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## Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that the first half term for this school year has now been completed. What a busy half term it has been with visits, trips, Friends events and meetings for next year's new starters also.

Thank you to Noah, Katie H, Bertie and Amelia M who did an amazing job of showing some of our potential new families around on Wednesday afternoon. The families were very impressed with their knowledge of the school and their enthusiasm, as well as Amanda, our cook's, great samples of food. We are holding two more sessions for potential new starters on Wednesday 1st November at 2 pm and also at 5 pm so please share this information with those who you know are looking for school places. We also have places available in our Reception - Year 4 classes if you know of any families new to the area or in need of a change of school, visits can be arranged through the school office.

As the Year 1 parents will know unfortunately Mrs Postlethwaite will not be returning to Strike Lane. However, Mrs Jackson has said she will be delighted to continue to teach Year 1 until the return of Mrs Kershaw so we are very pleased that she will be staying with us and providing some much need consistency for Year 1.

I would also like to share with you that Mrs Winter has now officially retired from Strike Lane. We wish Mrs Winter well in her retirement and thank her for her many years of dedicated service at Strike Lane, she has been missed in her absence by staff and children alike.

Today has been a great fun-filled last day of half term with the children in their Hallowe'en costumes completing their sponsored circuits in the hall. What a shame the weather had to change our plans a little but we all still had great fun. Please return your sponsor money to class after the half term holiday and Friends should hopefully be able to give us an update on how much we have raised in the next newsletter.

Have a wonderful half term break from school and we will look forward to seeing you in the Christmas half term. There is lots to look forward to including Christmas Fairs, Reception and KS1 Productions and the Christmas Pantomime at the Lowther Theatre.

Take care everybody, Katherine Shuttleworth

## Dates for your diary (new dates in red)

Friday $\mathbf{2 0}^{\text {th }}$ October - School Closes For Half Term (usual finishing times apply)
Monday $30^{\text {th }}$ October - School Re-Opens
To All Pupils
Wednesday $1^{\text {st }}$ November-2pm-3pm -
Reception 24 Starters Open Day
Wednesday $1^{\text {st }}$ November - 5pm-6pm -
Reception 24 Starters Open Day
Friday $3^{\text {rd }}$ November - Nasal Flu
Vaccinations
Tuesday 7th $^{\text {th }}$ November - Rec \& Yr 6 Height and Weight Checks \& Y6 Health Needs Questionnaire
Thursday $16^{\text {th }}$ November-Monday $\mathbf{2 0}^{\text {th }}$
November - Book Fair in School
Thursday $16^{\text {th }}$ November - Y6 Library Visit Friday $17^{\text {th }}$ November - Children in Need Monday $20^{\text {th }}$ November - 3pm-4:30pm Parent Book Look
Tuesday 28 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ November - 1pm-6:30pm Parent/Teacher Zoom Meetings

## School Meal Price Increase

With the ever-increasing costs involved with the purchasing and supply of school dinners, the governing body has had to make the unwelcome decision to increase the cost of a school meal to £2.50 with effect from 30th October 2023.

Should any parents think they may be eligible for free school meals then please apply via the link below:
https://lancashire-
self.achieveservice.com/service/Free school m eals and pupil premium

Parents \& Carers with children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 should still apply even though you receive Universal Free School Meals as this will provide extra funding for school and ensure that you receive free meals from Year 3
onwards.

| Class Attendance (week ending (20/10/23) | Weekly | Progress Cup Winners |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Well done to all our Winners <br> You should be very proud of your achievements |  |
| Oak | 93.3\% |  |  |
|  | 94.7\% | Year Group | Progress Cup Winners |
| Beech |  | Oak | Reginald |
| Rowan | 95.5\% | Beech | Summer-Leigh |
| Maple | 90.1\% | Rowan | Tommy |
|  |  | Maple | Indie |
| Willow | 96.0\% | Willow | Hope |
| Sycamore | 93.4\% | Sycamore | Eli |
| Hornbeam | 90.0\% | Hornbeam | Kristi |
|  |  |  |  |

## Attendance

Well done to Willow class for achieving $96 \%$ attendance this week.

## Care Club Kindness Award

A huge well done to Harlow in Y2 who has won the Care Club Kindness Award this half term. Harlow always demonstrates kind and caring behavior to both staff and fellow Care Club children.
We hope you are very proud of your achievement.

## Poppy Appeal

After half term we will continue to sell a limited supply of poppies, snap bands, bracelets and zip-pulls in support of The Royal British Legion. These items will be available to buy from the school office each morning and at the end of the school day for a small charitable donation.

## Finance

As we are now at the end of half term it would be appreciated if accounts could be brought up to date and any outstanding payments could be made at your earliest convenience. This includes payments for Care Club, lunches and any school trips.

## Christmas Jumper Swap

We are planning on holding a Christmas Jumper Swap Shop in November where parents are encouraged to bring in any Christmas jumpers that no longer fit their children. It would be great if families could take some time to root out any Christmas Jumpers to donate over the half term holidays so that we can gather together some stock that we can recycle to families towards the end of November.

As our gardening project is coming to an end, we would like to celebrate our success by produci a recipe book to share with parents made up of all your favourite recipes. Children have already been talking about excellent family recipes that they cook at home.
There is a folder on your child's class Showbie where we would like children to submit a recipe using one (or more) of the ingredients we have grown at school : ca rrots, peas, beetroot, pumpkins, sweetcorn, green beans, tomatoes, onions. If the children would like to make the food at home and include a photo of their food in the recipe that would be excellent. We will leave it up to the children or parents to decide the layout they would like their recipe to take but please can they include their name somewhere on the recipe There are a couple of examplesof layouts below but we will leave it up to your creativity. Please could the recipes be submitted as a photo which will make it easier to compile intoan e-book. The closing date for submissions is November $5^{\text {th }}$ at 4 pm . We look forward to receiving your entries and compiling them into a book.


## Join our 100 Club

Do you fancy being in with a chance of winning $£ 15$ every month? Join the Friends of Strike Lane 100 Club today!


The Friends thank you for your continued support raising extra funds for school!

FAMILY BEETLE DRIVE IS BACK
Let the Dice start rolling
Family Beetle Drive is back by popular demand. Join us for a Halloween Special Witch Edition of this popular game
Monday 23 October 2pm-3:30pm
Entry £2 per adult 50p per child Refreshments will be provided.



Saturday 28 October 2023 10am-12pm
Half Term Coding Special using Botley the coding robot and programming Lego stylographs.
Drop-in Session No Booking Required



## Talent 4 Care

Do you want to work in Health and Social Care? Interested in training and gaining qualifications with direct access to employers who have job vacancies?

## What's in it for your.

* gain health and social care qualifications over a 6-week training programme
- guaranteed interview with organisations across the health and social care sector
- support with opportunities to find employment across the sector
- opportunities for further training and career development
- bursary of $£ 10$ per week with $90 \%$ course attendance
* support with travel expenses* and childcare*
- free brealfast
- free food vouchers to use at participating stores

Thie course is avalable to anyone who is wanting to work in health and social care and is over the age of $19^{*}$. The coutse ls Monday - Thurshay from $10 \mathrm{~mm}-2.30 \mathrm{pm}$ for 6 weels at the Health and Social Care Career Acadenry at Bickerstaffe House.

What you will lesm:
During the programme you will gain several health and social care qualifications induding Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care, Employability Sivils, Well being with an opportunity to do functional skills in Maths and Englich. There is an opportunity to progress onto further study and gain a level 2 qualification.

## Interested?

Plese email helen.cookeblackpool ac.uk to express your interest and we will invite you to enrol onto the neat programme. We run the Talent4Care 6 times throughout the year.
[ ${ }^{19}$ years by $31 / 08 / 23$, eligibility criteria)
hscacademy.org.uk

The training programme will table place at

Bickerstaffe House
1Bickerstaffe Square
Talbot Roed
Blackpool
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Telephone: 01253504202
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## Monday 30th October 2023

## 10am - 12 noon

- support roles
- health care assistants
- activity co-ordinators
- chef
- mental health support staff
- cleaning roles

Health \& Social Care Career Academy, Bickerstaffe House, Bickerstaffe Square, 1 Talbot Road (next door to Sainsbury's and round the back of Subway).
Come along on the day
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BlackpoolCouncil

## Holy Trinity Church

 Lytham Road Freckleton

## Schedule - October 2023

$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Sun. } 01 \text { Oct. } & 11: 00 \\ \text { Sat. } 07 \text { Oct. } & 19: 00\end{array}$

Sun. 08 Oct. 11:00
Wed. 11 Oct. 14:00
Sat. 14 Oct. 10:00
19:30

Sun. 15 Oct. 11:00
Thu. 19 Oct. 09:15
Sun. 22 Oct. 11:00
Sun. 29 Oct. 09:45

Worship4U 'Harvest for everyone'
Benefice Harvest social at the Rawstorne Centre admission by advance ticket

## Parish Communion

Mothers' Union
St Paul's Little Café
Warton Singers concert at St Paul's

## Parish Communion

CE School Harvest Festival Parish Communion
Joint service at St Paul's No 11:00 service at HT


The Joint Benefice of Freckleton Holy Trinity and Warton St Paul Preston, Lancashire


## Memorial service

## Wednesday 1 November, 19:30

 at Holy Trinity, Freckleton
## Thursday 2 November, 19:30

 at St Paul's, WartonWe hold this service to remember those whose funeral was in the past year, but it's open to everyone who wishes to join us in prayer and reflection over the loss of a loved one, no matter how long ago.


