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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 week has been another busy one for the staff and pupils. Year 3 enjoyed a trip to the Wild Boar Park, the children enjoyed a Judo presentation in assembly, some of Year 5/6 competed in the Swimming Gala and we had the NSPCC in to give a talk and do workshops. Thank you to Mrs Robinson for coming in to present the assembly. Our Year 2/3 classes began their transition work. Next week promises to be another fun filled week with the Year 6 play, a visit to the Mosque and Infant Teddy Bear's picnic.

Absence

Please can I remind parents that they must ring school, before 9.15am, if their child is not coming in due to an illness or medical appointment. As a school we have a duty to follow up any child that is absent from school. This helps with safeguarding and also the office when collating the attendance registers.

Classes teachers for next year

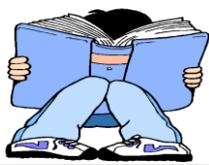
Class	Teacher
Reception	Mrs Clarkson & Mrs Collinge
Year 1	Miss Britnell
Year 2	Mrs Thornton & Mrs Craddock
Year 3	Miss Smith
Year 4	Miss Acklam
Year 5	Mrs Jackson
Year 6	Mr Connolly

Our moving up morning for Reception to Year 5 is Monday, 17th July. We will also be joined by some new children in a couple of year groups coming to us in September. I'm sure the children will welcome them with open arms.



Building work

We have received confirmation that phase 3 of the building work will be going ahead funded by Salford Diocese. This is fantastic news for the school and its development. The work will include an internal staircase which will run from the bottom of the current reception foyer up to year 6. This work will be ongoing throughout the summer holidays and is due to be finished by December. Fortunately, there has been minimal disruption in terms of the day to day running of the school and we appreciate your patience with the ongoing work. May I please remind parents, that whenever possible children are not brought in to school through the main entrance. This is for safeguarding and health and safety reasons. The work will be on-going in September so the temporary entrance and arrangements will remain the same. Thank you for your on-going co-operation whilst we improve our school building.



Summer Reading Scheme

Summer is fast approaching and along with it a holiday period that often sees children's reading levels drop. This summer Clitheroe Library, as part of Lancashire Libraries, will be offering the **Lancashire Reading Journey**, a scheme aimed at ensuring children continue to be engaged with reading and that they have exciting access to books over the summer holidays.

Children can sign up to the scheme any time from our launch event on **Saturday 15 July onwards**. When they sign up they will get a log book and pencil, with other great prizes to collect and fun activities to take part in along their journey, including events that will be taking place at Clitheroe Library and across Lancashire Libraries and Museums throughout the summer.

Please find attached a poster for you to display in school and it would be great if you could pass this information onto parents too, should you have a newsletter or other means to do so. If you would like any more information on the Lancashire Reading Journey please don't hesitate to get in touch.



Sporting achievements

Well done to the Year 5/6 hockey team who played on Wednesday at Accrington Academy. They learnt a new skill in playing hockey and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Well done girls.

Outstanding Dinner Money

If your child/s dinner money account is in debit you will have received a text, earlier in the week, giving you the amount owed to the end of term Friday, 21st July 2017.

Please could all **outstanding** monies be paid by Thursday, 13th July in order for it to be banked pre the Summer holidays. Your co-operation in the matter would be greatly appreciated.

Bus transport to faith schools

Affected parents and carers are being urged to complete a consultation on proposed changes to denominational home to school transport. Read more at:

<http://www.clitheroeadvertiser.co.uk/news/proposed-school-transport-changes-to-faith-schools-1-8632409>

Year 6 Leavers' Play

The play will be on Wednesday 12th at 6.00pm. Please can children in year 5 and 6 be brought back to school for 5.15pm. If you have not already purchased your tickets, please contact the office. Hot drinks and cakes will be on sale for £1.00.

PTA- cheese and Wine

Due to lack of support, the Cheese and wine evening has been cancelled.



Cake sale

Thank you to those who supplied and bought cakes today. £90.00 was raised to go towards a new girls sports kit.

Science Quality Mark

Our school has been awarded the Primary Science Quality mark. The Primary Science Quality Awards have been awarded to 168 infant, junior, primary, middle and special schools to celebrate a commitment to excellence in science teaching and learning. So far, since its national launch in 2010, over 2300 schools across the UK have achieved the award.

The Primary School Quality Mark scheme enables schools to work together to share good practice and is supported by professional development led by local experts.

Thank you to Mrs Jackson for all her hard work to achieve this award.



Letters home

Whilst we try to keep information being sent home to a minimum, please can you ensure that you check your child's bag daily for any letters that may be sent home. The office is having to re-send letters that have gone missing and this is obviously costly in reprinting. Newsletters with important dates on are also accessible on the school website.

Dates for your diary

Monday 10 th July-	Last week of clubs
Monday 10 th July-	School reports being sent home
Monday 10 th July -	Afterschool club gymnastic presentation (for those doing gymnastics only)
Wednesday 12 th July-	Reception intake visit -stay for lunch
Wednesday 12 th July -	Music demo and Mr Hacking at 9.15am. Can all guitar players bring in their guitars. Parents are welcome to come and watch this.
Wednesday 12 th July -	Year 6 leavers play 6.00pm- more details will follow
Thursday 13 th July -	Rec/Yr 1/2 Teddy Bears picnic
Thursday 13 th July-	Year 5 trip to Blackburn Mosque
Thursday 13 th July -	St Augustine's pupil to visit year 6 for Crossroads talk 3.45pm -4.45pm
Friday 14 th July -	Farmers & Seeds
Friday 14 th July-	Celebration Assembly - Y1 and Y2
Sunday 16 th July-	Crossroads Mass in church at 9.30am-

Thank you for your continued support.