



Newsletter Friday 12th January 2024

Genesis 1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
The earth was barren, with no form of life;
it was under a roaring ocean covered with darkness.
But the Spirit of God was moving over the water.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all.

We are off to a great start following the Christmas break. The children have settled back into their classroom routines without missing a beat. It makes me very proud.

Thank you for your understanding about the Key Stage 2 boiler issue. It is now operational although not fully. It is, with the help of portable heaters, keeping the classrooms at a suitable temperature.

The food bank shed and the clothing rail are both there and available for all who have need. Our principle of 'Take what you need and give when you can' still stands firm. Just this morning, I have added a bag of tins/packets donated by a parent/carer. These donations are really valuable - thank you. We have signed up to, and been accepted, by Neighbourly - www.neighbourly.com.

Neighbourly is an award-winning giving platform that helps businesses/organisations make a positive impact in their communities by donating volunteer time, money and surplus products, all in one place. It is the surplus products that we have been able to utilise from Aldi, Lidl and Sainsburys in Clitheroe and Sainsburys in Colne. These partners let us know when they have products for us and we are then able to go and collect. There is no set pattern for this, supplies are variable, which makes it so important that everyone is fair and takes what they NEED only.

Our worship theme this half term is Global Neighbours. We will be exploring what this phrase means and what it might look like in action. This week we have focused upon the world itself, God's creation and the idea that we have 'stewardship' (careful and responsible care) of our world and its resources. Even our very youngest children were able to think of ways that humans harm the planet and ways in which we can look after it better.

Kindest regards

Mrs M M Underwood



Dates for your Diary:

Monday 15th January	-	Primary admissions closing date
Tuesday 16th January	-	Flu Vaccine (catch up)
Tuesday 16th January	-	Meeting of Friends 3.40pm
Tuesday 23rd January	-	Anxiety in Children Workshop (letter to be sent shortly)

*Thank
you!*

Important Update for School Dinners:

This week saw the start of our pre-order Lunch system using Parentpay.

This seems to have been implemented really well throughout the school, and both the Office and Kitchen would like to thank all those who have completed the choices using Parentpay.

A text message reminder has been sent out to those children who have received jacket potatoes all week, reminding you to log in and select your choices before midnight the day before at the latest.

Unfortunately, any children asking for a school dinner on the day who have not pre-ordered will be given a jacket potato.

As always, if you have any issues, please do come and see us in the office.

Below is a helpful guide which may help with any queries:

<https://support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/articles/4409665416977-Payer-guidance-How-to-make-a-meal-or-event-booking>

Our next Meeting of friends will be held on Tuesday 16th January at 3.40pm. We would love to see as many people as possible. Childcare will be available.



Cold Weather

Please ensure your child has a suitable coat in school daily and is bringing their school jumper/cardigan into school.

Reminder - If you have a child that will be of school age by September 2024, applications for primary school places must be completed by January 15th.
lancashire.gov.uk/schools

Good News Announcements

ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Our winners W/C 08/01/24 are:
Year 6



This weeks Medal Winners are:

Kierson	Reception	-	Awesome writing
Gustas	Y1	-	Wonderful writing & predictions
Noah	Y1	-	Amazing writing
Miley-Leigh	Y5	-	Great guided reading
Eric	Y5	-	Masterful maths - excellent attitude to learning
Emily	Y5	-	Masterful maths - excellent attitude to learning
Reggie	Y6	-	Excellent understanding of Macbeth
Romeo	Y6	-	Excellent understanding of Macbeth

Parent Checklist



Have you remembered to register your child for a place in Primary school - the last date for applications is 15th January. See attached leaflet.

The next meeting of friends is on Tuesday 16th January at 3.40pm, childcare will be available for any parent wishing to attend.

Remember to order your child's lunch options on parentpay at least 24 hours in advance to ensure your child gets the lunch they want.
<https://support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/articles/4409665416977-Payer-guidance-How-to-make-a-meal-or-event-booking>

Please ensure we have your up to date Phone number and Email address. This is vital that we have the correct information. If you have any doubts please call in to the office and we can check.

Is your child off sick or due an appointment? Please inform the office of any sickness or absences before 9am and try and arrange appointments out of school hours where necessary.

Remember to bring your child into school with a warm coat and a school jumper/cardigan.

Have you checked out the weekly Online Safety Resources? These are emailed to parents regularly and are all on the website to be viewed at any time. If you think there may be something specific you might want information on - please contact Mrs Fletcher in the office, who has access to a library of guides.



13th December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING SCHOOL DINNERS

As you are all aware by now, we are a cashless school and have Parentpay set up in place of a cash system.

To fall in line with the rest of the Trust, from January 2024 we will be going on to a Pre-order system for School Lunches. This means that all school lunches will be pre-ordered by parents using the Parentpay Website, by Friday the week before at the latest.

In order to ensure that your child gets the chosen meal choice for the day, it is vital that you remember to pre-book, as any children who have not ordered on the website will be limited to a jacket potato.

Any parents who are not currently registered for Parentpay will be sent home instructions on how to register. We currently have 94% of our pupils registered already with Parentpay and ideally we would like to get this to 100%. Feel free to come and see the office staff who will help those who may be struggling to set this up.

Please note that all students who pay for a school dinner, need to ensure that payment is made the day before at the latest. Any meals that are ordered and not paid for will disappear from Parentpay and will not go through to our kitchen.

Children who are currently on Free School Meals WILL need to pre-order their meals, however, the balance will be unaffected. Please ensure that you select meals, but continue without payment.

As with anything new, there will be teething problems, so please feel free to call into the office to discuss any queries or concerns.

Most importantly, please remember to order your child's meal choices in advance.

Regards,

Mr J Longley & Mrs C Fletcher
The Office Team

**SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS
PRIMARY**

APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

School and Academy places September 2024

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2023 and 31 August 2024.

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

School transport

Need transport to school? Please don't forget to check your eligibility for free transport.

Search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk

**CLOSING DATE
15 JANUARY 2024**

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