



Newsletter Friday 14th June 2024

Mark 12 30-31

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' **31** The second most important command is this: 'Love your neighbour the same as you love yourself.' These two commands are the most important."

Dear Parents and carers,

Where has the summer weather gone? I really, really hope that Mother Nature is saving all the sunshine and heat for when we break up in July. I am hopeful but not convinced. With this in mind, I know I should be reminding you about sending in extra water and sun cream, please ensure that your child has a coat with them. We have had some chilly children at playtimes.

In worship over the last two weeks, we have been thinking about 'Values' - British Values, Christian Values and school values.

We revisit British Values at the start of each academic year. These being Democracy, Rule of Law, Respect and Tolerance and Individual Liberty.

We have also spent time exploring Christian Values and the parts of the Bible which tell us about them. St Paul wrote a lot about values in his letters to the new churches that were emerging. In his letter to the people of Galatia he describes the virtues of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Our school value is 'love' - as the Bible says the greatest value of all. We look at love in 5 different ways: Loving God, Loving Others, Loving Ourselves, Loving Learning and Loving Life. This week we have reflected upon each one of our values to see which other values LOVE includes. For example the children decided that by LOVING Others they are caring, inclusive, trustworthy, respectful, loyal, kind, and helpful.

Teaching our children to be good citizens of the future is central to life in any school. As a Church of England school our values are based on the teaching of Jesus but it is easy to see how these align with British Values and indeed the core values of other faiths too.

With one eye on the near future, we have given careful thought to the way in which we inform children of their next class teachers. We have always done it as a 'big reveal' event which has worked well. However, we have more and more children for whom transition and change are uncomfortable things. In order to minimise this, we have decided to give all children as much notice as possible. So here and now I can let you know who will be in each class next year.

Reception - Mrs Morton and Mrs Ruane.

Year 1 - Mrs Hollas, Mrs Walsh and Miss Watson.

Year 2 - Miss Brown and Mrs Hanley

Year 3 - Miss Gallagher and Miss Fenwick

Year 4 - Miss Abrahams and Miss Wintersgill

Year 5 - Miss Jefferies and Mrs Ali

Year 6 - Miss Thompson and Miss Earnshaw.

Each week, teachers planning and preparation time will be covered by Junior Jam and our own staff.

Our commitment to your child's education and welfare is unwavering, and we appreciate your ongoing support and involvement in making GMSJ a nurturing and respected place for learning.

Psalm 32:8 The Lord says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.

Best wishes

Mrs M M Underwood



Last week, for food technology, Year 2 had a fabulous time learning all about healthy eating and made some delicious pizzas.



Dates for your Diary:

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| Friday 14th June | - Whole school non uniform (tombola items) |
| Tuesday 18th June | - Year 4 trip to Towneley Park |
| Friday 28th June | - Food Fair |
| Tuesday 2nd July | - Friends Meeting 3.40pm |
| Friday 12th July | - Reception trip to Fairhaven Lake |
| Wednesday 17th July | - Year 6 Leavers Party 5-6.30pm |
| Friday 19th July | - School closes at 2pm - Summer break |

Friends

Our next meeting of Friends will be held on Tuesday 2nd July at 3.40pm. All are welcome to attend and child care can be arranged in school.

Food Fair

We are really excited for our upcoming food fair on Friday 28th June. This will commence at 3.10pm in your child's classroom, then the fun will move across into the hall for everyone to enjoy the different stalls set up by each class. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Bottle Tops

We need your help! Year 4 are in need of as many plastic bottle lids as they can get for an art project they have coming up. Please could we ask you to save as many as you can and hand them in to Miss Fenwick or the office in the next couple of weeks. Thank you.



Eid Celebrations

We are aware that lots of our families will be celebrating Eid on Monday. Could you please make sure you have completed a pink leave of absence form and returned it to the office before the end of Friday. This will ensure the registration mark does not go down as unauthorised.

Good News Announcements

This weeks Medal Winners are:

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| Nikolasz | - Year 1 | - For tremendous 'turning' in maths |
| Ollie | - Year 3 | - For delightful decimals |
| Ismaeel | - Year 4 | - For brilliant independent work |
| Abdul | - Year 5 | - For gorgeous guided reading |
| Sam | - Year 5 | - For perfect presentation |
| Reid | - Year 5 | - For perfect presentation |



ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Our winners w/e 7/06/24
were:
YEAR 3 with 97.8%



Parent Checklist



School Trips. Do you need to pay for your child's school trip? All school trips are live on Parentpay. Please ensure trips are paid on time and forms are completed and returned to school.

School Meals - Please remember to order your meal choices using Parentpay, these can be pre-ordered up to half term.

Is your child wearing the full and correct uniform? (Ties can be purchased via parentpay). Remember to send a suitable coat daily.

Is your **PE kit** in school and fully labelled? Remember Fitness Friday each week - Wear your Trainers.

Absence - Please inform the office of any sickness or absences before 9am and try and arrange appointments out of school hours where necessary.

Head Lice - Remember to check your child's hair regularly. There have been several reports of headlice in school recently.

Free School Meals - Are you eligible for **Free School Meals**? Use this link to check: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/?page=2>

Uniform - You can order school uniform online <https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/greatmarsden> Please ensure that all clothing and belongings have your child's name in.

Friday 28th June

Food Fair

We are having a celebration
of our DT Food Fortnight.

Visit your child's class from
3.10pm then join the fun in
the hall from 3.30pm.

Stalls include: tombola; guess the teddy's
name; pig racing; hook a duck. hoopla; and
much more!



Events & Talks



The following events and talks have been organised for Accrington, Burnley, Colne and Nelson Libraries in 2024.

Everyone welcome!

Public 'Drop In'

Meet the volunteers, view photographs, identify missing photograph details and share memories.

11am to 2pm on the following days

- Nelson Library: 20 May 2024
- Accrington Library: 21 May 2024
- Colne Library: 24 May 2024

1pm to 4pm on the following day

- Burnley Library: 23 May 2024

Family 'Fun Day'

Have fun, be creative, printing/designing activities, craft, games, view photographs.

11am to 3pm on the following days:

- Nelson Library: 5 Aug 2024
- Colne Library: 6 Aug 2024
- Burnley Library: 8 Aug 2024
- Accrington Library: 9 Aug 2024

Free Talks Programme

Saturdays at 2pm in the following libraries. Everyone welcome! No need to book.

- **1 June - Nelson Library:** Andy Pritchard (Professional Photographer), 'Following a Childhood Dream: Photographing East Lancashire'.
- **8 June - Burnley Library:** Sherif Dhaimish (Pendle Press), 'The Art of Publishing Visual Narratives'.
- **15 June - Nelson Library:** Mike Smith (Burnley Film Makers), 'The Days of the IMP'.
- **22 June - Colne Library:** Andy Pritchard (Professional Photographer), 'Following a Childhood Dream: Photographing East Lancashire'.
- **6 July - Burnley Library:** Mike Smith (Burnley Film Makers) – 'Burnley on Film: 1940s-1980s'.
- **13 July - Burnley Library:** Denise North (Chair of Burnley & District Historical Society, 'A Century of Health in Burnley 1818-1918'.
- **20 July - Burnley Library:** Edward Walton (Chairman of Burnley Civic Trust) 'A Burnley NOW & THEN photographic talk'.
- **27 July - Nelson Library:** Diane Muldowney (Artist/Photographer), Art, Artists, & Archives. Help find a home for 'Andy'.

Since January 2024, volunteers have been digitising the historic photographs stored at the library so that people can enjoy them at exhibitions and online.

You can view the digitised images at: <https://redrosecollections.lancashire.gov.uk/>

