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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

What lovely end to a busy half term. The sun shone for a wonderful sports day for both the infants and the juniors. It was lovely to see so many parents, relatives & grandparents there supporting the children whose sportsmanship and conduct was excellent. A special mention to the year 6 and year 4 helpers who supported the infants on their sports day. Thank you.

We have thoroughly enjoyed our health and well-being week this week including our complete a mile activity. Well done to all the children who took part in the sponsored fun run and helped to raise money for the school.

A special thank you to our wonderful Mrs Pennock who has led us all in 'wake up, shake up' every morning.

I hope you all have lovely restful break. Fingers crossed the sun shines for us all. We look forward to welcoming the children back for the last term where it will be jam packed with activities.

Staffing News

Mrs Craddock has started her maternity leave and we wish her well and look forward to meeting the new arrival.

As mentioned previously, Mrs Booth will be covering her leave until she returns.

Below is the staffing/class structure for next year

Class	Teacher
Reception	Mrs Clarkson /Miss Harkin
Year 1	Miss Britnell
Year 2	Mrs Thornton/Mrs Booth
Year 3	Mr Smith
Year 4	Mrs Wade
Year 5	Mrs Jackson
Year 6	Miss Smith



Assemblies, Helping Others and Recycling

On Monday we welcomed Alfie's Dad and Charlie's Mum from reception class to assembly. They gave a presentation on the charity Streethope which helps the homeless in Preston. There will be a fundraiser on Saturday 21st June 2.00pm until late at Low Moor Club. Please go along and help to raise some money to support this wonderful charity. A flyer is attached to this newsletter. Our children will be helping to support fundraising for Streethope in the near future.

On Thursday Carys and Isla's Mum, Mrs Stewart delivered an assembly about children about recycling which links to our Lent promises and our efforts to help protect God's wonderful world. . She made us a special box which Harrison named 'scrappy'. We are going to put our empty crisp packets in the box and Mrs Stewart is going to clean them and take them to a drop off place in Clitheroe where they will be further distributed for recycling and made in to new objects rather than filling landfill sites. Please have a look at <https://www.oceanclear.co.uk>

As Bishop John Arnold said "A great deal of difference can be made through a number of small actions in our personal lives."

"We can reduce the waste we make and recycle more. These may seem almost trivial but they are significant ways where we can make an impact for the good. We show the goodness of our faith by our actions." Thank you to Mrs Stewart for helping us to do this.

I would also like to thank you all for supporting the collections of batteries.

Message from Mrs Carr- Chair of the PTA

'Following on from Hayley Stewart's assembly on how to better dispose of waste/re-cycle (to ensure it doesn't end up in our seas), you may be interested in the re-launch of 'The Snail and the Whale' campaign - a partnership between three Organisations (Natural England, Macmillan children's Books, and the Marine Management Organisation) which encourages children and their families to visit the coast and explore what it has to offer.

There is an updated coastal activity booklet being launched w/c 27th May for children aged 4-8, with a variety of fun activities and information to help them explore the coast - you can download this from <https://www.panmacmillan.com/snailandthewhalecoastaladventure> or access a hard copy from a variety of National Nature Reserves (NNRs). If you are heading to the coast over half term (or might fancy doing so now!), why not download the booklet or visit an NNR, and remember to share the campaign with your family and friends'

Art Club

We also thank Mrs Stewart for volunteering to help Mrs Craddock with the afterschool art club over the past term. The children have thoroughly enjoyed it.

Fun Run on Thursday Afternoon



Well done to all the children who ran in the fun run. Despite it being a hot day they all managed to run quite a few laps and have raised money in the process. Please send in a sponsor money after the half term.

Clubs

Art club on Fridays has now finished for this term. We hope that Miss Walker will return next year and we thank her for making the sessions so enjoyable.

Art club after school on Tuesdays will continue after half term more information will follow after half term.

We will be reviewing the clubs for next year to ensure that all children who attend the clubs are doing so to learn a sport or activity. There will be a limit on numbers.



Trips

This time of year is very busy with school trips. Please ensure that consent and payment is sent back as soon as possible to ensure that the trips can go ahead.

Without consent children will not be able to go.

The upcoming trips are:

Reception - Monday 10th June - Thornton Hall Farm

Year 1 - Monday 1st July - Legoland Manchester

Year 2/3 Thursday 20th June - Sealife Centre Blackpool

Year 4 /5 Eureka Date to be confirmed

Year 6 Tuesday 9th July- Blackpool Pleasure Beach



Swimming

If your child has been sent a letter to take part in swimming lessons please ensure that they bring their kit every Tuesday for the required number of lessons as per the letter. This has been subsidised by the sports grant and is an important part of the curriculum. If they have been selected to take part it is because they did not reach the required safe standard for swimming. Children are required to be able to swim 25m by the time they leave primary school.



Music Concert

Please note there is a change of date for the music concert. It will be Tuesday 16th July at 9.30am



Family photographs

Tempest will be in school on Tuesday 4th June. If you wish to have a family photograph, please come to school for 8.30am and come through the dining room doors. Photographs cannot be taken after 9.00am.



Triple RRR

Read-recycle -re read. We are still welcoming donations of books from children to enhance our school libraries. Please send in any books so that the children can enjoy a wide variety.

Sports

On Thursday 22nd May 10 children went to Clitheroe Rugby Club to represent the school in a Tag Rugby Festival organised by the Sports Partnership.

We played lots of games, won some, lost some and drew some but everybody had fun and enjoyed a new sport. Well done to the children who attended and to Mr Smith for taking them.

Monday 27-31 st May	Pro Sport holiday club in school- contact info@prosportcoaching.co.uk for more details
Monday 3 rd June	SCHOOL RE OPENS KS1 road safety starts
Tuesday 4 th June	Individual & family photographs- for family pictures please arrive in school for 8.30am
Monday 10 th June	Year 1 Phonics Assessments
Monday 10 th June	Reception trip to Thornton Hall farm
Wednesday 12 th June	Reception assembly
Wednesday 12 th - Friday 14 th June	Year 6 residential trip to Winmarleigh Please ensure that children do not bring too much /large luggage due to coach space
Monday 17 th June	Yr2 & 6 Fire safety talk
Wednesday 19 th June	Ribble valley schools Cross country 1.15pm on school field
Thursday 20 th June	Yr 2 & 3 trip to Blackpool Sealife centre New reception intake visit (1) 9.15-10.15am
Friday 21 st June	PTA summer activities for children only
Saturday 22 nd June	First Holy Communion 11.00am - photographs 9.30am
Monday 24 th June	St Augustine's students for one week

	Year 6 bikeability Year 5 Story telling at Ribblesdale
Tuesday 25 th June	Year 6 Bikeability Myskills production at the Grand -details to be given later
Wednesday 26 th June Wednesday 26 th June	St Augustine's Intake day and Intake Mass at 6.00pm Year 3 assembly 3.00pm National Writing Day
Thursday 27 th June	Reception intake visit (2) 9.15-10.15am Year 6 bikeability
Friday 28 th June	Clitheroe Grammar intake day