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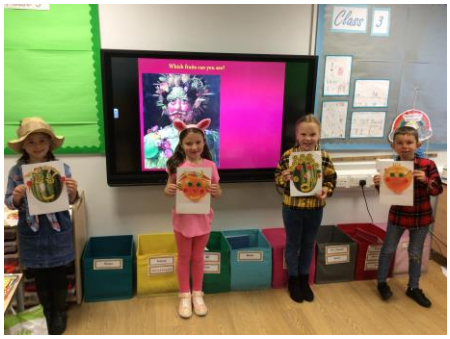
Head's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Harvest

What a lovely start to the day this morning - I really enjoyed seeing all the children arrive in their harvest costumes and even though we are unable to celebrate harvest in church, it is fantastic that we can resume celebrations and special events in school with the children. What a joy to see their happy and excited faces and thank you to the parents for organising such wonderful costumes.



As you know, this year we are celebrating UK farmers, specifically Lancashire farmers and supporting the supply of local produce. As a result of your generosity, we have raised £225 to purchase supplies from shops such as Valentines and Sixsmiths to donate to those who are vulnerable in the local community. We have also linked up with the community champion at Morrisons in Ramsbottom, Alyson Maughan, as Morrisons are also supporting UK farmers this year. Morrisons have kindly donated a hamper of goods to school, which will be given to the Church to display, before being distributed. Alison will also be joining our weekly worship via Skype to talk to the children about her role as Community Champion as well as the importance of UK farming and using British produce.

New Routines

It remains an ongoing challenge for schools and staff to manage the daily changes we have to follow to keep our children as safe as possible, in line with government guidance and restrictions. So far, we are delighted that the school day is running smoothly and the children are happy, settled and thriving. We have had to adapt to new rules, which are not always ideal, and we continue to hope for a return to previous practice. Please can we ask that parents and carers are mindful of this period of adjustment as we operate new systems to ensure the safety of your children. Leaders and school staff are working tirelessly day and night, often without a break, in order to facilitate the best possible provision for our children, under very challenging circumstances. We are doing it right in so far we have achieved almost 100% attendance, for both pupils and staff, for the past month. The biggest obstacle for us is that the building is Victorian in design and was originally built to house a small group of pupils; as a result, we have limited entrance and exit points for 200 pupils and their parents which requires careful consideration, and planning, so that we can operate the best possible systems. The vast majority of parents and carers have been very kind and understanding but staff are still experiencing unacceptable behaviour from a **small** minority each day. We are continuously striving to do our very best under tremendous pressure and all that we ask is that you are patient with us. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Warm wishes,

C. L. Garner

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 5th Oct	Y5 Ancient Greece Visit at school
Thurs 8th Oct	Y6 Brockholes Visit at school
Mon 12th Oct	Parents Evening
Tues 13th Oct	Parents Evening
Weds 21st Oct	Y2 Mill Theme Day
Thurs 22nd Oct	Y1 Crocodile Joe's Wild World Visit at school
Fri 23rd Oct	School closes for half-term
Mon 2nd Nov	School re-opens
Thurs 12th Nov	Y3 visitor – Travelling Science
Wed 25th Nov	Nasal Flu Immunisations

2021 School Applications

If you have a child starting primary or secondary school in September 2021 you can apply for their place online at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools or call 01254 220742.
You must apply for a place, even if an older brother or sister already attends the school.
The closing date for applications is:

31st October 2020 for secondary
15th January 2021 for primary

Details of school tours and 'Open Week' to follow.

School Photographs

Photographs were taken this week and will appear shortly for viewing. If you wish to place an order, please log on to view your child's photographs. Your child has brought home a slip with an online access code. Please note there is one code per family and sibling pictures are assigned to the youngest child's code.

Nasal Flu Immunisation

Nasal Flu Immunisation will take place in school on Wednesday 25th November. Information and forms will be sent home over the next week.

Toast Money

Toast money is due in advance termly. If you would like your child to receive toast for the remainder of this term, please contact the school office. Please make payments (preferably by cheque) payable to **Lancashire County Council.**

Personal Details

Please can we ask you to notify the school office of any changes to personal details. It is particularly important that emergency contact details are kept up to date. Changes can be advised by e-mailing or phoning the school.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Friday 25th September

Reception Class: Harry Drew Wilson, Sebastian Durose Clarke

Class 1: Carter Hudson, Freddie Hulme

Class 2: Cohen Barker, Lily Callaghan

Class 3: Aoife Morris, James Dalby

Class 4: Florence Scanlon, Phoebe Gregson

Class 5: Shinel Choudhury, India Boodeea

Class 6: Lyla Hudson. Dziugas Raubutas

Friday 2nd October

Reception Class: Jack Worthington, Orla Thompson

Class 1: Jack Elias Firth, Charlotte Giblin

Class 2: Rosie McAllister, Sol Robinson

Class 3: Poppy Keir, Amber Lovick

Class 4: Rosie Bullen, Erin Hudson

Class 5: Joshua Keir, George Cotton

Class 6: Lily Garner, Leo Giles

School Guitars

Please can we ask that school guitars are returned as soon as possible. Guitar lessons have now commenced and we need to ensure all the guitars are in school so they can be assigned to pupils.

Dinner Money KS2

A reminder that dinner money is due in advance, and the cost for this half-term is £83.60. Alternatively, parents or carers may pay £11 each week. Please send weekly payments (preferably by cheque) into school on Mondays. Please make all cheques payable to **Lancashire County Council**.

Appeal for Help

Thank you to everyone who responded to our appeal for help to transport the metal table legs. We are extremely grateful and your support is very much appreciated. We would like to say a special thank you to Mr Worthington who transported these for us.