co.uk](http://www.playersframeschool.co.uk) Or contact 07368 342092 for further information.

**Community News:**

**South Ribble Half-Term Activities** - Please see attached flyers for activities over half term from South Ribble Borough Council and Family Hubs Network.

**St Teresa's Holiday Club:** St Teresa's Catholic Primary School are open for holiday club over our half term week, w/c 28th October, 7.30am -6.00pm. Please contact 07548239349 for further information.

**Grassroots Football Development:** Grassroots Football Development are organising weekly sessions for current Reception and Year One Children who are looking to begin their sporting journeys. Sessions will act as an introduction to football but will aim to engage all children, allowing them to have fun whilst being physically active. Sessions will take place indoor at All Hallows High School on a WEDNESDAY at 6pm. For further information or to book a place, please contact 07946 138 660 or take a look at our GRFD Juniors online information pack here: <https://sway.office.com/GDuDSOVMa1jIjkHZ?ref=Link>

**And finally...**

If you have a couple of hours to spare during the week to help out in school or you can offer to help on school trips, please let me know asap. As always, get in touch if you have a concern or query. We will try to help as best we can.

Yours sincerely

B Wood  
Headteacher

**SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – BONFIRE LUNCH – TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024**

I would like my child to have a school meal on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November. I will ensure payment of £2.70 is made in advance through ParentPay (Year 3 – Year 6 children).

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