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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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Dear Parents/Carers

Up-date since the last newsletter:

- Fr Michael would like to thank all the Y5 families who came along to the Family Mass last Sunday.
- Thank you to Fr Michael and Fr Roy for the Y5 Service of Reconciliation on Monday. Both priests commented on how brilliant the children were.
- Year 5 had a great day of learning at The British Vehicle Commercial Museum, Leyland on Tuesday. Staff at the museum were impressed with how much the children knew!
- Congratulations to the Y6 Dodgeball Team who came first in the Dodgeball Competition at Priory Academy on Tuesday. Great teamwork!
- The children thoroughly enjoyed the pantomime 'Dick Whittington' yesterday. Fantastic audience participation! A big thank you to the PTFA for providing the funds for this event to go ahead.

Coming Up:

Tuesday 7th December -Y6 visit to Museum of Lancashire, Preston for a WW1 experience as part of their History studies (letter issued 9th November). Please ensure that permissions slips have been returned to school and payment of £10.00 has been made on ParentPay. Full school uniform must be worn. Thank you.

Wednesday 8th December -Infant Nativity 'Born in a Barn' for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils. After seeking advice from LCC, Public Health England and carrying out a risk assessment, I am sorry to say that we will not be inviting parents to the performances as we have to minimise the number of adults entering the building. We will be filming and popping it on the website at some point on Wednesday so you can enjoy 'Born in a Barn' together as a family!

Thursday 9th December -Y4 visit to Lancaster City Museum as part of their Roman's History studies (letter issued 3rd November). Please ensure that permissions slips have been returned to school and payment of £11.50 has been made on ParentPay. Full school uniform to be worn. Thank you.

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 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 -To help raise funds for our Forest School project, the PTFA have organised a Sponsored Santa 1 mile Dash on Monday 13th December for all the children and staff to join in with! The children can wear a Christmas hat, Santa beard or the full Santa outfit if they wish! Sponsor forms have been sent home with your child on Friday. The event should be great fun, keep us fit and raise some money! Sponsor money can be sent in in an envelope after the event!

W/c Monday 13th December - Carol Singing 2021. Each of the Junior Classes will be performing a couple of carols on the playground at 3.05pm before school finishes every day this week. We will be opening the gates at 3pm so you can enjoy a bit of festive cheer with us. The PTFA will be running a festive Cake Stall too!

Y3 - Monday 13th 3.05pm

Y4 -Tuesday 14th 3.05pm

Y5 -Wednesday 15th 3.05pm

Y6- Thursday 16th 3.05 pm

Thursday 16th December - PTFA Christmas Pop up Shop: Children can visit the Christmas Pop up Shop in school to buy Christmas presents for Mums and Dads. Every present will be £2.50. Please send money in an envelope with your child's name on.

Friday 17th December - School closes at 1.30 pm. We reopen on Tuesday 4th January.

School Calendar:

A School Calendar will be sent home with your child next week in an envelope. If you wish to purchase the calendar, please pay £5.00 to your ParentPay account. If you wish for more than 1 copy, please pay for the amount i.e £10.00 for 2 calendars and we will send another calendar home with your child.

We would be very grateful if you could try and support our school by buying the calendar as we do not have the same opportunities to raise any additional funds from our usual events at the moment!

Please return the calendar back to school in pristine condition by Thursday 16th December if you do not wish to keep it. Thank you.

Primary School Admissions 2022:

The closing date for Primary School Admissions for September 2022 is **Saturday 15th January 2022**. Please remember to return the Supplementary Faith Form with a copy of your child's baptism certificate. Don't forget!

Office Reminders:

Payments for School Meals & Early Birds – Please ensure that you check your balance on ParentPay on a regular basis and make payments as necessary to keep your account in credit. If debts remain unpaid, school meals and/or Early Birds Club may have to be withdrawn until payment has been made.

Polite Request: If arrangements for home time change on the day or if you have an urgent message for your child, we would be very grateful if you can contact the school office before 12.30 pm. This information will be passed to your child and saves interrupting the lessons in the afternoon. We do understand that sometimes things happen and that this is not always possible! Thank you.

Holiday Activities and Food:

Please find attached leaflet from South Ribble Borough Council regarding holiday activities for children on free school meals (in receipt of benefits) from Monday 20th – Thursday 23rd December.

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)

And finally ...

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

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher