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With Christ at the centre of our
community, our mission is to live,
love and learn as Jesus taught us.

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The Newsletter
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PLEASE READ THE NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

A very 'Happy New Year' to you all! Thank you for sending your child back to school looking very smart and ready to learn! I do hope you managed to have plenty of family time without Covid impacting too much on your festivities. We arrived back to school with updated guidance issued so please take the time to read the following. We will keep you updated as I'm sure there will be changes to the guidance over the next few weeks!

Information on the changes to the self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19:

Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless tests cannot be taken for any reason.

Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and individuals do not have a high temperature, self-isolation may end after the second negative test result and individuals can return to education settings on day 8.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation. Further information is available in the [stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection](#).

Daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19:

People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

Dates for your diary:

Y5 Sacramental Preparation:

Y5 will begin the next part of their Sacramental Programme on Monday 10th and Monday 17th January in church with Fr Michael during school time. Fr Michael will be saying a special Y5 Family Mass on Sunday 23rd January at 10.30am. Immediate family are invited and masks are to be worn. Monday 24th January at 6.30pm there will be a Holy Communion Practice with parents invited to attend so you know what to expect at the Holy Communion Masses on Saturday 5th February. If you have any questions about the programme or the arrangements for your child to receive their First Holy Communion, Fr Michael would like you to contact him - 01772 612136.

School Meal Promotion – 'Jump into January':

On Thursday 20th January we will be holding our next school meal promotion. If your child is normally on packed lunches and would like to have a school meal on this date, please complete the attached slip and return to school no later than Tuesday 18th January. Pupils who normally have a school meal will be automatically included in the promotion. Payment should be made through ParentPay please. The meal menu will be **Crispy Popcorn Chicken, or Cheese, Onion & Potato Puff Pastry Slice, both will be served with Wedges, Peas & Sweetcorn or Baked Beans followed by Jam Roly Poly & Custard.**

Y3 Study Trip:

Y3 will be taking a trip to the Science Museum in Manchester on Thursday 27th January as part of their Science topic work this term. Letter issued yesterday (Weds 5th January)

Y4 Study Trip:

As part of the Geography curriculum for Y4, they will be visiting Formby Point and Eco Centre on Tuesday 8th February (letter issued Weds 5th January)

Final Reminders:

- Sponsored Santa Mile Dash – any outstanding money, please return to school by Monday 10th January. Thank you! We will let you know in next week's newsletter, how much we have raised. Your support has been greatly appreciated. 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. Don't forget!

Parent Governor Election:

On Friday 7th January your child will come home with an envelope containing all the information about the Parent Governor Election. We have 3 candidates who have put their nominations forward. Your vote needs to be returned by 12 noon on Friday 28th January. If, after reading all the information, you have any queries please contact school as soon as possible.

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium:

If your annual household income is under £16,190 per year and that you are not entitled, or have an underlying entitlement, to Working Tax Credit, you may be entitled to free school meals and pupil premium for your child. Free school meals are provided for all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 as part of the Government initiative, please may I remind you that for those pupils who have a **STATUTORY** entitlement to free school meals (those pupils whose parents are in receipt of benefits, such as Income Support, etc.) of the importance to still register for Pupil Premium. School can benefit from additional funding through the Pupil Premium which is worth over £1300 per pupil for the school once registration has been completed, so please check if you are entitled as school benefits greatly! A comprehensive list of the benefit entitlements are available on the application form which is available from the trays by the school office. Alternatively, one phone call can confirm if you are entitled, it's worth doing, so please call 01772 531809 and have your NI number handy!

Car Park Safety:

I have received an e-mail from a local resident who expressed concerns over safe parking on Chapel Lane. I have informed the local police about the complaint so please Do NOT park along the bus stop and zig zag no parking areas. Cars are also blocking pedestrian paths which does cause a real safety issue. Thank you for your understanding as we have positive relationships with our neighbours in Chapel Lane and do want to keep everyone safe.

PTFA News:

As part of the Green Token Giving programme with Asda, the school has been given a cheque for £200 so thank you if you took part and registered your vote! The money will go towards our Forest School project.

And finally ...

Let's get back into the reading habit. Reading every night with and to your children makes the biggest difference to their success as a learner so please try and listen to your child for 15/20 minutes every night. Last term we hit a record 90% of children reading regularly at home. Class Blogs return on Friday 7th January.

Please contact school if you have any queries or concerns as soon as they arise. We will do our best to help!

Yours sincerely

B Wood
Headteacher

SCHOOL MEAL PROMOTION – ‘JUMP INTO JANUARY’ – THURSDAY 20th JANUARY 2022

I would like my child to have a school meal on Thursday 20th January. I will ensure payment of £2.35 is made in advance through ParentPay.

Name of child:Year Signed.....
