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Dear Parents / Carers,

As we reach the end of a very busy first half-term, we want to say a huge thank you for your continued support. It has been a period of significant change, with new routines and higher expectations introduced across the school, and we have been incredibly impressed with how well our pupils have responded.

The vast majority of pupils have embraced these new challenges with enthusiasm and a positive attitude.. We are very proud of the progress they are making and the mature way they have adapted. A small number of pupils are still finding it a little difficult to adjust and consistently meet our higher expectations. We will be working closely with these individuals and their families after the break to provide extra help and ensure they have all the support they need to succeed.

We hope that you and your children have a wonderful, safe, and restful half-term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday, November 3rd.

What have we been up to this week?

The highlight of this week in Primary has definitely got to be the Year 3 and 4 Times Tables Rock Stars day yesterday! The children and staff really went to town with their outfits and had several times tables battle of the bands throughout the day! Ms Brayne and her class were extremely disappointed that they were not crowned the champions...Miss Purdy and her class though were on top of the world to be the winners! There was lots of competitiveness, humour and rock music! An all-round fantastic day!

Mr Cooper took 10 children to Hounds Hill yesterday to see the unveiling of the Eco Turtle. The bottle tops the children brought in last half term were used by an artist to create a sea turtle which highlights the powers of reusing, recycling and caring for our planet. It is a visual representation of how small actions can make a big difference. The Eco Turtle will move to its new home at Unity in December!

Mrs Bradshaw took 10 children from Year 5 to Blackpool 6th Form for a Creative Movement Event. The children took part in dance, drama and singing workshops culminating in a performance at the end presenting what they had learnt. The children had a really fantastic time and enjoyed seeing the college. They were excellent representatives of Unity and we even received positive comments from other schools about our children.

RRS Behaviour Curriculum - In primary this week we have used the CitizenAID story 'Moggy's Coming' again which is a lovely story that the children know and enjoy. It supports children's understanding of staying safe in a non-threatening manner. It is done in a sensitive and engaging way to promote discussion about how to keep and stay safe in an emergency. We will come back to this story at various points throughout the year.



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This week, our focus in the secondary Ready, Respectful, Safe (RRS) curriculum has been on the importance of showing respect to staff. Some students have needed reminders about the language and tone we use when communicating with adults, prompting valuable discussions about respect as a cornerstone of our school community. The theme has been linked to wider ideas of human rights, societal freedom, and British values, encouraging students to think about how mutual respect supports positive relationships and a fair society. This message has also been reinforced through assemblies this week.

In other news, Year 7 students have enjoyed visits to UCLan in Preston over the past two days (with two forms attending each day) to take part in an inspiring careers event. The trip offered students an exciting glimpse into university life and helped them start thinking about future opportunities.

As we approach the half-term break, I hope everyone takes time to rest and recharge. We know many students will be enjoying the Halloween festivities, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back, ready to go again for the second half of term. A reminder that Year 11 mock exams are fast approaching, and we wish all our students well as they prepare. We're also looking forward to our Year 7 Settling-In Evening on Tuesday, 5th November, an important opportunity for families to meet with tutors and discuss how well our newest students have settled into secondary school life.

[New Messages](#)

Halloween

Please find attached a link with details regarding how to keep children safe this Halloween. [Click here](#)

[Repeated Messages](#)

Primary Tours

Following our successful Open Evening event last week, there are two additional primary tour dates booked in for Friday, 28th November at 10:30 am and Monday, 12th January at 9:45 am - please share these dates with anyone who has a child due to start in Reception for September 2026. To book onto a tour, please contact the school office on 01253 355493.

Primary Expectations

At our recent primary Meet the Teacher session, we shared slides of our expectations in regard to the children's behaviour, attitude, attendance and home learning etc. For those of you who couldn't make it, we have sent out a copy of the slides the class teachers used. Please read through them so that both home and school are on the same page regarding meeting our expectations. Please can we ask all parents/carers to [click here to sign the Google form](#)



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to confirm that you attended Meet the Teacher and/or you have received and read the expectations slides, and you agree to support your child in meeting our expectations. Thank you!

Standing Messages

Primary Newsletter (Primary Parents/ Carers) - Please [click here](#) to view the primary newsletter.

My Child at School App (All Parents/ Carers)

[Please click here](#) for a link to the site. If you access this on a mobile device, you can access the links for the apps. If you have not signed up, please download the app from the relevant app store, click 'sign up' and use the school postcode (FY2 0TS) or school ID (14676) to register. You must register with the email address we hold on our system for you. Parents are now able to access attendance information on the My Child at School app, and behaviour reports (Positive and Negative) are now also available.

Reporting Bullying/ Pastoral Concerns (All Parents/ Carers)

As usual, this has closed for the half term break and will be reopened at the start of half term 2.

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. J. Connolly
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