

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Primary School

Care – learn – Respect

Class Blogs

Teachers post photos, news and ways to support your child via the class blogs. These are constantly updated so please do take the time to check these regularly.

Homework is an important way to support your child. Each class are set tasks daily and weekly to support reading, spelling and maths work in school. If you have any difficulties in accessing this information or in supporting your child please contact their class teacher.

Giving at Our Lady's.

We received a very grateful letter from The Streetlife Trust in Blackpool. They were extremely grateful to receive our harvest collection. A huge thank you for your support.

Respect Week

Year 6 have been studying the war and its impact on people and as part of this have prepared our **Remembrance Event** which all pupils will attend today. We are working to mark the effort of those who have fought and still do fight for us to keep peace as well as making a shared promise to be peace makers.



Be a Peacemaker



We constantly work to encourage children to develop emotional resilience and to manage the everyday friendship positives and challenges they can experience in school. We have strong values and we use these every day to encourage and support children to make the right choice. The vast majority of our children respond so well to this and show great attitudes of thoughtfulness and kindness.

We teach children that everyone is unique and special. We constantly work to help children recognise the differences between each other and to respect and value these. We teach that whilst everyone is special no one is more special than anyone else.

We teach every child that they have the right to feel safe and happy in life and develop assertive skills to manage this. If children do not feel safe they have the right to say stop and if they do not feel this is possible or is having an impact they

have the right to tell. Every child in school on a termly basis names their safe people.

We have staff across school and in each class group who we know all children can talk to. Again, telling can be counter cultural. Many children learn at a young age that telling is wrong. We teach that it is imperative in developing self esteem and the skills to manage the many challenges that children and young people face.

We do work hard for all children and we are proactive in making school life a purposeful and happy place.

Developing children's skills to live this is an ongoing piece of work. Children sometimes don't tell, or they tell their truth (how it feels to them). This is not always the truth. We teach the importance of telling the truth so that any challenges can begin to be resolved. We also model and teach reconciling friendships. This has many dimensions but when done well it is very life affirming and positive.

If you have any concerns about anything your child tells you always come into school and ask to speak about it. You can do this by emailing, phoning or in person.

Keep our school tidy

Our school council have been working on ways to encourage everyone to help keep our school tidy, and recently ran a poster competition for years 1 to 6. Father Frank has picked a winning poster from each class, which will be displayed around school:

Year 1 Sophia S

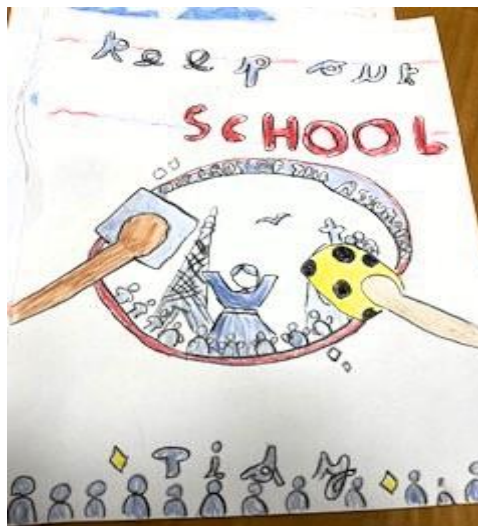
Year 2 Amelia S

Year 3 Nina

Year 4 Ava

Year 5 Jackson

Year 6 Harriet



This Friday is Children in Need



On Friday children can come into school out of uniform and preferably something bright by making a donation via Parent Pay. During the week children will learn more about ways that Children in Need support many charities across the UK and locally to help children and families.

Santa Dash for Brian House Now that we have our very own Brian House elephant, Dottie, back in school and on view in our main hall, children are reminded of the wonderful work last year and the importance of supporting this amazing charity. Children continue to ask us about ways to fund raise for Brian House. If families are interested then the **Blackpool Santa Dash** might be a way to start the festive season. This is a 3km run along Blackpool promenade from The Sandcastle Waterpark where you will be cheered on by spectators and event volunteers. Not only that, but you'll be dressed as the man himself, helping us flood the promenade with Christmas cheer!

There is sign up charge which includes a Santa costume for the event. Follow the link for more details :

<https://www.trinityhospice.co.uk/our-events/detail/santa-dash/>

Attendance Matters

95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 9.5 days or 1 week & 4.5 days of learning missed
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 19 days or 3 weeks & 4 days of learning missed
85%	=	143 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 28.5 days or 5 weeks & 3.5 days of learning missed
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 38 days or 7 weeks & 3 days of learning missed
75%	=	237.5 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 47.5 days or 9 weeks & 2.5 days of learning missed

EVERY DAY MATTERS!

WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?

PERCENTAGES BASED ON 190 ACADEMIC DAYS

With so many interruptions to school learning over recent years everyone is working to get back to support attendance. Families will appreciate that missing days will have an impact on children's learning. The Government have stepped in to ensure that

every school responds to in term holidays in the same way. Basically we can only approve an absence for the day of a close family wedding or funeral and the travel time if it is out of area. No other absence of in term holiday absence can be authorised. The government have stated that fines will be given to every family who has more than 10 absence marks for term time holidays in any school year (we take the register twice a day, in the morning and afternoon so each day represents 2 absence marks).

We thank you in advance for your support and understanding with this.

If you have any questions, worries or concerns that you know are impacting on your child's ability to attend school then please speak directly to your child's class teacher or Mrs Mannix.

Football



to our Year 6 boys and girls football league players second round matches.

Last week Year 6 boys played against Boundary. Our goal keeper was forced to rest for the match due to an injury so they rallied together and played well as a team. Despite not winning the match they played with great energy.

The girls played Layton here at school on

Friday. Again an excellent team attitude produced another 8 – 0 win to us so we go ahead into the next round.

Activities in school

Clubs and Events this half term to Dec 19th 2024

Mon 18th Nov Year 1, 2 and 3 Wild Animals VR Experience in school time

Mondays Year 2 multi skills – after school

Tuesdays Year 3/ 4 ball skills – after school

Tuesdays Year 4 whole class cornet lessons – during school day

Tuesdays KS2 Creation Station after school club – after school

Wednesdays Year 4 Fit2Go project – during school day

Wednesdays Year 3 whole school recorder lessons – during school day

Wednesdays Year 5/ 6 girls and boys separate football skills club- after school

Plus girls and boys Blackpool League games

Thursdays Year 3 – 6 choir - lunchtime

Thursdays Year 3 Cricket Chance to shine project and Year 5 and 6 cricket - lunch time club

Thursdays Year 3 – 6 running club – after school

Plus Year 6 Blackpool running league Stanley Park in school time 10th Dec

Fridays Year 3 to 6 dance club – after school

Wednesdays in Advent Year 4 – 6 reconciliation in church – during school day

Thursday & Friday first groups of Year 5 – 6 Bikeability – during school day

Dates for the diary

Weds 13th Nov PTFA meeting in staff room 6pm

Fri 15th Nov flu vaccinations for those opted in from 9am

Fri 15th Nov Children in need home clothes day

Fri 15th Nov PTFA KS2 disco 6pm-7pm

Fri 29th Nov PTFA Rec & KS1 film night 4.30pm-6.15pm

Thur 5th Dec Yr 5 & 6 Advent reflections with Father Frank in church – families welcome 2.45pm-3.15pm

Fri 6th Dec PTFA Christmas Fayre 3.30pm-5.30pm

Tue 10th Dec Year 6 Blackpool running league Stanley Park in school time

Tue 10th Dec KS1 Nativity to families 9.30am and 2pm

Thur 12th Dec Yr 3 & 4 Advent reflections with Father Frank in church – families welcome 2.45pm-3.15pm

Thur 12th Dec Choir singing at Abbingdon Street Market 6pm

Fri 13th Dec Reception nativity for families 1.45pm-2.45pm

Tue 17th Dec Home clothes and Christmas lunch

Tue 17th Dec Year 4 Cornet concert for the whole school – in school time

Thur 19th Dec KS2 carol service in church families welcome 2pm

Thur 19th Dec close for Christmas 3.10/3.15pm

Mon 6th Jan 2025 First day back in 2025