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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

Another half term has flown by. Well done to all the children who have worked hard this half term with so much enthusiasm and energy. We hope you enjoy a well-deserved break. A lot has been packed in to this short term and as usual all the staff have worked hard to provide lots of exciting learning and fun opportunities to nurture and teach the children.

Attendance

This first half term has been marred with a lot of sickness. Please be aware that it is a legal requirement for the school and Mrs Wilkinson to keep track of children's attendance and we must make parents aware when attendance is dropping. Once attendance drops below 96%, parents must be informed. Please do not be offended if you receive a letter.

If your child is unwell, you will be asked what is wrong, this is so that school can ascertain whether there is a sickness/infectious bug going round school that we need to be aware of. Coughs and colds are part of everyday life and these can be managed in school with Calpol.

The decision whether to authorise an absence rests with the school so we ask that where possible unless the illness is infectious or children are unfit for school they attend. We will always telephone you if they are unwell or deteriorate during the day.

For every day your child misses school, they are missing out on valuable learning. It is not always possible for the children to catch up on what they have learnt. Whilst we appreciate that children can feel under the weather, we ask that they try to come in.

This term in attendance

Reception	98.2%
Year 1	93.2%
Year 2	97.8%
Year 3	96.1%
Year 4	94.2%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	96.5%



There were over **526** minutes in late arrivals.

REMEMBER - EVERY MINUTE COUNTS! Even 5 minutes late can impact on the working day.

Please be in school by 8.55 am.

Register is taken at 9.00am. If children are not in class for this and come in to school through the main entrance, they are classed as late.

Please try to get children to school on time so they can enter the school with the rest of the class as this can make an impact socially for the child. Mrs Wilkinson may not always be available to take the children in to class so please ensure children are 'handed over' to an adult from school.

Thank you for your support.

Safer Internet Day.

Thank you to Mrs Jackson for organising internet safety day. The children have had assemblies led by Mrs Jackson looking at the importance of staying safe on line. The children have also been learning about E safety in class at an age appropriate level. Last week information leaflets were provided to help parents to keep children safe on line. The focus was create, connect, share respect. The children talked about how this is important in everyday life as well as online



Rock and Roll Day

The year 3 children had a 'rocking' day on Wednesday as part of their Rock and Roll topic. Some pictures are on our Facebook page. Thank you to Miss Smith for organising it.



Cake Sale

Thank you to all the parents & Grandparents who baked some fantastic cakes for the Year 6 cake sale today. £135.50 was raised and there were some very happy faces carrying their chosen cake.

Non uniform day

Friday is non uniform day in exchange for chocolates for the tombola at the Valentine's disco in the evening at the Parish Centre from 6-8pm. Please come along and support this event. All proceeds come to school for the children. Parents can enjoy a lemonade at the bar whilst the children dance the night away! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Well done

Well done to Libby, Isabella D, Sam, Harvey C and Darcie who competed in a gymnastics competition on Monday at St Augustine's. They were a credit to the school and put on a perfect display of their talents.

Parents' Evening

Parents' evening is being held on Tuesday 20th March and Wednesday 21st. Letters will be coming out after half term.

Class photographs.

Tuesday 20th February is the last day for photograph orders. Please send orders in to the office.

PTA book Sale

On Friday 2nd March, to coincide with World Book Week, the PTA are holding a book sale. Please send in any unwanted books in good condition, after half term. There will be an opportunity to buy these books after assembly whilst enjoying a tea or coffee. The children will be able to buy them throughout the day.

Reading is an important part of a child's education and we are encouraging children to read every day. The 100 million minute read challenge starts on world book day 1st March. Children can dress up as their favourite book character. A letter will be sent home after half term.

World Thinking Day

For Rainbows, Brownies and Guides (or Founder's Day for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts) is Thursday 22nd February. Children who attend these clubs are able to come to school in their club uniform.



Diary Dates

Monday 19th February- School reopens at 8.55am
Afterschool coding club starts for 5 weeks

Wednesday 21st - Full Governors Meeting - 7PM
Friday - Celebration Assembly - No class

Monday 26th - Netball at Oakhill 4.00pm
Tuesday 27th - Yr 2 & 6 Class Mass
Thursday 1st March - World Book Day
Sacramental meeting for parents - 7.00pm at church
Friday 2nd- PTA Book sale
Year 1 Celebration Assembly

Tuesday 6th March - Year 5 trip to Eureka

Reconciliation in Church - 6.30pm
Maths & Science quiz at St Augustine's 7 -8.30pm
Wednesday 7th - Deanery Mass at St Joseph's Blackburn - 7.00pm
Thursday 8th - Tag rugby event
Friday 9th - Reception celebration assembly

Monday 12th March- Catalyst Tower Challenge with Yr 6
Class Mass Yr 1 & 5
Friday 16th - Year 4 celebration assembly

Monday 19th March -British Values Week
Catalyst Final at The Grand
Tuesday 20th - Viking visit to year 6
Yr Reception, 3 & 4 Class Mass
Parents' Evening
Wednesday 21st - Parents' Evening
Friday 23rd- Year 3 Celebration Assembly

Monday 26th March - Holy Week
Tuesday 27th - Year 3 & 4 trip to Blackpool Zoo
Wednesday 28th - EYFS bikes and scooters
Thursday 29th - Whole School Mass 9.15am - All welcome

School closes at 3.30pm

School reopens Monday 16th April

Please be aware that additional dates may be added but you will be informed each week via the newsletter and text message.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Z Mabbott
Headteacher