

# Preesall Fleetwood's Charity School

## Newsletter

**Thursday 21st July**



‘Let all that you do be  
done in love .’

**1 Corinthians 16:14**

We have reached the end of the school year and what a week it has been! Our pupils did very well to cope with the extreme weather this week and we were very grateful for the forest which was a relatively cool environment for break times!



**We will be sending out a special Leaver Newsletter this afternoon  
with details of the award winners too.**

### Leavers' Service:

Our whole school will be part of the Leavers' Service at St. Oswald's Church this morning. Pupils should be dropped off at church at 8:50am. Parents are welcome to attend. We will also be giving out our end of year awards.

Any pupils who are in Breakfast Club will be walked down to church by staff at 8:30am so please make sure they are in early enough to get some breakfast!

We will walk back to school after the service.



### Miss Riding:

Some of you will know that Miss Riding is getting married in a few weeks! We would like to wish her all the best for her special day, from everyone in our school family. She will return in September as Mrs Simpson.

### Homework:

The children shared homework tasks in their family groups on Monday and we saw some lovely, creative pieces of work. We made it into a bit of a competition to see how many pupils in each group brought their books in so here are the results for the top three!

1<sup>st</sup> – Badgers 86%

2<sup>nd</sup> – Robins 77%

3<sup>rd</sup> – Foxes 75%

Well done to the Badgers! Thank you for encouraging your children to complete some of their homework menu tasks – your support is hugely appreciated.

If you can, please keep them reading regularly over the holiday as this will help them when they return in September. Don't forget they can join the reading challenge that is being run by the library.

### Arrangements for September:

Please see the below letter which details arrangements for September.



### Priorities for next year:

Our school improvement priorities for the next school year include:

- Continuing to ensure we deliver high quality teaching and learning consistently through school
- Introduction of a new phonics and spelling programme through school
- A focus on STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering and maths)
- Bringing in a wider range of physical activities and sports through school (we have just signed up to a very exciting sports programme with Fleetwood Town)

### Reports:

You should now have received your child's end of year report. If you are able to complete the parental feedback questionnaire, I would be very grateful. Please return completed forms to the office or use the following link— <https://forms.office.com/r/Zx8LHhbPUP>.

Year 2 have also received their national assessment scores. We also have to send out comparative data which basically compares the school's 2022 data to the 2019 national data. Not a very useful comparison!

# **Arrangements for September**

School reopens on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September**.

## **Arrival and Departure:**

We will be keeping the staggered start time so pupils should arrive between 8:50-9:00am. Please do not drive up to school; park further away and walk up the hill or use St. Aidan's overflow car park. We will continue to operate 'walk to school' each Wednesday and Friday from Preesall Park – meet at 8:25am.

Oak Class pupils (Year 1 and 2) should be taken to the side door of the classroom by a parent and Ash Class pupils (Year R) should be taken to the classroom door, next to pre-school.

Any pupils arriving after 9:00am need to go to the front entrance.

Ash Class pupils should be collected from the infant playground and all other pupils should be collected from the junior playground.

Pre-School pupils should be dropped off and collected from the Pre-School door.

All absence must be reported through the office absence line—01253 810324 option 1 before 9am on each morning the pupil will not be in school. Please do not email or send a Dojo message to report absence as these methods are not monitored regularly.

## **Uniform:**

The only change to uniform is that we are changing from grey skirts, pinafores and trousers to black. Socks/tights should be black or white. Full details of items of uniform are available on the school website.

Please ensure that black school shoes are purchased, rather than a sports shoe or trainer, as per the uniform list.

Pupils will still wear their PE kit on PE days. Teachers will send this information home in September.

## **School Lunches:**

There will be a slight increase in the cost of school dinners from £2.35 to £2.40 in line with the Lancashire County Council increase. Please ensure all meals are paid for in advance.

## **Before and After School Club:**

We have decided to keep the charges for the Breakfast and After School Clubs the same for the next year. Breakfast Club will remain at £5 for 7:30am drop off and £4 for 8am. After School Club will remain £5 until 4:30pm, £7.50 until 5:30pm and if there is a need for a 6pm collection this will be charged at £8.

Please ensure all sessions are booked and paid for in advance. Credit can be added to your ParentPay account at any time.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's that time of the term again when I update you of the work undertaken by the Governing Body of Fleetwood's Charity CoE Primary School. I am pleased to announce the appointment of a new governor, Mrs Jeanette Power, who has been supporting the school for some time but was formally approved as a governor on the 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at the summer term full GB meeting. It was with some mixed feelings that I also confirmed my resignation both as Chair and governor of Fleetwood's. I have enjoyed my term of office and will be disappointed to leave this role but we are imminently moving to Cambridge and hence my resignation. However, the new Chair was appointed, Mrs. Christine Hallett, who will continue to be supported by Janet Danson-Smith as Vice Chair and Chair of Resources sub-Committee and Rev. Andy Shaw as Chair of the Ethos Sub-Committee. I wish the new team, the GB and the whole school community every happiness and success in the future. I believe that the next few years will prove to be an exciting time with lots of new developments. So yes I will maintain a watching brief.

The three sub-committees have implemented and reviewed a wide range of topics and issues this term and just to give you a brief flavour of what has been undertaken I will summarise the key areas covered:-

- i) Ethos Sub-Committee – pupil feedback on a range of topics such as the Easter Service, the prayers that they had written and the topics covered in lessons; effectiveness of RE provision; the increased links between the school and St.Oswald's were highlighted and much appreciated by both communities; more global issues relating to RE and to 'giving' to the community; and in terms of pastoral care pupil feedback was at the heart of developing the the school rules and ethos.
- ii) Curriculum and Standards Sub-Committee – considerable focus was given to English and maths and the standards achieved, SATs could not be reviewed until the full GB meeting because results were not available; the other key areas were on-line safety which will be a key priority next academic year and pupil support: the committee were impressed with the developments overall and hoped that they would be reflected in the SATs results;
- iii) Resources Sub-Committee – the financial situation remains very sound and will facilitate some buildings improvements during the summer holidays such as a cloakroom conversion to provide more teaching space and toilet refurbishment; as you will be aware the outdoor classroom and store is very close to completion and will be available for classes from September; staffing is well-organised and will maintain the high quality of teaching and learning in 2022/3, which will be a key focus of the school management and governors and kept under careful scrutiny.

The full Governing Body met on the 12<sup>th</sup> July and covered a wide range of topics:-

- \* safeguarding – the main guidelines for schools in caring for children are laid down in a document from the Department for Education called Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE), the latest version was published in May, will be implemented in September and be a main item for both staff and governor training;
- \* SATs – you will be aware from the school weekly information sheet the details of the results. These are the first national SATs since covid and we do need to remind ourselves that children have missed out on a lot of schooling. However the KS2 results given the circumstances in English are impressive and in mathematics just slightly lower than we hoped.
- \* policy approval – consideration and approval was given to the updated local authority policies mainly relating to personnel. This item is one which appears on most full GB meeting agendas;
- \* governor training and development – again this appears as an item on most full GB meetings. Currently there is a lot of activity to ensure that governors are well-prepared and well-supported to fulfil their role and particularly so for newly appointed governors. Next year there will be training on OFSTED readiness for governors who have quite onerous responsibilities during school inspections;
- \* school budget – 2022/23 budget is finalised and in addition to supporting the running of the school it will facilitate several additional initiatives;
- \* approval and evaluation of school visits – this also is a standard item and on this occasion reports were received on the summer excursions;

\* governor links with subject leads – each subject taught in the school has a teacher who is the designated lead for that subject and to whom is linked a governor or small group of governors – the GB reviewed teaching performance and discussed curriculum development with each of the subject leads. Many strengths were identified and some areas for further improvement;

Finally:

I would like to wish all KS2 pupils every success in their transfer to secondary school and hopefully this will prove to be an environment in which they can continue to thrive.

Can we also wish Miss V. Riding a wonderful wedding day and a long and happy marriage.

Meantime may I wish you and your family a relaxing summer break.

With very best wishes,

David

David Sanders

Chair of Governors