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With Christ at the centre of our
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love and learn as Jesus taught us.

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The Newsletter
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PLEASE READ THE NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

Up-date since the last newsletter:

- Year 5 completed the first part of their Sacramental preparation programme in church on Monday. Mrs Nuttall has added a blog to the Y5 Class Page for your information. The Service of Reconciliation will take place in church on Monday 29th November at 2.30pm – Year 5 parents are invited. Please wear your mask.
- Y6 Football Team took part in a friendly football match against Penwortham Primary on Monday and lost one match but drew in the second match. Many thanks to Penwortham Primary for their hospitality.

Coming Up:

Thursday 18th November -Y6 Sportshall Athletics Festival at Hutton Grammar, 4.00-5.30pm. Good luck to the Athletics Team! (Letter issued to team 11th November).

Friday 19th November - Children in Need Day 2021. Staff and children can come to school wearing something spotty! The children can be as spotty as you would like them to be in return for a donation of £1 or more!

Wednesday 24th November -Annual Nasal Flu Vaccinations: The Intrahealth Team will be in school on to deliver the Annual Nasal Flu programme.

Sunday 28th November - Fr Michael is inviting Y5 to a special Family Mass at 10.30am (only immediate family).

Tuesday 30th November – NEW DATE! Y5 trip to The British Vehicle Commercial Museum. Please ensure any payments are received by Friday 19th November (letter issued 13th October).

Wednesday 8th December - Infant Nativity 'Born in a Barn' for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils. We will be filming the performance so everyone can enjoy it. We have provisionally planned for 3 performances. One adult per child will be able to come along to the hall at a specified time to watch the performance.

9.30am Y1 Parents 10.15am Reception Parents 11am Y2 parents. The performance lasts for approx. 30 minutes. A ticket will be sent home with your child for the relevant performance next week.

Tuesday 7th December - Y6 visit to Museum of Lancashire, Preston for a WW1 experience as part of their History studies (letter issued 9th November). The cost of the trip is £10.00 per child and payment should be made through our on-line payment system www.parentpay.com However, if you prefer to pay by cash using the PayPoint facility, please contact the school office for a barcoded letter.

Thursday 9th December -Y4 visit to Lancaster City Museum as part of their Roman's History studies (letter issued 3rd November). Payments that have been made for the Skipton Castle trip (April 2020) that have not already been manually adjusted to another payment item such as Early Birds etc.. will be transferred for this trip. If you have already paid for this trip, we are planning another trip for Y4 in February so we can arrange a transfer then. If you are unsure, please send an email to the office.

Friday 10th December – Grand Christmas Post Day! Today is the day that children can bring their Christmas cards to school for their friends if they wish

Friday 10th December – Christmas Lunch for anyone who doesn't normally have a school lunch. The meal served will be Roast Turkey with Chipolata Sausage or Roast Quorn Fillet with Veggie Sausage served with Sage & Onion Stuffing, Gravy, Roast & Creamed Mashed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables followed by a Chocolate Chip Shortbread & Fresh Fruit. If your child is on a packed lunch, please make it a festive one, every child in the school will be given a Christmas cracker! If you would like your child to have a school meal on this day, please complete the attached slip and return to school by **FRIDAY 26th NOVEMBER** as the kitchen needs to place their order, If your child is already having school meals, they will automatically be included in this event. Payment of £2.35 should be made through ParentPay.

Friday 10th December -Christmas Jumper Day. Children can replace their school jumper or cardigan for a Christmas jumper or make their school jumper look Christmassy! A donation of £1 will be collected at the gate on the day. All proceeds towards Save the Children Fund.

Monday 13th December - Sponsored Santa Dash. All the children and staff will take part in this event. Details will be in next weeks newsletter.

Monday 13th December - Christmas Pop up shop in school. Children be able to visit the shop to buy Christmas presents for Mums and Dads w/c. Details will be in next weeks newsletter.

Friday 17th December -School closes at 1.30 pm.

PTFA Christmas Raffle:

We are looking for donations to make Christmas Hampers! Any donations of wine, chocolates, biscuits etc. would be gratefully received! Just send your donation into the School Office by 30th November. Many thanks

Reception Health Needs Questionnaire:

A Health Needs Questionnaire from The School Nursing Team have been sent home with children in Reception on Wednesday 17th November. This is a short questionnaire to help identify children or families that may require support. Please return the questionnaire to school by Friday 10th December. If you would like to speak to the School Nursing Team, please contact: 0300 247 0040 Option 1 for Preston and Central Area. Thank you.

School Meal Vouchers:

The Department for Works and Pensions Household Support Fund (HSF) grant is being made available to County Councils and Unitary Authorities in England to support those most in need this winter.

We can confirm that approval has been granted for schools to order Christmas holiday vouchers for families who are eligible for free school meals and in receipt of benefits for children from Reception to Year 11.

Each eligible pupil will be issued with a £30 voucher before the end of term to cover the two-week Christmas holiday period.

If your own circumstances have changed and you think you are entitled to free school meals, 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)

Car Park:

A reminder to say please do not park in the disabled bays unless you are entitled to. Thank you.

Primary School Admissions 2022:

The closing date is **Saturday 15th January 2022** for your application for a Primary School place for September 2022. Please remember to return the Supplementary Faith Form with a copy of your child's baptism certificate no later than Friday 14th January 2022. Don't forget!

And finally ...

Thank you for reading with your child over the past few weeks. Across the school we have 78% of the children reading at home on a regular basis it would be great if we can get this to 100%. The most important thing you can do as a parent is read to and with your child every night, it is the most significant factor in ensuring success in learning across the curriculum as well as fostering a love of books and reading!

As always, please do get in touch if you have any queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely

B Wood
Headteacher

CHRISTMAS LUNCH– SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – FRIDAY 10 DECEMBER 2021

I would like my child to have a school meal on Friday 10th December and will ensure that payment of £2.35 is made through ParentPay (children in Y3-Y6)

My child would like:

Roast Turkey

Roast Quorn Fillet

Name of child: Year group: Signature of parent/carer:
