

24th November 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers,

The next time I write to you it will be December... How did that happen so quickly? It's a bumper edition this week with a number of flyers and attachments - please read carefully!

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

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

- Following a review from the FCAT Early Years team, we have received some excellent feedback about the learning and engagement in Reception.
- Our Y7s have been cooking Lasagne this week in Food Technology whilst the Year 9s have made Thai Mussels. The smells of food around school this week have been great.
- Well done to Logan E for taking part in the Blackpool Lights Swimming Gala, he won 4 golds with 9 personal bests and 4 speeding tickets (which means he is too fast for an event!!).
- 4TC have been so lovely and kind this week in supporting a new student to their class.
- Frankie F and Evie F in RMT have produced some amazing unaided writing this week.
- Well done to Miley and Charlene who represented the academy at a meeting with the Shadow Secretary of State for Education at Montgomery today. They gave their views about education in a very respectful and constructive way.

Christmas Events/ Activities (All Parents/ Carers)

The full list of activities is on the final page of this bulletin. We will update this each week once deadlines have passed. It would be lovely to see as many parents as we can at the events.

Blackpool Community Grocery - Free membership and free shops with a food value of up to £70 (All Parents/ Carers)



Blackpool Community Grocery are offering free membership until the 30th November. This normally costs £5, plus you will also get 3 free £5 shops included, saving £20 and getting food worth up to £70.

The group also offers access to support for finances, advice on how to access benefits and other money saving tips.

To access this offer please go in person to - Blackpool Community Grocery, 241 Bispham Road, Blackpool, FY2 0LB <https://communitygrocery.org.uk/blackpool/>



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Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who supported our spotty Children in Need Day. We raised £137 for this very worthy cause!

SEND Drop In (All Parents/ Carers)

Following the success of the Mental Health Day drop in, we are running another drop in event in the community hub around SEND. This will take place on the 6th December 2023, 8:30AM - 10:30AM. I have included a flyer for this event with this update.

The Big Ambition survey (All Parents/ Carers)

We have been contacted by the Children's Commissioner for England to ask us to alert you to her big ambition survey (<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition>) . The survey is for all children aged 0-18 to be completed with parents/ carers. Parents/ Carers can complete on behalf of children who are under 6 or need additional assistance. A flyer with a QR code is attached to this update.

Reporting Bullying or Pastoral Concerns (All Parents/ Carers)

The link to report a concern has now been put back onto the website. Simply click on 'Menu' and under the 'Parents' heading choose 'Raise a concern' or [click here](#).

And finally...

We will shortly be writing to you about the Unity Christmas appeal where we will work together to support our local community. We have not been able to do this for a couple of years but it is back and set to be bigger than ever. Details about how to get involved will be sent by Miss McGuire very soon.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. S. Cooke
Headteacher



Unity Christmas Calendar 2023



<u>When</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>Event</u>
1/12/2023	N-6	Primary Christmas dinner numbers deadline date
5/12/2023	2	Christmas sewing - Parental Engagement
7/12/2023	Y1-6	Years 1-6 Panto Trip - Beauty & the Beast
8/12/2023	Y1	Year 1 Christmas Crafts
11/12/2023	N/R	Wriggly Nativity Dress Rehearsal (Years 2 & 3 to watch)
W/c 11/12/2023	All	Christmas Appeal Preparation - Details to follow
12/12/2023	Various students	Blackpool Music Service Christmas Festival
12/12/2023	N/R	Wriggly Nativity Performance for Parents 9:30–10.15am, 2:15–3pm
14/12/2023	N-6	Elf Run Primary - details to follow
14/12/2023	N/R	Wriggly Nativity Performance for Parents 9:30 – 10.15am
15/12/2023	N-11	Christmas Jumper (Save the children) Day
15/12/2023	N-6	Primary Christmas Lunch
W/c 18/12/2023	All	Christmas Appeal Delivery
W/c 18/12/2023	7-11	Secondary Christmas Lunch
18/12/2023	4/ Choir	Carols by candlelight 2:15pm
18/12/2023	R-6	Christmas Parties. Children can bring treats from home.
19/12/2023	R-6	Rewards afternoon - Christmas Films/ Hot Choc
20/12/2023	N/R	Christmas Children's Entertainer
21/12/2023	5 - 6	Santa Visit - Santa will visit the Y5/6 classrooms to drop off gifts.
21/12/2023	N-4	Santa Visit 12:30-3pm - Individual visit to collect a gift.
22/12/2023	5-11	Staff Pantomime
22/12/2023	N-11	Non Uniform day - Finish at 12.30pm



Wednesday December 6th

SEND
Parents Drop In
8:30 - 10:30
@The Hub

Does your child/young person need support with SEND needs?

Do you have questions about SEND or mental health provision in Blackpool?

Come and meet the school SEND team and external agencies involved in supporting young people in Blackpool.





The Children's Commissioner for England has recently launched 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children, young people and parents across the country.

We want to hear from all children, in every part of the country and in every setting.

This is your chance to tell key policymakers what is important to you ahead of the general election. Take part now and ensure your needs are reflected in the decisions that will affect you in years to come.

Scan the QR code to
take part



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www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

