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The Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

A huge thank you for the efforts made at school and home for the 'Dress to Express' event last Friday.

At school and at home it has been great to see so much effort being made to have a go at the activities planned. It has also been a record week for the number of children changing reading books and lovely to hear so many children reading on Seesaw!

This week has been our Dance Week and we will be compiling as many of the videos as possible for the finale video.

As half term approaches no Home Learning will be set so just enjoy the break. Thank you so much for everything you are doing to help your children, we know it's not easy!

The Daily Blogs will start up again on the 22nd February (posted Sunday evening to help anyone who needs to get organised for Monday).

This week we have been given 8 tablets to support Home / School learning. Thank you to Moving Works of Longton for their generosity and kindness. The tablets will make a great difference to digital provision for our pupils.

School Meal Vouchers:

South Ribble County Council have delivered food packs to school as part of the 'Holiday Hunger' Scheme. These food packs are for parents of children who are eligible for free school meals i.e.: in receipt of benefits (not Universal Free School Meals for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children). You will be contacted to collect your pack from the school entrance today.

Free School Meal vouchers will continue after half term from Edenred. If you are entitled, you will receive an email either on Monday 22nd or Tuesday 23rd February with an e-code which will be for 2 weeks, up to the 8th March.

We understand that at this very difficult time, families financial circumstances may have changed. If you think you may now be entitled or in any doubt, please contact Pupil Access Team at Lancashire County Council on 01772 531809 with your Name, Date of Birth and National Insurance Number. You may be able to receive a weekly free school meal voucher for \pounds 15.00 per child to spend at your chosen supermarket. It is definitely worth trying.

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...

Enjoy Half Term, hopefully we will all be back together soon.

Team Oswald is here for you, just get in touch if you need anything.

Yours sincerely

B Wood Headteacher