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*Following the example of Jesus, together we learn, love and respect one another
to be the best we can be.*

Dear Parents/Carers

Head teacher's note

As you are aware, school attendance is extremely important for the education and development of children. The expected attendance is 96% and over. Under 90% is persistent absence and requires possible intervention from the attendance team. Letters will be sent home for those children whose attendance is below 96%. I appreciate that most absences are down to illness but we have a duty to inform parents. Please find attached the updated attendance policy.

Faith Week

The children enjoyed learning about different faiths this week. Year 3 visited the Hindu Temple and Year 5 had a visit to the mosque. Thank you to Miss Britnell for co-ordinating this.

School News

Congratulations to Colleen in Yr 4, who had her poem published in the Young Writers Poetry Wonderland



Peanut allergy- can we please remind parents that we are a nut free school due to children with severe nut allergies. Should your child have food containing nuts they must inform the teacher.

School Activities

Please see attached the list of clubs for your reference. All afterschool clubs finish at 4.30pm and collection is from the dining room doors. Except French & Art Club. Choir is collection from the Parish centre.

Netball

It was lovely to see the girls play netball at Oakhill on Monday. Unfortunately they didn't win, but over the course of the match they improved each quarter and showed excellent resilience, attitudes and sportsmanship.

PTA film night

There will be a film night for infants on Friday 1st Feb 3.30-5.00pm (TBC).£5 per ticket. To inc hot dog, drink & sweets
Juniors Friday 8th Feb.

Tickets will be on sale from the office from Thursday.

Half term holiday club Mon-Fri 8.30-4.00pm

Pro sport www.prosportcoaching.co.uk flyer to follow



Diary Dates

January-

NO ART CLUB- 18th Jan

Thursday 24th - Class photographs
Choir starts

Monday 28th - Netball -Oakhill
4.00pm

Friday 1st Feb - KS1 film night

6th Feb- Yr3 Rock 'n' roll day

EYFS coffee morning

Friday 8th- Junior film night

Monday 11th - Netball 4.30pm

Football Accrington Academy

Tues 12th - Yr 6SATS meeting for
parents

15th Feb- school closes 3.30pm -
Half term

Upcoming dates:

12th March 6.30pm Reconciliation

Parents' evening- 26th & 27th March

British Values Week -11-15th Feb

4th -8th -Mental health week

Other news

14/02/19 - Year 6 a cake sale - Valentine's Day
theme

28/04/19 - Year 6 Sponsored walk - exact
details to follow

10/05/19 - Year 6 parents meeting 7pm Old
School Rooms

12/07/19 - Year 6 Leavers party 7pm Old School
Rooms Function Room

Sunflowers- Can we ask that parents who need
to use the breakfast & afterschool Sunflowers
club, ensure that they are pre booking with
Alison. If there is a change of plan during the
day and you require your child to use the
service, you must inform school and Alison. We
have cases where children aren't collected from
school and Alison and staff are unaware of any
bookings. If you have not pre booked it may be
that sunflowers cannot accept your child due to
numbers and school cannot accept responsibility.

St. Michael and St. John's Ladies group is at the
start of a new year's programme. First Speaker
is Mrs Judith Byrne whose talk and slides are
entitled "The History of D. Byrne & Co." (Fine
wine Merchants). No she is not talking about
wine!

7:30 in The Assembly Hall (Parish Hall),

Lowergate on Wednesday, 30th January.

The entry fee of £2:00 includes tea/coffee and
biscuits.

Come along, meet present and new friends and
have a chat.

Dinners

Despite previous notifications from Mrs Wilkinson, dinner money is still not being paid for in advance. Currently school is owed £400 in unpaid dinners. This is having an impact on the school budget and is not fair for the rest of the school. If you are sent a text or letter reminding you to pay, please ensure this is done. School dinners are £2.20 per day and must be paid for in advance so that money is not owing. In line with LCC procedures, school can pass over the debt if this is not settled. We may ask you to bring a school packed lunch in for your child. You will be notified on Friday if this is the case for the following week. Thank you for your support in this.

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Don't forget, tea & coffee served before assembly every Friday £1.00