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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

It was lovely to see the ladies who gave up their time for the voluntary reading session last Thursday. We now have some wonderful volunteers who are fully trained and willing to offer their time to come in and hear our children read. We also had lots of parents and relatives join us last Friday morning to celebrate the end of our reading week by spending time in classes looking at how the children are taught to read and how much they enjoy reading. See dojo, Facebook and Twitter for photographs.

On Wednesday 2nd October at 10.00am we will be celebrating our 3 schools Parish Mass where we welcome children and staff from Thorneyholme and Sabden and also introduce our new reception class children to the parish. Please come along and share this special Mass with us if you can.

Father Corcoran

As you may be aware Father Corcoran is retiring from his post as Priest at our church. The parish are organising a leaving do for him after 5.00pm Mass on Saturday 9th November at the parish centre. There will be refreshments available. Please come along to say farewell and thank you to Father for his many years of dedication to the Priesthood.

Parents' Evening

Letters will be coming home tomorrow to book your appointment for parents' evening. Please return these promptly so that times can be allocated. A copy of the letter has also been emailed.



McMillan Coffee Morning

After assembly tomorrow, there will be a coffee morning with cakes to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Care. The reception children have been learning some songs and a poem so will perform at about 9.45am. Cakes will be on sale at break for the children so please send in 20-50p. We hope you can come along to support us in this very worthy cause.



Lost Property

Please can we ask that parents label all property from bottles to clothing. We ask that children are made responsible for their own property where possible. Lost property will be placed in the main entrance to try to reduce the time spent looking for items after school. We politely ask that parents do not come in to school with their child due to safeguarding restrictions.

Attendance

We have noticed an increase in children missing school. 1 day absent can mean that your child has missed valuable learning. Please encourage your children to come in to school every day. If they are physically sick they will need to stay off school for 48 hours.

School starts at 8.55am and we ask that children are **not** brought in to school through the main entrance unless the gate is locked. Lining up and coming in with their class is an important start to the school day and if children are regularly late they are missing out on this and learning. Parents bringing their child in through the office will be asked to sign a late book so that the number of lates and the reasons provided can be monitored.

School finishes for reception class at 3.25pm and for the 3.30pm for the rest of the school.

If your child is absent from school you **MUST** ring in the morning to inform Mrs Wilkinson. If school is not informed by 9.30 the school will operate a safeguarding procedure known as 'first day response,' where we will need to follow up the whereabouts of any absent child by contacting parents usually by telephone, but also by home visit if necessary.

Clubs

Please remember to sign up for the clubs that start after half term. Most are payable on parent pay but tennis, Judo, drama, skateboarding and Zumba are to be paid directly to the coaches. Places will not be allocated these clubs without payment. Please make cheques for skating to 'The Grand'.

We try to ensure that all children across school are able to experience different activities before and after school. We currently have 9 after school clubs for next term which is a significant number. The focus for our clubs is to provide additional experiences as part of our extended curriculum offer. If child care is required then Sunflowers office this service for you.



PTA Spooky Disco

Tickets are now on sale from the office for the disco on Friday 1st November at the parish centre organised and provided by the PTA. This is another important fundraiser and an enjoyable event for the children. Please support the PTA if you can.

National Poetry Day

It is National Poetry Day on Thursday 3rd October and there are lots of exciting activities going on in school to increase children's awareness of poetry. Keep a look out on Class Dojo and Social Media.



Library News

This weekend is the end of our summer reading activity - the SCART Club! Lots of local children have joined in with this, and done really well. We'd be grateful if you could remind those who've signed up but not finished yet that the last day is this Saturday 28th September. There are certificates and prizes for those who complete! And do please congratulate those who have already completed - we've been really impressed with all the reading they've done, and all the wonderful things they've created and invented and explored!



Building Fund Contribution

As a school, we are one of over two hundred schools belonging to the Diocese of Salford. Every year the Dioceses is awarded a grant to help modernise schools. As a school, we have to meet 10% of the costs and we ask for parental support in meeting this cost. Every catholic school asks this of parents, as your generosity over the years has helped us to pay the contribution. It is that time again when we ask for your help. If you can help, this can be paid via parent pay and we are asking for a donation of £20 per child. If you can afford more or would just like to make a smaller donation cash and cheques payable to LCC are also gratefully received

Letters Home

We are trying to cut down on the amount of printing we do. Where possible, letters will be emailed unless they require a consent. All children are given letters when they are handed out so we ask that you remind them to bring them home rather than leaving them in their desks or bags. If you are not receiving emails, please check that Mrs Wilkinson has the correct address.



Dates For Your Diary

Thursday 26 th Sept	Ribblesdale open evening 4.30pm -7.00pm
Tuesday 1 st Oct	Year 6 PGL Meeting for parents. 5.00pm
Wednesday 2 nd Oct	Three Schools' Parish Mass 10.00am Year 6 assembly 3.00pm

Thursday 3 rd Oct	St Augustine's open Evening 6.30pm Ribble Valley Schools Cross Country
Friday 4 th Oct	PTA meeting 2.15pm -all welcome
Wednesday 9 th Oct	EYFS Coffee morning Westholme open evening 5.00-7.30pm
Thursday 10 th Oct	Reception 2020 Intake open morning 9.30-10.30am
Tuesday 15 th Oct	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 16 th Oct	Parents' Evening
Thursday 17 th Oct	School Closes for Half term 3.30pm Non uniform in exchange for chocolate for tombola
Friday 18 th Oct	INSET DAY -school closed to children.
Mon 21 st - 25 th	Pro sport half term club in school. Contact 01254 366316 to book
Monday 28 th Oct	School reopens - 8 week term clubs restart for 5 weeks
Wednesday 30 th Oct	Year 5 Assembly 3.00pm
Thursday 31 st October	DEADLINE for applications to secondary school (on line).
Friday 1 st Nov	PTA Spooky disco
Tuesday 5 th Nov	Nasal flu immunisation
Friday 8 th Nov	Year 2 & 4 Remembrance Assembly 9.00am
Wednesday 20 th Nov	Reception balance ability

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Z Mabbott

Headteacher