



5th July 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We have had a very busy week in school this week with a number of events and activities including Y6/ 7 transition, primary transition day, visits and a Y11 prom. It has certainly been a tiring week and the weekend is in sight.

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.

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 our behaviour curriculum in primary this week we had a continued focus on '**Knowing and Following Rules**'. In assembly on Monday, we played a game of behaviour charades. Some of our fabulous Year 4 children took centre stage and acted out different scenarios and the rest of us had to give thumbs up or down to show the type of choice. It really gave us something to think about! Next week, we are moving onto '**Showing Kindness and Involving Others**'. In Secondary this week, they focused on '**Following Requests and Instructions**'. This is part of our work on '**Repair & Rebuild**' relationships. Next week, we move onto '**Seeking to Make Amends**'.

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

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

- We have had a fantastic couple of days of Year 6 into 7 transition this week. The students have been excellent and we are very excited for them to join us.
- Our primary children have all enjoyed a day with their new teachers today. The students have taken to this really well and hopefully all had a good day.
- Our prefects have been an amazing support to our new Year 7 starters this week and to parents at transition evening. Well done to them for being an absolute credit to our school.
- The choir performed at the cenotaph in Blackpool at the weekend for Armed Forces Day. They all represented the academy incredibly well (despite the weather!).
- Our new reading club for secondary students is extremely popular and is at capacity. The students have read 12 chapters of their book in two weeks!



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. 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>

Tangerine Day - 17th July 2024 (All Parents/ Carers)

On this day we will hold primary and secondary inter-FCAT tournaments on the 3G pitch as well as renaming the pitch in memory of Chris Lickiss. On this day children are invited to wear items of tangerine or if they don't have any items of tangerine, football shirts. This will be in return for a minimum of a £1 donation which will be made to cancer charities which Chris identified before he passed away. We would love to raise a minimum of £1000 on the day to donate in Chris's memory. Parent Pay links will be set up in due course but we can accept cash donations on the day.

Primary Newsletter (Primary Parents/ Carers)

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

Blackpool Talking Therapies Team

We have been contacted by the Blackpool Talking Therapies Team and they wish to promote their service.



We recognise that many parents, at times, may need additional support and we are able to offer a range of free NHS talking therapies, recommended by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) for common mental health problems such as depression and anxiety. As well as 1:1 support we deliver a range of courses and one-off webinars. All treatment options are open to residents in Blackpool and Cleveleys. Additionally, we are able to offer our online webinars and courses to people who live, work or study in Lancashire and South Cumbria. Click the following link for more information and to self-refer. <https://www.blackpoolteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/services/talking-therapies>

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.

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>
8-10th	Year 6	Year 6 transition afternoons continue
8th July	Year 1	Performance/Exhibition of work to Parents
8th July	Year 10	Y10 Bpool 6th Form trip
9th July	Secondary	Geography Field Trip
10th July	Year 5	Shakespeare Play Performance
10th July	Year 4	MFL Celebration event at Armfield Academy
12th - 15th July	Year 9/10	France Trip
w/c- 15th July	Reception	Reception Post Box Trip
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 to follow
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 New Term Starts: Wednesday 4th September 2024