



# Newsletter

Friday 22nd September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have now all settled down and school is incredibly focussed, which is lovely to see. The classrooms are full of children working hard and enjoying their learning. The weather has changed a little over the last few days and many children have not brought coats into school. As we go out in all sorts of weather, please ensure that there is a coat in school every day for your child to wear, even if it is a mac that can be kept in their school bag just for rainy weather.

Best wishes.  
Mrs Gill Finney,  
Headteacher.



## Dates For Your Diary

Please check dates on every newsletter as new dates are **always** added. New dates will be printed in **red**.

- 27.09.23 - Winmarleigh Meeting for Year 6 parents
- 28.09.23 - Bikeability for Year 6
- 02.10.23 - Nasal Flu Vaccinations in school
- 02.10.23 - Grandparents Visiting Week in celebration of Grandparents Day on 01.10.23 - more details to follow for specific class visiting times
- 04.10.23 - Harvest to support Street Life – 9.00am - donations to be brought into school please
- 05.10.23 - Bikeability for Year 6
- 09.10.23 – Open Week for prospective parents - appointments to be made through the school office
- 16.10.23 – Parents' Evening for all year groups – 3.30 – 6.30pm – mixture of face to face meetings in school and telephone calls
- 17.10.23 – EYFS Parents' Evening only – 3.30 – 6.30pm – mixture of face to face meetings in school and telephone calls
- 18.10.23 – Parents' Evening for Years 1 - 6 – 3.30 – 6.30pm – mixture of face to face meetings in school and telephone calls
- 20.10.23 - Break up for half term - 3.20pm
- 30.10.23 - Return to school - 8.45am
- 07.12.23 – The Pantomime at The Grand Theatre – children need to be in school for 8.30am to ensure arrival at The Grand on time
- 08.12.23 - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch Day
- 12.12.23 – KS1 Dress Rehearsal – 1.30pm for school children and staff
- 13.12.23 – KS1 Performance – 9.15am for parents
- 14.12.23 – KS1 Performance – 1.30pm for parents
- 15.12.23 – KS2 Carol Concert at St Johns – 2pm for parents
- 18.12.23 – Years 5 and 6 Party all day - children in own clothes

## Goodbye



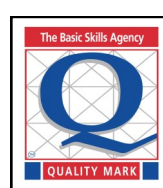
We say goodbye to Miss Bennett at the end of this half term. She has decided to leave teaching and start a different career, which she feels will give her more time to spend with her family.

I would like to thank her for all her work in school over the years and to wish her all the very best as she moves on. I am sure you will all want to join me in doing so too.

## House Captains

Congratulations to our new chosen House Captains in Year 6.

Saxons - Heidi and Freddie  
Romans - Archie and Ada  
Danes - Autumn and Poppy  
Normans - Harry-James and Mia



## Merit Winners—Well done Everyone!

### Friday 15th September 2023

Reception - Not in assembly yet

Year 1 - Scarlett Pickup and Ella-Mae Whittaker

Year 2 - Elbie Collinge and Pippa Millwood

Year 3 - Jamie-Anne Smalley and Barnaby Brooks

Year 4 - Joshua Cookson and Brody Hatch

Year 5 - Isla Watson and Ben Dickinson

Year 6 - Aoife Brooks

Headteacher's Award— Everyone in School

Kindness Award - Primrose Savage

Lunchtime Awards - Year 6 and Tyler Williams

### Friday 22nd September 2023

Reception - Isla-Grace Richardson and Lewis Green

Year 1 - Tallulah Greaves and Roman Bramley

Year 2 - Jude Cooper and Penelope Lavery

Year 3 - Rhys Hadfield and Lilly Anderson

Year 4 - Daniella Pickup and Izzy Sugden

Year 5 - Will Shaw and Phoebe Sweeney

Year 6 - Rosie Smyth and Charlie Farquhar

Headteacher's Award— Erika Ingham

Deputy Headteacher's Award - Primrose Savage

Kindness Award - Lilian Ball

Lunchtime Awards - James Smalley and Heidi Barrans

Attendance - Reception and Year 3



## Places Available

Just to let you know that we have places available in Reception and Years 4 and 5 if you know of anyone wanting a place or who is moving into the area, please let them know. They will then need to contact The Admissions Team on 01524 581112, where arrangements will be made for you.

### Secondary School and Reception on-line Applications



Parents are now able to access the on-line admission forms for High School and Reception places for September 2024. This can be accessed through [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools) or the QR code above.

**Closing dates for secondary applications—31st October 2023 .**

**Closing dates for Reception places—15th January 2024.**

**Please apply in plenty of time.**

## Yoga Day in School

We had a wonderful day of Yoga this week, which many of the children enjoyed. It is so important to expose the children to many different forms of exercise and wellbeing, with this just being one of the many things planned for the year.

The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and learnt some new things! I would like to thank Mrs Weston for organising the day for us.

## Children Being Collected by Older Siblings

Everyone should have received a letter this week regarding our school children being picked up by older High School siblings.

Please note that if we have not received your completed form by

**Monday 25th September 2023**

regarding who will be picking children up and on which days, we will not release the children in our care to them and we will need to contact you.

Many thanks for your understanding.

## Welcome to our Reception Class

The Reception Class have all settled in so well it has been wonderful to see. Below is the picture they have recently had taken by The Gazette. I am sure you will all agree that they look very smart!



## Open Week for Reception 2024 parents

Just to let you know that our Open Week starts on 9th October 2023. Appointments can be made for the week so that parents can come in and see the school at work. Appointments can be made for morning or afternoon, so please phone the Office on 01253 823420.



## Volunteers in School

We have some people who help us in school, but would always welcome others. A letter went out this week regarding volunteers so if you are interested, you would need to complete a DBS form (information from the Office) and attend **Safeguarding training on Thursday 28th September in the School Hall at 1.15pm.**

Please let either myself or the Office know if you are interested. We look forward to hearing from you.



## Congratulations Toby!

Toby in Year 3, has been offered the opportunity of joining Blackpool FC Academy for the 2023/2024 season as an Under 9.

This is wonderful news for Toby and the family. They are so very proud of him and so am I. Well done Toby! Keep up the good work!



## Free - School Meals

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Your child may also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

- younger than the [compulsory age for starting school](#)
- in full-time education

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on 31 March 2023.

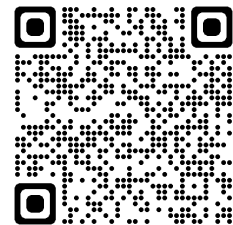
### Infant free school meals in England

Your child will be able to get free school meals if they're in a government-funded school and in:

- Reception class
- Year 1
- Year 2

A copy of the form and the link to the website is: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/?page=3>

A QR Code has also been included here.



**Tell your local authority if you also get any of the qualifying benefits.**  
**Your child's school can get extra funding if you do.**