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# The Newsletter Autumn term no. 8– 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Up-date since the last newsletter:**

- If your child is in Reception, a proof/order form has been sent home on Monday for the First Days ABC Portraits photograph. Photographs can be ordered either online at <a href="www.lancashirepost.eventbrite.co.uk">www.lancashirepost.eventbrite.co.uk</a>. or by telephone 0330 403 3004. The deadline for ordering is Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October (please see letter attached). The 'First Class' souvenir edition will be published in the Lancashire Post on the 6th November. These special supplements will feature full colour pictures of Reception classes from schools across the area.
- Y1 enjoyed their walk to Longton Library on Tuesday. They took part in Halloween crafts and stories.
- Year 6 completed their Bikeability course this week and will be awarded their certificates and badges. Everyone who took part has passed all the modules. The children have learnt skills and confidence to become safer cyclists on the road. Thank you to all the staff at South Ribble Council.

### Coming up after half term:

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** No drumming lessons this week due to Adam being on tour. Parents have

been contacted regarding this.

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November** Flu Immunisation Vaccination Programme by Intrahealth on for children

(Reception - Y6).

**Wednesday 5th November** School Meal Promotion 'Bonfire Lunch' for anyone who doesn't normally

have a school lunch. The meal served is Hot Dog & Tomato Ketchup or Catherine Wheel Pizza served with Fries, Sweetcorn or Baked Beans followed by Sparkler Cupcake. If your child is normally on packed lunches and would like a school meal on this date, please complete the slip (newsletter no.7) and return to school by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November and make

the payment of £2.90 on ParentPay (Years 3-6).

**Friday 7**th **November** Y5 visit to Rock & River Centre, Mawdesley for a day of outdoor adventure.

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November** Freddy Fit will be in school all day to work with every class promoting

fitness and healthy eating. The day is funded from the Sport Premium

budget that primary schools receive from the Government.

**Friday 14th November** Children in Need Fundraising Day. The School Council are busy organising the

day. They have asked if all the children could come to school either in their

pyjamas or wearing something spotty in return for a donation of £1.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November**Y5 Parent Assembly in the hall at 2.40pm. Y5 will be presenting their assembly

on the theme of 'It's Good to be Me' as part of National Anti -Bullying Week.

Parents are welcome at 2.40pm.

Monday 17th November Y4 Sacramental Programme meeting for parents at 6.30pm in church to

discuss the programme and the commitment that it will mean over the

coming months until your child makes their First Holy Communion in May

(letter sent home 8th October).

It is important that you attend the meeting. If you are unable to

attend, please contact Fr. Michael on 01772 612136.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November** EYFS Maths Workshop 2-3pm (details to follow).

Friday 21st November Reception visit to British Commercial Vehicle Museum (letter issued 2<sup>nd</sup>

October).

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November**Y3 will be presenting their assembly for parents on the theme of Advent at

2.40pm in the school hall.

#### **Wednesday Word:**

A copy of the "Wednesday Word" has been emailed to all parents. This is a weekly resource sent by Catholic schools to parents to reflect on the upcoming Sunday's Gospel. It provides a short, family-friendly discussion topic to help parents discuss their faith with their children and strengthen family relationships. The resource aims to bridge the gap between school and home by connecting the school community with the local church through the Gospel. After half-term, this will be sent out electronically each Wednesday.

#### **Community News:**

Longton Carnival Committee have asked us to share the Halloween Trail on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November (please see flyer attached).

Players in Education Drama Club (privately run), will begin their Christmas course on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November and is open to all pupils. If you wish to apply for a place, please click on the link below (see flyer attached): https://www.playersdramaschool.co.uk/players-in-education

and finally....

You may have noticed that we own a new defibrillator which has been kindly purchased by the PTFA! It is situated on the external wall by the school office and is available for the school, parish and local community. The school is signed up to <a href="https://doi.org/10.1001/jhearth-school">The Circuit</a>, the national defibrillator network which helps people identify their closest defibrillator in an emergency situation.

If you are interested in learning how to use a defibrillator or how to offer CPR in an emergency, visit this website: <a href="https://www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/how-to-save-a-life/defibrillators">https://www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/how-to-save-a-life/defibrillators</a>

Thank you for all the support that you have given to your child over the last 8 weeks and for making me feel welcome. Have a safe and happy half term!

Yours sincerely

C Hough Headteacher