



Newsletter 20th October 2023



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With love we grow!

**“The heart that knows how to say ‘thank you’ is a good heart, it is a heart that is content.”
Pope Francis**

“A book is a gift you can open again and again” – Garrison Keillor

Attendance Matters - Whole School Target - 96%+.

Each week we will report on the whole school attendance and individual class attendance.

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Overall
Total Sept to date	98.68%	96.64%	95.45%	98.28%	94.85%	95.45%	93.08%	95.76%
This week	100%	89.06%	94.20%	96.02%	91%	94.83%	93.33%	94.27%

Well done to Reception who have taken the lead overall, well done on 100% attendance this week -. We fully understand genuine illness cannot be helped but it also highlights the importance of ensuring your child/ren do not miss school on other occasions such as holidays in term-time.

School Admissions - If you have a child due to start school or commence High School in September 2024 please apply via -

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>

Please note the closing date for High School applications is 31st October 2023. Please ensure all high school applications are made prior to this date and any relevant supporting information has been submitted to the school directly ie Supplementary Faith Form.

If you have a child or you know someone who has a child due to start Reception Class in September 2024 and would like a tour around our school, please contact Mrs MacLeod in the school office and we will arrange this.

Football Final - Some of our Yr 6 girls have been representing the school over the past few weeks in the Girls' Football Tournament. We are delighted to say that after a fantastic and valiant effort, they came second overall. Well done girls, their behaviour was commendable throughout with great sportsmanship being shown at all times. We are very proud of you.

Cinema Trip - We have booked for the whole school to attend Vue Cinema in Middlebrook on Friday 15th December to watch "Elf". Payment can be made via Eduspot. The cost of the trip is £8.50 per child which includes entry to the cinema and a snack box containing popcorn, a fruit shoot and a small packet of sweets. The coaches will be funded by the PTFA.

Special Menu - You will notice when booking meals after half term that on Thursday 2nd November there is a special Bonfire Night menu consisting of Crispy Chicken Tower Burger, onion ring, cheese, lettuce & mayo or Cheese & tomato catherine wheel pizza served with smokey potato wedges & BBQ dip, sweetcorn or baked beans followed by Sticky Toffee Cupcake. Please pre order via Eduspot.

PTFA Autumn Disco - See separate flyer, please book via Eduspot. Please can we request that children do not wear any masks? Please order before 1st November so that the PTFA know how many to cater for?

Remembrance - Poppies and other memorabilia will be on sale after half term. Cash only

After School Clubs - The after school clubs for after half term are as follows:-

Monday - No clubs

Tuesday - KS2 Jam Coding & Years 1 & 2 Dance (Dance is full)

Wednesday - Years 5 & 6 Dance

Thursday - Years 3 & 4 Invasion Games (full)

Friday - Yr 6 Girl's Football

We still have space on the Yrs 5 & 6 Dance and the Yr 6 Girl's football. Some of the clubs are strictly limited in numbers, so please do not sign your child up unless they want to commit to attending all of the sessions.

Menu Change - The new Autumn/Winter menu will commence after half term and is available to see on our website. Please remember to pre book online.

Dates for your Diary (Please keep checking dates on the newsletter as some may be subject to change)

Monday 30th October - INSET Day

31st October - School reopens

2nd November - PTFA Autumn Discos (see flyer)

19th November - Family Mass in Church

22nd - 28th November - Scholastic Book Fair (more details to follow)

30th November - PTFA Christmas Fair

3rd December - Family Mass in Church

4th December - First Confessions 6.30pm in Church

5th December - KS2 Parents' Evening

6th December - EYFS & KS1 Parents' Evening

7th December - Reception Nativity @ 10am

8th December - Reception Nativity @ 10am

13th December - KS1 Show @ 6pm

14th December - KS1 Show @ 2pm

15th December - - Whole school cinema trip to see 'Elf'

15th December - Guitar Concert for guitar pupils @ 2pm (details to follow)

18th December - PTFA KS2 Movie Night (details to follow)

21st December - School Closes for Christmas

22nd December - INSET Day

8th January 2024 - School reopens for Spring Term