



12th July 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

# COME ON ENGLAND!

I think this is the only appropriate message to start this week's update with. I am sure you will all be watching on Sunday evening and hoping that it finally comes home!

## Monday Morning (All Parents/ Carers)

We have had a number of emails from parents regarding Monday morning following the Euro 2024 final on Sunday. School will start at normal time on Monday. To make a change at this last minute would be unfair on the many parents/ carers who would then need to arrange childcare. Whilst being very keen to see England bring the trophy home on Sunday night, school will start at the same time on Monday morning.

## Tangerine Day (All Parents/ Carers)

Continuing the football theme... Tangerine Day is on Wednesday 17th July. Children are able to wear an item of tangerine/ orange or football/ sports shirts on the day in exchange for a minimum donation of £1. The link to pay the £1 is on Parent Pay already but we can accept cash on the day. It would be really helpful to us if you could use Parent Pay as this reduces the admin costs **but** we do pay a fee on all Parent Pay transactions so if you could donate a little more than £1, this means that the £1 does go to charity.

Mr. Tomes has sent a letter out about a cake sale on the day to support the fundraising and we have 3 football tournaments on the 3G pitch on the day with schools from across our trust.

The presentation for the primary tournament will be at 12 o'clock which will be followed by the unveiling of a plaque at the 3G pitch as we officially rename the pitch 'The Chris Lickiss 3G Pitch'. Chris's family will be joining us for this.

All money raised will be shared between Bowel Cancer UK and Blue Skies at the request of the family.



### **End of Term (All Parents/ Carers)**

A reminder to all parents/ carers that term ends on the 25th July 2024 **at 12:15PM**. This is later than a number of schools in the area and we wanted to give you a reminder of this. Please ensure that if you collect your child, you arrive on time, thank you. As a very advanced reminder, we return to school on Wednesday, 3rd September 2024 at 8:40am.

### **Non-Uniform Day (All Parents/ Carers)**

The last day of term (25th July) is a non-uniform day for all children. There is no fee for this.

### **Holiday Meal Vouchers (Parents/ Carers of Children Entitled to Free School Meals)**

Blackpool Council have confirmed that they will be able to issue vouchers for children entitled to free school meals for the holiday period. This only covers the days we are on holiday and not any INSET days. These will be issued before the end of term through the normal methods.

### **Ready, Respectful, Safe (All Parents/ Carers)**

In the behaviour curriculum in primary this week they focused on '**showing kindness and involving others**'. The children listened to the story of 'The Invisible Boy' by Trudy Ludwig. The children enjoyed seeing how being kind to someone can make a real difference to how they are feeling which helps to develop relationships with others. Next week, we are moving onto '**Choosing to be kind to others**'. In Secondary this week, they focused on '**Seeking to Make Amends**'. This is part of our work on '**Repair & Rebuild**' relationships. Next week, we move onto '**Moving On**' from issues once they have been resolved.

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

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

- Mr. Cottom's Y9 class were all very engaged this week as they made gargoyles out of clay.
- Year 10 visited the Sixth Form this week as part of the transition work, they had a great day.
- Year 1 ran a beach themed assembly for parents this week. Thank you to the parents who attended and well done to the children involved.
- In a demonstration of our challenging and progressive curriculum, Year 5 put on a performance of Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' this week. I am always amazed by how well the children perform such a complicated play.
- Some of our primary children visited Armfield Academy this week for an MFL event - they really enjoyed it and demonstrated our Ready, Respectful, Safe (RRS) values really well.
- 3HB and 3LC visited Showtown this week. Another example of students really demonstrating RRS through excellent behaviour and attitude.



### **Yondr Mobile Phone Pouches (Year 7-11 Parents/ Carers)**

Thank you to the parents who have signed and returned the form this week in support of our Yondr roll out. If you are yet to return these it would be appreciated if you could do so. We will be chasing parents this week regarding these forms and to resolve any queries prior to summer. To reiterate once again, this is not optional and is, in fact, an expectation. The purpose of the agreement is to avoid us having to contact you in September should students not comply as you will have already demonstrated your support.

Yondr information video - <https://www.unity.blackpool.org.uk/information/yondr-mobile-pouch>

### **Primary Newsletter (Primary Parents/ Carers)**

Click [here](#) to access 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](#). A member of the team will be in touch to support you with the issue. We will switch this link off before the end of the term in order to ensure that we can work to resolve any issues prior to the Summer break.

### **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>

Sign up for The National College - <https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/unity-academy-blackpool>

Yours sincerely,



Mr. S. Cooke  
Headteacher



## Diary Dates

<u>When</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>What</u>
12th - 15th July	Year 9/10	France Trip
w/c- 15th July	Reception	Reception Post Box Trip
15th July	Y8	Enterprise Event
15th July	All primary	Primary Parental report drop in 3:15-4pm
17th July	All	Tangerine Day in memory of Chris Lickiss
17th July	School musicians/ Choir	Music Concert
18th July	Reception - Year 6	Primary Sports day - Details went out this week
W/C 22nd July	Reception - Year 6	Olympics Week
W/C 22nd July	Reception - Year 6	Rewards afternoon
23rd/24th July	Y7-11	Secondary Sports Day
25th July	ALL	Non-Uniform Day Break up 12.15 <b>New Term Starts: Wednesday 4th September 2024</b>