



11th October 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope you have had a fantastic week. We are coming to the end of the first half term of this academic year and the nights are already drawing in and the temperature dropping.

Meal Vouchers (All Parents/ Carers)

As we reported last week Blackpool Council will provide vouchers for children who are on Free School Meals for October half term. Please keep an eye on emails for the link which will be sent before the half term break. Please note, two of the days in this half term are disaggregated INSET days - this means that school is closed to students for staff training. The training is done in the evenings instead of on these days. The council will only pay for holiday days and not INSET days, this means the voucher will be for £24 per child to cover 8 holiday days at £3 per day.

Canteen Price Increase (Secondary Parents/ Carers)

As I explained to parents/ carers last week, the school catering service has informed us that there will be some slight price increases after the October half term for secondary aged children. The catering service does need to increase costs to keep up with food prices.

Half Term Break (All Parents/ Carers)

A reminder that we close for half term next Friday 18th October at normal time and reopen on Monday 4th November at normal time.

Claremont Park Community Centre adult courses (All Parents/ Carers)

We have attached some flyers for literacy and numeracy courses at Claremont Park Community Centre [here](#) and [here](#). You may also see some people handing out leaflets at the end of the day.

My Child at School App (All Parents/ Carers)

We have switched on a number of additional modules on the MCAS app this week, it is important that all parents/carers have access to this app. This app is our main platform for communication. [Please click here](#) for a link to the site, if you access this on a mobile device you can access the links for the apps.

If you have not signed up please download the app from the relevant app store and click sign up and use the school postcode (FY2 0TS) or school ID (14676) you can register. You must register with the email address we hold on our system for you. The link has been sent to parental email addresses again today. It expires within 24 hours so please click on it ASAP. Thank you



Ready, Respectful, Safe (All Parents/ Carers)

In our Behaviour Curriculum this week, we focused on what it means to be '**Emotionally ready for learning**'. We talked about the different emotions we might feel and how they can present. I used my own daughter as an example and said that her mood changes drastically if she gets hungry. Emotions and their impact on our behaviour are hard to understand as an adult so it is a very tricky thing for children to recognise and deal with. Next week we will move onto '**regulating our emotions and responding to situations**'.

In our curriculum for secondary students this week, we have looked at the importance of self-regulation and making better responses when responding to each other. This helps maintain better relationships, promote positive mental health, and increase self-awareness. It has the added benefit of improved behaviour and outcomes which are essential for later life.

Wow Moments in School this Week (All Parents/ Carers)

The Wow Moments for this week are below. Well done to everyone involved.

- Abigail (Year 7) entered a Public Health Art competition in Year 6 about smoke free parks. Abigail's poster is going to be displayed in play parks across Blackpool.
- Primary children responded really positively and maturely to our first Culture and Difference assembly marking Yom Kippur this week.
- Mia and Jack were presented with their Chief Scout Gold Award at the County Awards Evening held in Preston on Thurs 10th October.
- Y6 who had a fantastic time away at the residential. It was great to see them so happy and engaged.
- A big well done to all students who have taken part in football fixtures this half term. We have had over 50 students from Y7-11 representing Unity with great pride and showing great sportsmanship.

Primary Newsletter (Primary Parents/ Carers)

Please click [here](#) to view the primary newsletter.

Reporting Bullying/ Pastoral Concerns (All Parents/ Carers)

If you or your child needs to raise any bullying or pastoral concerns with the academy please [click here](#).

Online Safety Support for Parents/ Carers (All Parents/ Carers)

Click [here](#) to access the link to this week's online safety guide for parents. You can also sign up for The National College for free and view a wide range of resources and videos to support your family with online safety. To do this follow the link below:

Sign up tutorial video - <https://help.nationalcollege.com/parent-walkthrough>



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Yours sincerely,

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Upcoming community events ...

**HALLOWEEN STORY CHEST
WORKSHOP**
FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
(AGES 7-15)

THE STUDIO, BLACKPOOL GRAND THEATRE
SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER
11:30AM - 1PM
FREE ENTRY

To book a place, email:
creativelearning@blackpoolgrand.co.uk

FYLDE COAST HINDU SOCIETY PRESENT
**Diwali
Celebrations**
Sat 02 November 2024

Special Diwali Switch-On
FREE EVENT
Comedy Carpet - 17:00

Diwali Dhamaka Party
Winter Gardens - 18:30

Featuring
DJ Tarun and Host Jazzy J,
mouth-watering Indian Food,
Dance, entertainment and much more.

Tickets
Adults: £45.00
Children (5-12): £25.00
Group prices available on request.

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