



Friday 3rd September 2021

'Grow in the Grace and Knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ' 2 Peter 3: 18



A very warm welcome back to school, also, I wish to extend a very warm welcome to our new families joining us this week.

For our new families; the newsletter gives vital information about your child, their learning and our school. It is our main line of communication with parents. They are sent via 'Teachers2Parents' and so all family members should be registered in order to receive this. They are also available to read on the school website.

This term in worship, the children will be thinking about the value '**Thankfulness**' and also the theological concepts from the Old Testament, including Creation, The Fall, People of God and the Incarnation.

Class Names -From September our classes will have names linked to our outdoor curriculum.



Class	Name
1	Oak
2	Maple
3	Willow
4	Sycamore





Staffing update

Class	Teacher	Support Staff	Lunchtime support
			staff
Oak	Mrs Hunt	Mrs Leadbetter/ Mrs Chamberlain	Mrs Price
Maple	Mrs Casterton/	Mrs Bennett/ Mrs Chamberlain	Mrs Chamberlain
	Mrs Smyth		Miss Milner
Willow	Mrs Marston	Mrs Noblet/ Miss Milner/ Mr Marston	Mrs Cook
Sycamore	Mr Peters	Mr Marston/ Miss Milner	Mrs Lean

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After school Staffing

Mrs Overland who helps to run the after-school club is now on maternity leave. As soon as I hear any news, I will let you know! Mrs Cook, who has worked in school for many years supporting lunchtimes and more recently organising the school library, will support Mrs Bennett and Mrs Chamberlain in helping to lead the after-school club.

Uniform

The children look so smart with their uniform on, thank you. Please make sure that every piece of your child's uniform is named. On P.E. days children need a P.E. kit in school. Trainers should not be worn as part of the school uniform. See your class curriculum newsletters for P.E. days.

Please can I also draw your attention to the uniform policy sent home last week, this details what children may wear as part of the school uniform and reiterate earrings should not be worn in school.

With the mixed weather at the moment, please send children with a coat each day and have a pair of wellingtons available in school.

Lunches

A polite reminder, for children, who are now in year 3 will need to pay for school dinners. The price currently is £2.35. If you think that you may qualify for Free School Meals, please telephone Lancashire County Council on 07712 533608/532189.



Payment for lunch is made online. Please contact Mrs Bond for online payment details

Please note that changing from school dinner to packed lunch or vice versa may take place at the end of a half term giving school a week's notice please.

Water

A polite reminder, children can bring fresh water into school, to drink throughout the day. Please avoid juice as this is not part of promoting 'healthy eating and drinking'.

PTFA

We have a very proactive PTFA who are keen to raise money to purchase resources and experiences which benefit all our children, in addition to supporting the charitable fundraising we do as a school. The Annual General Meeting will take place in school on **Monday 27th September at 6.30pm in the school hall**. Everyone is invited! <u>Please come along and join the PTFA AGM</u>.



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Sign Along

We welcome 'Jo' into school each Wednesday, she will be leading sign language sessions with all our children each week.



Celebration and rewards

We have a number of opportunities throughout the week when we will celebrate with children, our shining stars, team points, postcards home, stickers and special mentions will continue. This year we are introducing some new rewards. The 'Always Ready' jumper; this will be awarded to a child in each class during Monday morning assembly. The children are invited to wear the green jumper for the week as recognition that they are 'Always Ready...' with the teacher completing this sentence as it is awarded. The jumpers have been purchased by school and will be freshly laundered each Friday before presenting to a new child the following Monday. These jumpers do not need to be named but do need to be in school each day.

Secondly, we are awarding a **book mark** containing biblical scripture to a child chosen in each class who has consistently demonstrated the **Christian value** we are focussing on throughout the term. This term is 'Thankfulness'. The children may keep their book marks.

Finally, we have a new prestigious trophy, this

trophy is an eagle and represents the **eagle of St John** which can be seen on the school badge. We want to raise awareness of the meaning of the eagle on the badge and to celebrate with individual children throughout the year by awarding the Eagle trophy for always '<u>Being Ready, Respectful and Safe'</u>. This links very closely with our recently reviewed behaviour policy and whole school rules. The trophy will be awarded to one child on each class at the end of a half term.



Parent Information booklet and Data Collection forms

Please complete and return the **data collection forms** providing at least two emergency contacts.

Please complete and return the **Parent Information booklet** so that school is clear on permission regarding what can be shared on public websites such as the school website and face-book. Please return both forms by **Wednesday 8th September**.

Thank you for your continued support, this information is important in ensuring school is compliant in safeguarding your child.

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Upcoming dates for your diary	Events	
Monday 13 th September	Roald Dahl story telling day- supporting Roald Dahl	
	Children's charity	
Monday 27 th September	PTFA AGM 6.30pm in the school hall- all welcome	
Thursday 30 th September	Open Afternoon	
Wednesday 6 th October	African drumming workshops	
Friday 8 th October	'Hello Yellow' Young Minds Mental Health Day	
Wednesday 13 th October	Maths Day	
Thursday 14 th October	Parents' meetings	
Thursday 21 st October	Mid term Eucharist service in church	

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