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With Christ at the centre of our
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The Newsletter
Autumn term no.7 – 21st October 2021
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PLEASE READ THE NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

Up-date since the last newsletter:

- Congratulations to our Y6 Rugby Team who came 1st in the Tag Rugby Competition at Priory High School yesterday. Well done to the whole team who showed great determination!
- Reception had a fantastic visit to Longton Library last Thursday and Tom from the Library was so impressed with the listening skills and lovely manners shown. Great work Reception.

Don't forget:

Thursday 21st October

PTFA Hallowe'en Dress Up Day: Children can come to school dressed in a Hallowe'en costume for the day in return for making a £1/£2 donation in the bucket which will be at the gate. All the donations will go towards bulbs which the children will be planting around the school grounds after half term.

REMINDER! Secondary Admissions 2022: If your child is due to go to secondary school in September 2022 the closing date for applications is 31st October! If you are applying for All Hallows, you MUST fill in the yellow supplementary form and return it to All Hallows by the latest TOMORROW!

School will close for half term at 3.15pm on Thursday 21st October for Half Term (After School Club will be running on this day) We re-open on Monday 1st November.

Coming Up:

Wednesday 3rd November

Open Morning: We are going to be showing prospective parents round school from 9.15-10.30am. The Open Morning is only for new families who are looking for a Reception place for September 2022. We ask that you wear a mask for the visit.

Wednesday 3rd November

Parents Evening: Telephone appointment slips have been sent home with the children today confirming your allocated appointment time. If you have not yet made an appointment for Parents evening, there are still a few appointments available. Please return the form ASAP so we can allocate you a time (letter issued 12th October).

Monday 8th November

Last Netball Club until the Spring Term

Tuesday 9th November

Last Football Club until the Spring Term

Tuesday 9th November

Y5 trip to The British Vehicle Commercial Museum: Please return the slip and payment of £9.50 to be made through ParentPay (letter issued 13th October).

Tuesday 9th November

PTFA AGM Meeting: If you would like to get involved come along to the AGM on at 7pm in the school hall. Please wear your mask; we will be distanced and ventilated so wear something warm!

Wednesday 10th November Hearing tests will take place in school by the School Nursing Team for Y2 and Y3 children. If you have not returned the consent slip to school, please do so ASAP (letter issued 21st September).

Wednesday 10th November Parents Evening: Telephone appointment slips will be sent home with the children today confirming your allocated appointment time. If you have not yet made an appointment for Parents evening, there are still a few appointments available. Please return the form ASAP so we can allocate you a time (letter issued 12th October).

Wednesday 24th November Annual Nasal Flu Vaccinations: The Intrahealth Team will be in school on to deliver the Annual Nasal Flu programme. Anyone who hasn't yet returned your child's consent form, please read and complete either the YES form or NO form in full (one per child) and return to school as soon as possible. Spare copies are available from the school office.

Friday 26th November Y6 Taster Day at All Hallows. More details after half term.

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

Primary Admissions 2022:

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2022 then you MUST apply on-line at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools The CLOSING DATE FOR PRIMARY APPLICATIONS IS SATURDAY 15 JANUARY 2022 with the offer letter being issued to parents on MONDAY 18 APRIL 2022.

Please ensure that you also complete the ST OSWALD'S SUPPLEMENTARY FAITH FORM which is available on the school website or from school. The Supplementary Faith Form must then be forwarded to SCHOOL together with a copy of your child's BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE!

Please note: If your child was baptised at St Oswald's and you do not have a copy of your child's baptismal certificate, please complete a 'Baptismal Certificate request slip', which is available from school and post this through the St Oswald's presbytery postbox.

The Lancashire Science Festival, UCLAN on Saturday 23 October:

The festival is running as a one-day event this year and is completely free for families to attend. More details can be found on the [website](#).

As St Oswald's recently took part in a Virtual Science Festival we have been offered some community passes. The community pass entitles the pass-holder to **£2.50 to spend per child** (maximum four children per party) in the UCLan café.

Community passes are available from the school office on a first come, first served basis! You will need to bring the pass with you on the day. If you wish to visit the festival, you will need to register for free place.

Players in Education Drama Club:

Players in Education are running their next course from Friday 5th November to Friday 10th December. The price for the full course is £42.00. Please note the Christmas course is always very popular, places are given on a first come, first served basis, sign up now via our website to avoid disappointment <https://www.playersineducation.com>

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)

Holiday Hunger Project:

Holiday Hunger Project is a project run by South Ribble Borough Council to support families over the school holidays. Food parcels have been dropped off at school for families who receive free school meals by being in receipt of benefits (not to be confused with Universal Free School Meals for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children). We will be contacting families today who are eligible for the food parcel to arrange collection before half term.

School Meal Promotion -Bonfire Lunch – Thursday 4th November:

The next school meal promotion will take place on Thursday 4th November for anyone who does not normally have a school lunch. The menu is Sausage in a Bun or Quorn Curry served with Wedges & Crunchy Sticks followed by Chocolate Cookie! 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 on Monday 1st November and make the payment of £2.35 on ParentPay (Years 3-6).

School Meal Menus – Autumn/Winter 2021:

The new school meal menus will start on Week 2 from Monday 1st November and continue to follow the weekly menu cycle which is colour coded on the bottom of the menu. A copy of the menu is attached to the newsletter.

If your child is on school meals and wishes to change to packed lunches or vice versa, please ensure that one weeks' notice is given to the school office. Thank you!

Poppy Appeal 2021:

We will be selling poppies on behalf of the British Legion throughout the week commencing Monday 8th November until Wednesday 10th November. If you would like your child to bring a donation into school, please send it in an envelope with your child's name and marked 'Poppy Appeal'. Each class has an allocated time slot to come along and purchase their poppies.

Monday 8th November – Year 4/5/6

Tuesday 9th November – Year 2/3

Wednesday 10th November - Reception/Y1

PTFA News:

The PTFA are working so hard to raise much needed funds for school resources so please support where you can.

PTFA Hallowe'en Quiz: Halloween quiz sheets have been sent home this week (Monday 18th October). If your child would like to enter, **PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND THE COMPLETED QUIZ SHEET WITH £1.00 ENTRY FEE IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED 'HALLOWE'EN QUIZ'** by 12 noon on **Monday 1st November**. All correct entries will be entered into a draw and 3 winners will be announced in school on Friday 5th November in Golden Assembly.

PTFA Calendar 2022:

Every child will feature in the 2022 Calendar. We are looking for sponsors to advertise in the calendar so if you are interested in sponsoring a month or two, please get in touch via the office. The calendar will be on sale from the beginning of December.

Car Parking:

I have had several e-mails from some of the residents at Farmend Close who are understandably upset as cars have been parked across their drives etc and this has obviously caused great inconvenience. Please park respectfully. The Police have been informed of the complaints.

And finally ...

As we finish for half term tomorrow, I would like to wish you all a safe holiday and a huge thank you for all your feedback, support and encouragement over the last 7 weeks. We finish this half term with only two current Covid -19 cases and every member of staff healthy so thank you! See you on 1st November.

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

Yours sincerely

B Wood
Headteacher

SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – BONFIRE LUNCH – THURSDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2020

I would like my child to have a school meal on Thursday 5th November. I will ensure payment of £2.35 is made in advance through ParentPay (Year 3 – Year 6 children).

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