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The Newsletter
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Dear Parents/Carers

Up-date since the last newsletter:

- Year 5 had their final First Holy Communion practice last Monday in church and Fr Michael is looking forward to seeing everyone on Saturday at their respective Masses.
- Y3 thoroughly enjoyed their day at the Museum of Science and Industry on Thursday and learned so much about Light and Forces. Well done Y3! Great questions and lovely manners.
- Congratulations to Emma Smith who has been elected as a Parent Governor. Very grateful to all the candidates for taking the time to apply for the position and to everyone for voting. 120 votes were cast in total which is a great response.

Coming up:

Friday 4th February

Y6 will be involved with the NSPCC Number Day which is being hosted by the Maths Department from All Hallows at school in our School Hall. Y6 can bring a £1 donation towards the NSPCC to show their support for the charity.

Monday 7th February

Y5 Celebration Mass at 2.15pm in church. Fr Michael would like all Y5 to join him for a special mass to celebrate the children who have made their First Holy Communion. Parents and Grandparents welcome to come along.

7th -13th February.

Children's Mental Health Week. This year the theme is 'Growing Together' and each class will be working on team building with their class, the importance of accepting that we are all unique and how we can support each other.

It is important at Primary School to recognise that this is where so much emotional and social development happens. Children learning how to navigate friendships, how to be a team player, how to be resilient when things are tough, how to accept that everyone is unique and having respect for everyone. We expect so much from our young people and we expect all children to be at the same stage but that is simply not the case; this is why some children take a little longer than others to develop empathy, tolerance and patience.

Tuesday 8th February – Y4 Study Trip to Formby Point and Eco Centre, Southport has been postponed. This is due to the Eco Centre's tour guide currently isolating as well as Mrs Tipping and Mrs Dexter currently absent with COVID. We are in the process of re-arranging a new date in March and will let you know once we have the details.

Tuesday 8th February

Online Safety Day. We will be using the day to remind children how to keep safe online. This year the theme is 'Respect Online.' We do remind children regularly about keeping safe online and always being respectful.

Thursday 10th February

'Dress to Express' Day. To mark the end of Children's Mental Health Week, the children can come to school and wear whatever outfit represents them and their interests e.g. if your child loves sport, they might dress in a sports kit, your child loves colour so come dressed as brightly as possible etc. There is no right or wrong, your child can just express themselves! All we ask is that a £1 donation is put in the collecting bucket at the gate. All donations will be going to the brilliant charity 'Young Minds'.

Coming Up after Half term!

Drumming Lessons with Adam Darwen:

Drumming lessons will start on Monday 22nd February and Thursday 24th February at lunchtimes for pupils in Key Stage 2. If your child returned the slip to sign up for drumming lessons, they have got a place and Adam will be in touch with further details using the contact details you supplied on the form. The spaces went very quickly!!

- Sunday 27th February** Y4 Enrolment Mass 10.30am. Y4 begin their preparation for First Holy Communion with this special family mass.
- Wednesday 2nd March** Don't forget the Y5 study trip to 'Judges Lodgings, Lancaster (letter issued 27th January). If you have not yet done so, please return the permission slip and make the payment of £13.50 on ParentPay asap –thank you!
- Wednesday 9th March** 6.30pm Meeting for Y6 Parents regarding the end of Key Stage 2 Tests for 2022 so come along to find out the latest information we have been given.
- Thursday 10th March** Y2 trip to 'Bring Yer Wellies' Study Trip on the Great Fire of London (letter issued 27th January). If you have not yet done so, please return the permission slip and make the payment of £12.50 on ParentPay asap –thank you!
- Wednesday 16th/
Thursday 17th March** Spring Term Parents Evening. Further details next week.
- Friday 18th March** Y5 Extended Outdoor Activities Day to Borwick Hall Outdoor Education Centre (letter issued 30th September). Further details to follow shortly. Please ensure that the final payment is made no later than Monday 7th February - thank you!
- Tuesday 22nd March** Reception trip to 'Bring Yer Wellies' Study Trip on Planting & Life Cycles. Letter to be issued shortly.
- Wed 23-Fri 25th March** Y6 Residential visit to Tower Wood, (letter issued 15th September). Further details to follow shortly Please ensure full payment is made by Monday 21st February – thank you!

Players in Education Drama Club:

Players in Education course "Musical Mash Up!" will begin Friday 25th February until Friday 27th May and is open for all pupils. The course will run for 12 weeks. Please see flyer attached to sign up.

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 February 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)

And finally...

Thank you to the parents who spotted the free visit offer to Chester Zoo! We have applied for the past 3 years so hopefully this year we will be successful.

Don't forget that we finish for Half Term on Thursday 10th February and return on Monday 21st February!

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

Yours sincerely

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