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With Christ at the centre of our  
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## The Newsletter Autumn term no. 9 – 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Up-date since the last newsletter:

- We had a fabulous day with the poet Levi Tafari in school yesterday. He was inspirational!
- The PTFA Halloween Disco made £720.00 profit! Thank you for all your fantastic support.
- The Cake Sale raised £107. Thank you to Mrs Nowak for her brilliant bakes!
- We have launched a very special programme throughout the school this week called 'My Happy Mind' which is a science-backed scheme for schools to help children develop resilient, balanced and happy minds. The programme is endorsed by the NHS. By addressing the social and emotional development of every child we hope that this will help children develop good habits and strategies to build their self esteem, confidence and resilience over time. In the 'Parent' section of the school website we have posted information about the programme for you to read.

### Coming up:

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November** - Freddy Fit will be in school on 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 2024. The children can come to school either in 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.**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November** – Reception Maths Workshop 2-3pm. Parents invited to come along to find out how to support your child with Maths in the Early Years.

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November** - Y4 visit to Lancaster City Museum as part of their History studies.

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November** Scholastic Book Fair 3.15-3.45 pm in the Green Room. Payments can be made by cash, cheque or debit/credit card using the QR code printed on the stall. Books start from £2.99 so feel free to pop in and support the love of reading.  
**OR**  
**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** - Y3 will be joining in with the Parish Mass at 9.30am. Parents welcome.

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November** – Y4 Sacramental Programme Enrolment Mass 10.30am

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November** - Flu Immunisation Vaccination Programme by Intrahealth on for children (Reception – Y6).

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November** - Reception visit to British Commercial Vehicle Museum, Leyland.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November** - Y4 will be attending the 9.30am Parish Mass. Parents welcome.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November** - Y3 will be presenting their assembly for parents on the theme of Advent at 2.40pm in the school hall.

**Some December dates for your diary...**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** -Y4 Reconciliation Day with Fr Michael. Y4 Parents invited to church at 2.15pm for the Service of Reconciliation.

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** - We will be doing the annual PTFA Sponsored Santa Dash today at 2.45pm; all the children and staff will be joining in. The children can bring a Christmas hat, Santa beard or the full Santa outfit to wear for the event if they wish to. Sponsor forms will be sent home w/c 18<sup>th</sup> November with your child. The event is always great fun, gets us fit and raises some money! Parents can come along to spectate or even join in. There will be a cake sale too starting after the event.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December** – The School Choir have been invited to St Andrew’s Church in Longton to sing at the Longton Christmas Lights Switch On! Children will need to wear school uniform and a Christmas hat. We will meet in St Andrew’s Church at 5.50pm; the celebration starts at 6pm.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December** Y5 will be attending the 9.30am Parish Mass. Parents Welcome.

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December** - Performance of ‘Beauty & The Beast’ in the school hall. West End Theatre Company will be delighting the whole school with their matinee production. The PTFA will be funding this event for all the children to enjoy.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** - Infant Nativity starring Reception, Y1 and Y2 in church at 2pm and 6.30pm. School will provide every child with a costume so no need to worry!

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Final swimming session for Y3.

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - PTFA Christmas Family Bingo 6.30pm – 8.00pm in school. Free tickets are available from the office from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Bingo Books available on the night for a suggested donation of £2. Prizes to be won, tuck shop open, tea and coffee available. Come along for a fun night with the family! You need a ticket for this event; last year we sold out!! No tickets will be available on the door for this event.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Y6 will be at the 9.30am Parish Mass. Parents welcome.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – ‘Rock Steady Band’ Christmas Performance 1.30pm in the school hall. Parents of children who take part in the sessions are invited to come along and watch the children perform in their bands! This will last approx 90 minutes.

And finally...

Congratulations to Mrs Stone who is expecting a baby boy in March! We are thrilled for her and wish her a healthy pregnancy.

Mrs Stone will be starting Maternity Leave at the end of February and we have already put in place a transition time so the children can meet the teacher who will be covering the Maternity Leave, working with Mrs Robinson. Mrs Dixon will be joining the team every Friday from tomorrow until the end of term and then full time from January. This will ensure a smooth transition for the children.

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

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**RECEPTION MATHS WORKSHOP – WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024**

I am able to come along to the Maths Workshop on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

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

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