

6th October 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Thank you to all the students who volunteered to help with our open evening last night and to all the current families who came along to support. I also wanted to offer a special thanks to the volunteer leaders from 57th Blackpool Scout Group who volunteered their time not just for this event but on a weekly basis to make this extra curricular opportunity available to our students.

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

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

- In what is becoming a recurring theme, year 7 sung at me in French this week! A great performance of the work they have been learning.
- Mr. Grace's groups have been very excited about creating Photoshop images this week. I appear to have attended multiple Taylor Swift conferences this week without leaving school!
- Well done to Tyler E and Lucas A for their consistent exemplary behaviour at after school club. They are great role models to other students.
- A huge thank you to the year 7 students who helped out with the transition feedback. The students were very positive about experiences so far, particularly their Head of Year, Miss. Pike.
- Our Y6 children were an absolute delight on the residential this week. The staff and students all had a great time, although they were very tired when they returned to school!

PAUSE - Attendance Last Week (All Parents/ Carers)

Well done to the many children who have 100% attendance and to those who have worked hard to improve their attendance towards the minimum target of 96% for all children. Attending every day on time is of vital importance. Currently, the attendance of some children is below 90%. This is unacceptably low and is considered to be persistent absence. Please work with staff in school to support attendance improvements.

Reporting Bullying or Pastoral Concerns (All Parents/ Carers)

If any parent/ carer needs to raise a bullying or pastoral concern, there is a link on the website to do so. I review each concern raised and staff are then allocated to deal with the concern. Simply click on 'Menu' and under the 'Parents' heading choose 'Raise a concern' or [click here](#).

6th November 2023 - INSET Day (All Parents/ Carers)

The 6th November 2023 is an INSET day. Only staff should attend on this day.



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Parking (all parents/carers)

We continue to receive complaints from residents about dangerous and often illegal parking at the start and end of the day. I would politely remind everyone of the need to be respectful to our neighbours and park legally when picking up and dropping off. Local residents continue to lobby the council for increased civil enforcement of parking issues.

Uniform consultation (all parents/carers)

At some point in the next two weeks you will receive a link to the consultation on uniform for next year. This is following the student consultation. This will be a quick survey with the option for you to detail any things you want us to consider. We will also be asking parents of primary aged children to complete it using an iPad at drop off/pick up so we can get as many views as possible.

No decision has been made on any uniform changes. We are at the consultation stage only.

World Mental Health Day parents/carer drop in (all parents/carers)

A reminder of the world mental health day drop in on the 12th October between 8:30 - 10:30 in the community hub (entrance through the old nursery entrance). Lots of external agencies are coming along to support the event and it is open to anyone to come along. [The flyer is also online here.](#)

And finally...

A reminder that we close for 2 weeks for half term on the 20th October 2023 and reopen on the 7th November 2023. As noted above the 6th November is an INSET day.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. S. Cooke
Headteacher