



Newsletter 15th October 2021

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With love we grow!

"Be brave. Let us learn to face moments of difficulty with courage, certain that the Lord never fails to give his support." Pope Francis

You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think. - A.A.Milne (Winnie the Pooh)

Open Learning Visits - We are having two 'Open Learning' sessions in school next week. Please see below for the dates and times. We especially wish to invite new, prospective parents to come and have a look at our school in action. Current parents are welcome to attend and can visit their child's classroom to see their child 'in action', (please note: Y6 pupils will be doing tours and not in class). Prospective parents for September 2022 intake will be shown around the school by Year 6 children. ***In line with our covid risk assessment for this event, we do request that ALL visitors for open learning visits wear a face mask whilst on site to safeguard the children and staff in school.***

Leaving - After 16 years of loyal, dedicated service to our wonderful school and children, Mrs Rice will be leaving next week to take a 'very early retirement'. We would like to thank Mrs Rice for all of her support, laughter and wiping of noses during this time!! She will be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike and we wish her a long and happy retirement but hope she will pop back in to see us.

We are also saying goodbye and thank you to Miss Ashton who has been covering class 4 during Mrs Canavan's maternity leave. The children have had a lovely start to year 4 in a 'safe pair of hands'. Mrs Canavan will be returning from her maternity leave at the end of next week and will have a handover with Miss Ashton before half term.

School Admissions for September 2022 - Primary and Secondary school admission applications are now open for September 2022. If you have a child in Year 6 or in pre school at nursery, please go to <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-online-for-a-school-place/> The ***deadline for high school applications is 31st October 2021***, please ensure you have made your application online prior to this. Faith forms must be submitted directly to the school of application. Our faith forms are available from the school office or on our website.

Holy Cross Faith Forms - Please ensure that any faith forms are returned to Holy Cross before half term, or if sending via the our school office, please return to Mrs MacLeod by Monday 18th October, to allow us to send them to Holy Cross in good time before half term.

Tempest Photographs - Please place your orders online preferably. If you are placing your order via school, please return your order by Monday 18th October. The courier is booked so this date cannot be extended.

School Catering & New Menus - Please ensure that you book school meals for next week, there is no meal choice online due menu changes. If you have prebooked a meal, your child can choose their meal each morning - for next week only

We are delighted that LCC have issued their Autumn/Winter menu (which can be found on our website) which will be effective after half-term and can now be prebooked on SchoolMoney. The menu has been set using more local produce which has not been affected as much as the supply chain issues nationally. We have been asked to advise you that there may still be some last minute changes and the menus set should allow for flexibility, it is hoped these will be minimal.

History Alive, KS2 - There are only a few outstanding payments. Please can these be paid online ASAP?

Parents' Evening - We are looking to hold a parents' evening in November in some form - more details to follow after half term.

Young Voices (Y6) - The initial order for tickets has been placed. Young Voices T-shirts are also available to pre order via the shop on SchoolMoney (Year 6 only), this order can be placed at a later date so less hurry is required for this.

Music Payments - Please can remaining payments for the keyboard lessons be made ASAP?

School Levy - The annual school levy payment of £10 per family is due. Some families have a standing order setup for this payment and need not take any action. If you do not have a standing order setup, please can you make payment via SchoolMoney? This charge is payable to Liverpool Archdiocese to enable us to access funding to carry out upgrades to the buildings and school grounds. Any shortfall from the parents' contribution needs to be paid from our education budget which we would like to avoid.

Flu Vaccination Programme

If you would like your child to receive the nasal flu vaccine in school please follow this link to complete an online consent

form <https://www.nhsimms.uk/FLU/information?Is=119668&Type=FLU>

The vaccinations will take place in school on Friday 19th November, the link will close on Tuesday 9th November. If your child has already had the Nasal Flu Vaccine since September 2021 please disregard this message. **If you have any problems accessing the link please telephone 0333 358 3397, option 3.**

Kind regards

Immunisation team

Dates for your diary

18th October - History Alive Year 4 - Ancient Egyptians

19th October - Open Learning Morning 9.15 - 11 am

20th October - Science Day

21st October - Open Learning Afternoon - 2.15 - 3.15pm

22nd October - INSET day (School closed to all pupils)

25th - 29th October - Half Term

1st November - School Reopens

24th - 30th November - Scholastic Book Fair in school