



1st March 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to Spring! There is always something positive about leaving behind Winter as we enter Spring!

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

Thank you for the positive feedback about Ready, Respectful, Safe. The first part of our work with children will be around how we greet each other and respond to greetings. To help with this at home... when you say, 'Good morning' to children, simply expect them to respond by saying, 'Good morning' to you (even teenagers!). This may sound silly and minor but if we are expecting positive responses in school and you do the same at home, it will help everyone.

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

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

- Y11 catering students completed their practical exam this week and produced some delicious and well presented dishes.
- Y10 prefects have had an excellent first week carrying out their prefect duties around the academy.
- Y9 students showing respectful and inquisitive natures during a talk on conflict in RE.
- Poppy and Renae in Y3 received their Chief Scout Bronze Award this week and Emily, Jessica, Lola, Maddison, Poppy and Layla in Y5-6 achieved their Chief Scout Silver Award. These are the highest awards that Beaver and Cub Scouts can achieve so a very well done to them.

### **Mobile Phones (In Unity, We Are Respectful) (All Parent/ Carers)**

The Government released updated guidance this week about mobile phones which supports our position. The position here has not changed. Mobile phones are not allowed in school. Could parents/ carers please remind children of this and where possible and avoid messaging children during the school day as this can cause unnecessary disruption. If you need to get a message to a student urgently, please contact the main school office.

### **Classcharts (All Parents/ Carers)**

The Classcharts app is now active again for parents and students. If you need access to this and don't have it already, please contact the school office.



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### **In Unity, We Are Ready - Attendance (All Parents/ Carers)**

I have been asked to share the following message from our attendance team.

We would like to say a big thank you to all the students and their parents/ carers who come into school every day, on time and have high attendance. It is not always easy to get up and into school when the weather is cold and the mornings are dark. We take attendance very seriously at school because there is a strong link between student attendance, social development and student attainment. With this in mind we want to encourage all students and parents/ carers to make every effort to come to school every day so as not to miss out on valuable learning time.

If your child is going to be absent, please contact the school as soon as possible.

### **Reporting Bullying/Pastoral Concerns (All Parents/ Carers)**

Please accept our apologies for not including the link for the last couple of weeks; it was an oversight on our part. 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)**

We have recently signed up to an online platform that offers online safety videos made specifically for parents/ carers. They are hosted by Myleene Klass and are very short. There is no cost to accessing these.

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>

### **Primary Newsletter**

Click [here](#) to access the Primary Newsletter.



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**And finally...**

Following on from my message about jury service last week and some feedback/ concern from some parents I want to make it clear that I am not in court personally nor have I been arrested and am facing going to court! I am required to attend the court for two weeks to act as a juror if necessary, due to restrictions in courtrooms I won't be accessible during this time.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. S. Cooke  
Headteacher



**Primary Easter Dates**



<u>When</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>Unity Calendar 2024</u>
05.03.2024 9am	Rec & Y6	NHS Height and Weight Check
05.03.2024	Y3	Don Worsley (Author) into school for reading and writing activities
05.03.2024 3.15-3.45pm	Y4	Children V Parents - TT Rockstars Competition (Easter Egg for the winners) <b>(Parents invited)</b>
07.03.2024	All	World Book Day - Elmer Themed Children are invited to wear brightly coloured clothing to reflect Elmers personality 
07.03.2024	Rec	Author visiting Reception - Emily Dyson
08.03.2024 2.30-3pm	Y3	World Book Day Assembly <b>(Parents invited)</b>
13.03.2024 2-3pm	Y2	Queen's Carriage <b>(Parents invited)</b>
19.03.2024	Y5 (5JB)	Uclan Trip
19.03.2024 3.15-3.45pm	Y5	Children V Parents - TT Rockstars Competition (Easter Egg for the winners) <b>(Parents invited)</b>
19.03.2024 2-3pm	Rec	Easter Basket Crafts <b>(Parents invited)</b>
21.03.2024	Y5 (5TT)	Uclan Trip
22.03.2024 1.30-2.30	All Year Groups	House Rewards Afternoon
26.03.2024	Rec	Reception trip to Ridgeway Farm
26.03.2024 3.30-4.30pm	All	Easter Bonnet Making Event <b>(Parents invited)</b> 
27.03.2024 3.30-4.30pm	All	Easter Bonnet Making Event <b>(Parents invited)</b> 
27.03.2024	All Children	<b>All</b> entries for the Easter Bonnet to be in school <b>All</b> entries for the Easter eggs to be in school
27.03.2024 2.15-3pm	Y6	Faberge Egg Making Event <b>(Parents invited)</b>
28.03.2024	All	Easter Bonnet Parade
28.03.2024	All	<b>All</b> children break up for the Easter holidays Children <b>return to school on Monday 15th April at 8.40am</b>

