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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

This summer term is moving on quickly and there is still so much to pack in to the next 4 weeks. There will be a leavers' play, leavers' assembly, special lunch, school trips, reports to go out, new reception children visiting and many more exciting events. This time of year is quite often a mixture of emotions for the children especially the year 6 as they prepare to leave primary school. Some children are excited at the prospect and others a little nervous. We support all of our children, preparing them for transition through our work in school and with high schools to ensure that they are confident and happy when they leave. We also have a comprehensive transition program to support the children as they move up to their next class. We thank our school governors for their visits this week. Mr Downes on Tuesday experienced and shared with us part of our MADD week fun and Mr Clay gave an informative presentation at assembly this morning about refugees as part of National refugee Week.



PTA -

The PTA have organised a cheese and wine evening on Friday 14th July at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets cost £17 this includes the wine tasting (6 wines plus commentary from Barrica Wines) snacks, then cheese and biscuits afterwards. There will also be a raffle and games plus the bar will be open. Please come and support this event and help contribute to raising funds for the children. Tickets are available from the office. Any donations of raffle prizes would be very much appreciated. Thank you

Attendance

Well done to reception, Year 1 and year 4 for 100% attendance this week. Please can I remind parents to ensure that they phone in before 9.30am if your child is off school due to being unwell. Please do not email as this may not always be picked up. Thank you





Contact details

Please can you ensure that we have all relevant contact details up to date. This is a requirement as part of safeguarding procedures. Any change of telephone number work details or email address need to be passed on to the office to ensure you can be contacted in an emergency. If you are not receiving texts messages please check that the office has your correct details.



UK 3 Peaks Challenge

Well done to Ben & Beatrice's Mum and Dad who, this weekend completed the UK 3 Peaks challenge. They endured awful conditions on Ben Nevis with wind, driving rain and snow at the top, despite the glorious sunshine back home. As they reached Scafell at 2.30am they watched the sun rise and then made their way to Snowdon where they had the extreme heat to contend with. They completed the challenge in **22 hours and 53 mins**. A fantastic achievement. Well done. So far they have raised nearly £3000 for Anaphylaxis Campaign.

Weld Mass

On Sunday 2nd July, Mass will be celebrated at 10.30am in the garden (weather permitting). If the weather is wet Mass will take place in Church. This is a special Mass during which the children on the Sacramental programme in our parish will be presented to the parish and will receive their certificates and booklets. This is a joint parish Mass.

Following Mass families and parishioners are invited to bring a picnic and complimentary strawberries and wine will be on offer. Again, if the weather is wet this will take place in the social centre. Please join us for this special joint Mass if you can.



Teddy Bear's 'Picnic' Lunch

As of previous years, let your child come and join us and bring Teddy too on Thursday 13th July for our 'Teddy Bear's picnic lunch' in the garden (weather permitting). We are asking the children for a donation to raise money for CMV which is a charity supporting a condition which affects one of our families. This is a virus that can be passed on to unborn children.

If your child ***does not*** normally have a school dinner on a Wednesday and would like one on this day, please send in £2.20, to Mrs Moon, by Friday, 30th June or pay via ParentPay.

Congratulations

Last week, one of our pupils, Keifer attended his family's British Citizenship ceremony. He was the only child who participated, and recited his oath clearly and confidently. He also interacted well with the officials. This was a special "once in a lifetime" event and as a school we are all very proud of him. He brought in his medal to show the children in assembly.

Prayer Friends Tea Party

Thank you to Miss Britnell, Miss Smith, Miss Acklam, Mr O'Donnell and Mrs Lambert for arranging and supporting our Prayer Friends Tea Party which took place on Thursday. Our guests had a wonderful time, as did our Year 3 boys and girls, enjoying wonderful sandwiches and cakes made by Miss Fielding, our Cook. The choir were also amazing, singing beautifully and entertaining our visitors.

This is our way of saying thank you to the Prayer Friends for the support and prayers they have offered the children on their sacramental journey. We thank SVP for their help with transporting the Prayer Friends and the Catechists for all of their work which they have undertaken voluntarily to help our children to develop and deepen their faith.

MADD Week (Music, Art, Drama and Dance)

Thank you to all the staff and visitors who were involved in all the different activities that were ongoing during MADD week. The children had visits from a Samba teacher, a woodwind teacher, morning wake and shake with Mrs Pennock. A very successful cake sale was organised by year 5 to help raise funds for the activities. Some of their beautiful art work is on display in the hall. Thank you also to Mrs Clarkson, Mrs Thornton and all staff involved in organising the events this week.



Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today the Chaplaincy Team supported by Miss Britnell led a special whole school worship for our day of prayer for Vocations. The children and staff also entered in to the spirit of the day by dressing up as their role models. We had some fantastic outfits from nun, police, business men and women, doctors, nurses, vets and most impressive, the number of children dressed up as teachers!! Perhaps the teachers are setting a good example of role models!! Your kind donations raised £80.00



Y6 Leavers' and Special Lunch - Wednesday, 19th July

On Wednesday, 19th July Miss Fielding is organising a "special" lunch as an end of year treat for the children. A selection of their favourite dishes will be on offer along with an "ice cream" parlour which went down extremely well last time!!

If your child ***does not*** normally have a school dinner on a Wednesday and would like one on this day, please send in £2.20, to Mrs Moon, by Friday, 14th July or pay via ParentPay.

Please can I remind parents to contact the office if your child changes from packed lunch to school dinner or vice versa. We are having children taking a school dinner without informing the office and this means that the cook and office cannot balance the books. Only in exceptional circumstances can we ask that children change during term time.



Sporting achievements

Well done to our year 5/6 girls' high 5 netball team who won their match 13-2 against Oakhill on Monday. On Thursday they played at Ribblesdale in the Ribble Valley tournament and got through to the quarter finals. All the girls played in the true spirit of the game and to the letter of the law. Well done girls we are all very proud. Thank you to Mrs Cook for taking them.



Late arrivals

Please can I remind parents that school starts at **8.55am** and after this the gates are locked for safeguarding reasons and to enable the staff and children to get to class. If you arrive after this time and bring your child in through the main entrance, you must sign the children in. This is for safeguarding purposes as explained in a previous newsletter due to the building work that is ongoing. It also enables school to monitor the number of lates which we are required to do. The office may not always be staffed so please ensure that you accompany your child in to the building and ensure they get in to school.

Dates for your diary:-

- Monday 26th June - Clitheroe Grammar intake evening
- Tuesday 27th June - Commissioning/Blessing Mass for Chaplaincy Team in church at 9.00am
- Tuesday 27th June - Year 1& 2 trip to Sealife, Blackpool
- Tuesday 27th June - Augustine's Intake evening
- Tuesday 27th June - Ribblesdale Storytelling Event - Year 6
- Wednesday 28th June - Reception Intake visit- 9.15-10.15
- Wednesday 28th June - Year 2 Pirate Day
- Thursday 29th June - Year 6 trip to Stonyhurst Science Fair
- Friday 30th June - Year 6 trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach
- Friday 30th June - Clitheroe Grammar transition morning 8.50am - 12.15pm
- Friday 30th June - Celebration assembly

Thank you for your continued support

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