



Newsletter Friday 15th Sept 2023

HOPE

Psalm 37:34

Put your hope in the Lord. Travel steadily along his path.

Dear Parents/Carers,

September seems to have passed very quickly in school and, in the main, it has been a positive start to the school year. However, there are a couple of things that I must address with you all via this newsletter.

Firstly, school meals. I am aware that there have been some issues with our school meal offer. The catering is managed centrally by the Trust who partner with Aspens to deliver daily meals in all of the Cidari academies. I can assure you that all parties are working hard to make sure that the food offer is of the highest quality consistently. Although I do not have direct influence over this aspect of school life, getting this right is very important to me.

Secondly, there have been a number of requests to speak to class teachers - which is absolutely fine as two way dialogue is always best for everyone concerned. Giving the office staff an indication of what you wish to speak about makes the whole process much smoother. Your need may not be best addressed by the class teacher alone. The class teacher may require input from the special needs lead, literacy lead, behaviour lead or inclusion manager. This is no different from when you ring the doctors and they ask what your medical need is so that they can direct you to the correct part of the medical team. My office team understands confidentiality and will only speak to the necessary people.

On a similar note, all staff are in school for long hours BUT this time is allocated and meetings cannot be slotted in at a moment's notice. We will do our best to see you within 48 hours but this cannot be guaranteed.

Please remember that we have Mrs Stone on the yard every morning, with her clipboard, ready to deliver messages to any member of school staff and our gmsjoffice@cidari.co.uk email is another method of communication.

We care passionately about your children, their education and well-being. We will not always please all of the people all of the time, that is life and human nature, but we will try.

Our Food Bank '**Take what you need, give when you can**' is now located in a lovely new shed at the front of school. Our fresh food delivery comes each Tuesday. I noticed a parent adding to the stock this week - he simply said he was able to give something back. Terrific and thank you. The door of the shed is shut simply because the wasps were loving the fresh fruit. It isn't locked, just open it up and help yourselves. School uniform is still in the entrance hall. One of our lovely mum's has washed and ironed it. There are some nearly new pieces on the rack - help yourself.

Kindest Regards,

Mrs M Underwood

Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 4th October

Monday 9th October

Tuesday 10th October

Thursday 12th October

Thursday 2nd November

Wednesday 8th November

October - Keep your eyes peeled for letters coming home for Multisports and Kurling After School Clubs to start in November.

- Parents Evening

- Flu Vaccine - all years

- Year 1 - Blackburn Toy Museum Trip

- Vision Screening - Reception

- KS2 Choir Restarts - every Thursday 3.30pm -4.15pm

- Reception & Year 1 Cinema Trip



The children in Reception class have been loving spending time getting used to our outdoor environment. They have enjoyed exploring all our outdoor resources and making new friends.



Don't forget
parents'
evening!

Year 6 - Upcoming Open Evenings:

Fishmore - Tuesday 3rd October 4 - 6.30pm

Marsden Heights - Wednesday 4th October 5-8pm

ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Our winners W/C 18/09/23 were:
YEAR 3

Special Menu - 'Takeout Thursday ' 5th October.
There will be Pizza & Chips or Fish Fingers & Chips
No need to book in advance.



Parent Checklist



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>

Have you looked at the School Photos? (sent home on Monday)

Have you booked in for Parents Evening on Wednesday 4th October?

Have you returned all school trip forms/ After School Club Forms?

Have you paid for any outstanding trips or Dinner Money?

Have you registered on the parentpay, our school cashless system?

Is your PE kit in school and fully labelled?

Are you interested in starting Violin or guitar lessons? See the office for more information. (available to KS2 and year 2)

Have you opted in for homework via Google Classroom?

Is your child wearing the full and correct uniform? (Ties can be purchased via parentpay)

Have you updated your email address and mobile number with the office?

Have you applied for a place in our Reception Class (2024 starters) or a place in secondary school? (current Year 6).

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-online-for-a-school-place/>