



Head's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the term and take a moment to reflect on the challenges of the autumn term, I would like to thank all our parents and carers for all your help and support. I think that by working together we have succeeded in making the term as normal as we possibly can for our children. We have particularly enjoyed having you share Family Worship and the key services with us so that we can all join together as school community.

It was wonderful to enjoy the Christmas Service this afternoon, led by KS2 but with contributions from KS1 so that we could experience live snippets of their nativities. As we shared the story of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we were reminded of the true meaning of Christmas, and also the joy brought to us all by the children. Despite the restrictions ahead, we can be grateful for our families and the excitement still to be shared during the festive period.

The Diocese of Manchester have invited the school to contribute to their Christmas Carol Service. By singing in small groups and with some clever editing, we were able to create a new choir with Years 5 and 6 and they performed 'Don't Be Afraid' beautifully. This will be broadcast at 7pm on 23rd December and as soon as I receive the link, I will share this with the parents of the pupils involved. We performed this in separate year groups at the service today and I am sure you will agree, they sounded beautiful. If your child took part and you would like a copy of the film of the choir singing, please email head@edenfield.lancs.sch.uk and I will send this across.



I am delighted to let you know that from January, I will now be based back at Edenfield full time. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and particularly Mrs Hartley and the office staff for managing the school on the days I was based in Whitworth. Likewise, all the class teachers deserve a special mention for their unrelenting positivity and commitment in delivering a rich and exciting curriculum for the children, even if this meant live schooling from home. We have still managed to enjoy a series of visitors into school to enhance the curriculum and this was concluded this week with a special socially distanced visit from Father Christmas, and Taz, the entertainer. It was such a lovely sound to hear the peals of laughter across the school and see the children enjoying the Christmas celebrations just as much as ever. We did have to adapt the whole school Christmas dinner so that the classes ate separately in their own rooms but the children enjoyed party hats, crackers and Christmas music as the staff served their lunches, as is our tradition.

A Christmas Blessing

May love come alive within your heart
As Christmas time draws near
May hope fill each room you decorate
And bring joy to those you hold near
May peace be before you at every meal
And faith ring through every song
For Christ is alive, the light of the world
May he bless you all season long

I wish you and your families a peaceful and happy Christmas. We look forward to seeing you all back in school on **Tuesday 5th January**.

Warm wishes,

C. L. Garner

Covid Testing and Results

Should your child need to be tested or receive test results outside of school hours, please ensure that you e-mail Mrs Garner direct at head@edenfield.lancs.sch.uk providing full details.

It is vital that if your child develops symptoms or receives a positive test result, within 48 hours of 18th December, Mrs Garner is notified via email immediately.

Data Collection Sheets – Personal Details

Thank you to everyone who has returned their data collection sheets.

If you have not returned your sheet please can you check the details and update the form with any changes.

It is imperative that emergency contact details and e-mail addresses are kept up to date.

Please return signed forms to the office for when we return.

2021 Primary School Applications

If you have a child starting primary 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 primary school applications is:
15th January 2021

PTA Calendars

Thank you to everyone who has bought a school calendar.

These are still available (whilst stock lasts) from the school office at a cost of £7 each, or two for £12. Please send cash payment with your child in a labelled envelope.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 18 th Dec	School closes for Christmas
Mon 4 th Jan	Inset day
Tues 5 th Jan	School opens for Spring Term
Thurs 7 th Jan	Y5 swimming lessons commence
Fri 15 th Jan	Primary School Applications closing date

(Additional dates may be added throughout the term)



STARS OF THE WEEK

Friday 11th December

Reception Class: Isabelle Bowes, All of Class Reception

Class 1: Sophie Mangham, All of Class 1

Class 2: Lexi Galbraith, Harrison Major, All of Class 2

Class 3: Sophia Gray, Lily Dippenaar

Class 4: Syd Larkin, Bo Dawson

Class 5: Barney Morrison, Erin Dalby

Class 6: Ruby McAllister, Henry Johnston

Thursday 17th December

Reception Class: Heidi Elmer, Oscar Major

Class 1: Max Irwin, Maya Harris

Class 2: Rory Campbell, All of Class 2

Class 3: Tess Giblin, Amber Lovick

Class 4: Tia-Louise Chapman, Sophia Seal

Class 5: Siena Barker, Oscar Dearden

Class 6: Lydia Maguire, Lily Garner

Toast Money

A reminder that toast money is due in advance, and the cost for the next half term is £5.80.

Please make payments (preferably by cheque) payable to **Lancashire County Council**.

Dinner Money KS2

A reminder that dinner money is due in advance, and the cost for the next half term is £63.80. 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**.

Rosendale Hospice Penny Pinching Challenge

Thank you to everyone who returned boxes, you raised a fantastic £311.21. The hospice have asked us to pass on their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to you all.