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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

UKRAINE WE ARE WITH YOU ❤️

Thank you so much for all your generous donations! We have been overwhelmed by the response and will continue to collect items over the next few weeks.

Items desperately needed are:

- 💙 FIRST AID BANDAGES
- 💛 BABY FORMULA (READY MADE IS IDEAL!)
- 💙 NAPPIES
- 💛 TOILETRIES
- 💙 BLANKETS
- 💛 TOWELS
- 💙 WARM SOCKS (ADULT & CHILDREN)
- 💛 HATS SCARVES AND GLOVES
- 💙 BABY FOOD POUCHES
- 💛 SANITARY ITEMS

*PLEASE NOTE: IF BRINGING ITEMS FROM HOME PLEASE CHECK EXPIRY DATES.

Please note that TippyToes are *NOT* accepting clothing, shoes, duvets, pillows, sleeping bags.

The Lancashire Evening Post contacted us and interviewed some of the children about the appeal. Here is the link:

<https://www.lep.co.uk/education/how-offering-help-can-ease-lancashire-schoolchildrens-anxiety-about-ukraine-war-3592461>

Update since last newsletter:

- Fr Michael would like to thank all the Y4 families for coming along to the Enrolment Mass on Sunday 27th February.
- As a school we joined Fr Michael for the Ash Wednesday Service yesterday. All the children were so respectful and prayerful in church.
- Y5 had a great day of history learning at 'Judges Lodgings & Cottage Museum' with lots of hands on experiences. Well done Y5!

New Covid guidelines:

The Schools COVID-19 Risk Assessment and checklist has been updated to reflect the Government's recent changes including changes to isolation rules and asymptomatic testing. All changes are highlighted in yellow. Please refer to our website to see the Schools COVID-19 Risk Assessment (version 9!).

In line with the DFE guidance, pupils with the key symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend the school, given the potential risk to others.

Staff and pupils are encouraged to follow safer behaviours including;

- staying at home if they are unwell
- taking a test if they have COVID-19 symptoms and staying at home and avoiding contact with other people if they test positive.

Staff and pupils who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. After 5 days, they may choose to take a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) followed by another the next day - if both are negative, and they do not have a temperature, they can safely return to school.

Please contact school if you have any queries.

Coming up:

Tuesday 8th March -The Y6 Athletics team have made it to the Lancashire Finals in Blackpool. Letters have been issued to the team today.

Wednesday 9th March -Y6 Parents meeting at 6.30pm regarding the end of Key Stage 2 Tests for 2022. It is understood that children do not attend the meeting. Study books will be available to buy on the night for £10.00/set.

Thursday 10th March -Y2 trip to 'Bring Yer Wellies' Study Trip on (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! Due to the nature of activities taking place, children are to wear old tracksuit bottoms, **school jumper, shirt and tie**, wellies (or strong footwear) together with a warm, waterproof jacket or coat. (Please ensure that your child is dressed warmly!)

Sunday 13th March - Sacramental Preparation Mass on at 10.30am for children in Year 4 taking part in the Sacramental Preparation Programme. Parents are requested to wear masks.

Message from Longton Library:

Little Steps – the new reading scheme for 2-5 year olds in Lancashire

Lancashire's librarians have developed a new reading scheme specifically for 2-5 year olds in consultation with child development experts and speech and language specialists.

It will launch later in the year but it is first being run as a pilot scheme at Longton Library so that we can get feedback from parents and children. The pilot will end in April, but until then we would love to invite you to take part and let us know what you think!

The theme of the pilot is jungle animals, and it involves the use of cards that recommend particular books that parents/carers can read to children for topics useful for a child's development such as family, growing up, and self-esteem. The other side of the card has activities that fit this theme which can be done together at home or by coming to the library to one of our activity sessions. Our activity sessions will include things like stories, games and little crafts for little fingers, and are being held every Monday in March, 10:30-11:00 and 3:45-4:15.

Completing the cards earns stickers and for completing the pilot the child will also be rewarded with a "pop" badge.

Taking part is of course free, please ask at Longton Library to get started.

And finally...

As always we ask that you get in touch with any concerns or queries that you may have as we do try our best to help!

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher