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Archbishop Temple Church of England High School

Matthew 5:13-16

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. ¹⁴ **"You are the light of the world.** A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

¹⁶ In the same way, **let your light shine** before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven"

Message from Mr Catlow

A very warm welcome back - It has been a real pleasure to welcome everyone back to Archbishop Temple for the start of a new academic year.

Firstly, I would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to all of our new parents and carers, whose children are joining our school community for the first time. We are delighted to have you as part of the Archbishop Temple family and I hope that you and your children will quickly feel a strong sense of belonging to our school. I have been impressed by the start made by our new Year 7 pupils. They have settled into secondary school remarkably well and it has been wonderful to see them finding their way around school, making new friends and embracing the routines and expectations of life at Archbishop Temple. They should be very proud of the way they have started.

To all of our existing parents and carers, welcome back. I hope that you have enjoyed the summer break and that your children have returned refreshed, enthusiastic and ready for the year ahead. It is important to recognise the positive start made by all of our pupils. This year has brought a number of structural changes around school, alongside some changes to our policies, routines and systems. Change can sometimes take time to adjust to, but our pupils have responded with maturity and a willingness to adapt. The calm and purposeful way in which they have returned has been extremely encouraging. One of the first things I noticed as pupils arrived back was just how smart they looked. Our pupils returned looking exceptionally smart in their uniform and, importantly, equipped with everything they need to learn. These things may seem simple, but they matter. They demonstrate pride, readiness and a shared commitment to getting the basics right.

At Archbishop Temple, we want every child to flourish, and that starts with creating the right conditions for learning. Faith, Nurture and Service remain at the heart of who we are, and our expectations, routines and relationships are all designed to help our young people become the very best version of themselves. I am also really looking forward to welcoming prospective families to our Open Evening on Thursday 10th September. It will be a wonderful opportunity to share what makes Archbishop Temple such a special place to learn and to showcase the breadth of opportunities, experiences and support we provide for our young people. I am particularly looking forward to seeing our pupils proudly representing the school and sharing their experiences with visitors.

Thank you to our pupils for such a positive start and to our parents and carers for your continued support. I am looking forward to what promises to be another exciting and successful year for our school community.

Year 7 Induction Week

Induction week has got off to a flying start. Pupils have been busy completing some baseline testing and learning about our school ethos. They have written letters to their future selves and taken part in a treasure hunt to get to know their way around the school building and grounds. Pupils have taken part in a drama session in the chapel by acting out our core values.

Year 7 are settling in really well and they have made a fantastic first impression. We are looking forward to next week and pupil timetables will be issued on Thursday.

Reminders -

- Please ensure that your child has all of their equipment including their reading book 'After the War' which was given out on taster day in July.
- School shoes must be plain black they should not be trainer style or have any branding
- The school day starts at 8.20am, pupils must be on school site **before 8.15am**. Please be aware that if they enter the school building after the school bell at 8.20am, they will be placed onto a lunchtime detention.
- All year 7 pupils have been sent home with a letter that has a unique code and instructions on how to access our communications App 'Schools Synergy'. Please make sure you download the App and access so that we can keep you up to date with messages and important information about your child's attendance and behaviour.



Key Messages

Open Evening

On Thursday 10th September it is our annual open evening. School will be closing to all pupils at **12:30pm** so that we can prepare school for the event. Buses have been arranged for the early finish and will be ready to take pupils home as usual.

School Year Group Badges

All pupils will now wear a 'year group pupil badge' that must be ironed onto their blazer. Pupils have gone home tonight with the badges and a letter to visually show where we would like the badges to be placed. Please ensure this is done by Monday if possible, as it will make it easier to identify the year group the pupils are in. A couple of forms did not receive the badges so these will be handed out to them on Monday.

Synergy

Year 7 parents have been given their access codes today. Parents of pupils in other year groups that are struggling to access Synergy, should get in touch with their child's form tutor to let them know. We can then support you to get access. It is vital that you are able to monitor your child's daily behaviour so you can celebrate Light points with them and discuss any negatives they get with them.

New Behaviour Policy

We hope you have had the time to read through the new behaviour policy. It would be great if you discuss the policy with your child over the weekend so that they are fully aware of the new expectations. We are very much looking forward to celebrating all the pupil successes in next week's Parent Newsletter

Pupil Success out of school

We want to celebrate our pupil's success both in and out of school. Therefore we want to hear about any awards, achievements and acts of kindness so that we can publish it in our Newsletter. Please email Mrs Dudaniec: I.dudaniec@archbishoptemple.com and don't forget that we always love to have a photograph to share if possible.

Extra-curricular

Over the next couple of weeks our pupils will be able to sign up to clubs that are on over lunch and after- school. They will hear about the clubs during form time and may advertise them in our newsletter.



Useful Information

Families across Lancashire and South Cumbria are now able to access earlier support for children and young people with neurodevelopmental needs.

The service, Neu Way Support, offers personalised advice, guidance and practical help based on need rather than diagnosis for families who are navigating concerns about autism, ADHD and other neurodevelopmental differences.

The service has been commissioned by Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB) and will be delivered by Spring North in partnership with local community organisations that are specialists in supporting children, young people and families.

Families can self-refer at: <https://springnorth.org.uk/projects/neu-way-support/> or call 0300 365 5030.

Important Dates for your Diary



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