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**The Newsletter**  
**Summer Term No.4 – 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022**  
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**PLEASE READ!**

Dear Parents/Carers

**Update since last newsletter:**

- Huge congratulations to every child in Reception for joining in with such enthusiasm for their very first Sports Day. Energy, smiles and resilience were in great quantities. Many thanks to all the parents and grandparents who came along to support the event.
- Well done to the teams that represented the school at the Netball Tournament on Monday at All Hallows. Well played; the teamwork is starting to really show. Next tournament is Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May. Letters to the team were given out yesterday.
- The Y6 Rugby Team played their first match last Thursday and are due to play again on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Currently they have won all their matches!
- Y4 have enjoyed their first meeting with Miss Gravilli who is running the CAFOD Club this term.
- A huge well done to Year 6 who completed their final SAT tests today. Their attitude and effort could not be faulted. All the tests have been sent away to be marked and results will be back at school w/c 4<sup>th</sup> July at some point. Tomorrow Y6 will spend the day with a sculpture artist who will teach them how to sculpt with wood, a lovely creative end to their busy week!

**Reminders ...Coming up:**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May** -Reception Trip to Blackpool Zoo on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May (letter issued 1<sup>st</sup> April). The weather forecast at present is showing warm weather with showers. Full school uniform to be worn with a light waterproof jacket. If the weather is hot, don't forget to apply sunscreen in the morning and send a sun hat in too!

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May** -School Meal Promotion: Swing into Summer School Meal Promotion. Please let the office know if you wish for your child to be included.

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May** -School Photographer in school to take class photos.

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May** -Sports Day for Y1 2.15pm. Parents can come along to spectate.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May**- Whole school celebration for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee on. The children are to come to school dressed in red, white and blue for the day.

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May** - School Meal Promotion: Platinum Jubilee Street Party School Meal Promotion. The menu: Choice of filled sandwiches, Sausage Rolls, Crudities & Crisps followed by Jam & Cream Butterfly Buns. If your child does not normally have school meals, but would like to have a school lunch on 25<sup>th</sup> May please complete the slip (Summer Term newsletter No.2) and return to school no later than Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Payment of £2.35 should be made in advance through ParentPay, our on-line payment system. Thank you.

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May** -Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 will be celebrating Mass for the Feast of The Ascension at 2.15pm. Parents are invited.

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May** - Y1 Hearing Tests: The audiometrician will be coming into school to screen the hearing of children in Year 1 (letter issued 12<sup>th</sup> May). Please complete the consent slip and return to school if you are happy for the hearing test to go ahead. Thank you.

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May** - Sports Day for Y2 2.15pm. Parents can come along to spectate.

Finish for half term at 3.15 pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May and return on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June

### **New dates for your diary:**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June** – PTFA meeting 6.30pm in school. Come along and help plan the fundraising events for the Summer!

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June**- Stay and Play for Reception 2-3pm. 1 adult per child can come along and join in the learning! Please complete the slip on Newsletter No.3 if you wish to join in.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June** – Y4 Family Mass 10.30am with Fr Michael

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June** – Y4 children and parents invited to church at 6.30pm for a final session before the children make their First Holy Communion on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June** – Y3 Sports Day 2.15pm. Parents can come along to spectate.

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June**- 9.15-11.15am Little Owls session 1 for our new children who are starting school in September!

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June** – Y4 Sports Day 2.15pm. Parents can come along to spectate.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June** – Y5 Bike Check Day. Y5 are to bring their bikes to school today for a check before starting their Cycling Proficiency w/c 27<sup>th</sup> June. More details to follow.

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** – Y5 Sports Day 2.15pm. Parents can come along to spectate.

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**- Induction Meeting 6.30pm for parents who have a child starting school in September.

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June** – Y6 Sports Day 2.15pm. Parents can come along to spectate.

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June** - Open Morning 9.15-10.30am Come along and see the school in action. Spend some time with your child and see what they have been learning. Tea/Coffee will be served in the hall.

### **Height and Weight Checks for children in Reception and Year 6:**

The School Nursing Team will be in school on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June to carry out height and weight checks for Reception and Y6 children. A letter will be sent home with your child today explaining about the checks and how the data will be used. **This is an OPT-OUT programme.** If you do not want your child's height and weight to be checked, please let the School Nursing Team know before the 7<sup>th</sup> June using the team contact details listed below and at the top of the letter to ensure your child is opted out in time. Children will not be made to take part on the day if they do not want to.

email: [VCL.019.SinglePointofAccess@nhs.net](mailto:VCL.019.SinglePointofAccess@nhs.net)

### **Health Needs Assessment Questionnaire for children in Year 6:**

As part of the School Health Needs Assessment Programme, children in Year 6 will be completing an online questionnaire in school on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June. A letter will be sent home with your child today explaining details about the questionnaire and how the data will be used. **This is an OPT-OUT programme.** If you do not wish for your child to complete the questionnaire or you would like to speak to your school nursing team please contact them on 0300 247 0040 Option 1 - Preston and Central area. Thank you.

### **Punctuality:**

Punctuality is considered the direct responsibility of the parents or carers. It is important that children learn the importance of punctuality and also observe it in their daily school life. Lateness can cause a delay in the start of lessons. Children can be upset and embarrassed as the rest of the class is disrupted and delayed in starting the important part of the school day. We are in the process of doing our termly monitoring of attendance and punctuality; if your child has more than 6 Lates in any half term, you will receive a letter of concern. Continual lateness may result in a meeting between the Headteacher and parents to discuss the issue further and seek support from outside agencies.

If your child is going to be unavoidably late for school, please telephone the school as soon as possible and make sure that you report to the school office on arrival so that your child can be signed in. This enables us to adjust the dinner numbers and to ensure accountability in case of fire or any other emergency. It will also avoid an unauthorised absence being recorded.

## **ParentPay Accounts:**

Please note that all ParentPay accounts must be cleared completely by the end of the summer term as debts must not be carried forward to the next academic year. Please ensure, therefore, that your child's account has a zero or positive balance. ParentPay accounts for Year 6 pupils must not have a negative balance and must stay in credit before the end of term when the account will be closed . Thank you.

## **Free School Meals & Pupil Premium**

Free school meals are provided for all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes as part of a Government initiative 'Universal Free School Meals'. However, for those pupils who have a statutory entitlement to free school meals, i.e. those pupils whose parents/carers are in receipt of the benefits mentioned below, the school can benefit from additional funding called Pupil Premium. This is worth over £1000 per pupil for the school once you have registered your entitlement. The benefit entitlements are:

- Income support or Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, with an annual income of less than £16,190 and not in receipt of Working Tax Credit
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit

If you think you meet any of these criteria, we do urge you to register. All you need to do is complete a simple form which is available from the school office or, alternatively, contact LCC on 01772 531809 and provide them with the claimant's (parent's) name, date of birth and National Insurance number and they will be able to confirm over the phone whether or not you are entitled.

## **Sun Safe Policy Reminder (Page 12 of the Prospectus):**

Some lovely hot weather is on its way! Please can we ask that you apply a high factor sun cream to your child before they come to school as we are unable to apply cream to all 245 children every day. Please provide your child with a sunhat or school cap if you feel that this is necessary (labelled with your child's name). Water bottles are essential every day so make sure your child brings one! Thank you.

## **Busy Parents; up for a challenge!**

Last year Mrs Taylor (Joel and Ethan's Mum) did the Lake District 5 peaks challenge in aid of the NSPCC and this year she is climbing Ben Nevis through the night in aid of NSPCC. Mrs Taylor is also holding a Cake and Comedy night at Hesketh Bank Christian Centre on 28th May to raise funds for the NSPCC. Tickets can be bought via the following link.

<https://giving.give-star.com/event/nspcc/cake-comedy-night>

Good Luck Mrs Taylor!

## **Community News:**

### **Lancon Girls Football Team:**

Lancon Junior FC Girls are always welcoming new players from reception up to Year 9, and especially hopeful for some new team mates from year 3 in readiness for the 2022/23 season where the team move up to 7 a side. Training for this age group is on a Friday, with matches on a Sunday. Please see flyer attached.

And finally...

As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please do get in touch asap and we will do our best to help.

Yours sincerely

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