# BENJAMIN HARGREAVES NEWSLETTER

06.11.26



## 1. FACEBOOK USE CHANGE

You have probably noticed that we have not posted on our Facebook page for a number of weeks. This is because we have recently undertaken a review of our safeguarding procedures and considered the increasing safeguarding challenges associated with the online world, including the inappropriate use of artificial intelligence (AI) and the misuse of images shared online.

As part of this review, we have carefully considered how photographs of children are used on social media and other public platforms. While we are incredibly proud of the achievements, learning and experiences that take place in school, our priority must always be the safety and wellbeing of our pupils.

Moving forward, where photographs are shared, they will not identify individual children. Images may be taken from behind, from a distance, or focus on children's learning activities and achievements rather than faces. This approach allows us to continue celebrating school life with our community while taking a thoughtful and proactive stance towards safeguarding and protecting children's privacy in an increasingly complex digital world.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we continue to adapt our practices to ensure Benjamin Hargreaves CE Primary Academy remains a safe environment for all children, both in school and online.

## 2. QUICK INFORMATION

- Free School Meal reminder: If you are on Universal Credit, apply for Free School Meals regardless of your child's age (even if they are in Reception, Year 1, or Year 2). Apply here. It takes up to 5 minutes. If you need any help, come and speak to us, and we will help you complete the online form.
- Please remember: if you change any of your contact details (address, email, or mobile number), please let Mrs Buckley know.
- We will continue to sell Poppies during the week beginning 9th November. Please send your child to school with a donation to purchase different items. Poppies will also be available at the end of the day.
- Happy Diwali to any of our families celebrating this special festival. We wish you joy, happiness, light and prosperity. 🪔✨
- Over the coming months, we will place greater focus on our school values of **love**, **kindness**, **forgiveness**, **honesty**, **respect**, and **compassion**. Our first focus will be on respect and love. Over the next few weeks, children will explore what respect means and how they can show it through their words, actions and attitudes. We will encourage children to respect themselves, others and the world around them, helping to strengthen our caring and positive school community.

## 3. DATES FOR THE DIARY

**AUTUMN 2 DATES**

Tuesday 10th November - Class 1 Come and Learn - 9 am
Tuesday 10th November - NHS Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 11th November - Class 5 - Remembrance Service - 10:45 am (All welcome!)
Thursday 12th November - Class 4 visit to Haworth Art Gallery
Friday 13th November - Year 5 LTT Experience - The Snow Centre
Monday 16th November - ODD SOCKS DAY to start Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 16th November - Parents' Evening
Wednesday 18th November - Year 3/4 Hyndburn Sports Athletics Event - Selected children

**LONGER TERM DATES:**

Monday 16th November & Monday 22nd March - Parents' Evening
Tuesday 15th December - Class 1 & 2 Nativity - 9:15 am / Class 4 Christingle - 2:30 pm
Friday 5th March - Class 1 Mother's Day celebration - 2:30 pm
Wednesday 24th March - Class 2 Easter Worship - 9 am
Thursday 17th June - Father's Day Worship - Class 1 - 9 am
Friday 25th June - Sports Day
Tuesday 29th June - LTT Dance Festival (LATE NIGHT)
Tuesday 20th July - Year 6 Leavers Production - 6 pm
Wednesday 21st July - Year 6 Leavers Worship - 9:30 am

## 4. SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

As part of our commitment to safeguarding and protecting the privacy of everyone in our school community, Meta Glasses and other smart glasses are not permitted on school premises or during school activities. While these devices may look like ordinary glasses, they can record video and audio, take photographs, access online content and, in some cases, livestream. These capabilities present significant safeguarding and privacy concerns within a school environment. All pupils, staff and visitors have the right to feel safe and protected from unauthorised recording. Children who require glasses for vision purposes should continue to wear standard prescription eyewear. We ask all parents and carers to support this approach by ensuring that Meta Glasses or similar smart devices are not brought into school.







# Talk with your child about...




## Let's look at this week's story

British adventurer Karl Bushby has returned to the UK, after spending almost 28 years travelling around the world on an incredible journey home. Since leaving Chile in 1998, he has travelled through jungles, deserts and icy landscapes, even swimming across seas to continue his adventure. Karl's journey has been filled with amazing experiences, challenges and achievements.

## Reflection

A destination can give us something to aim for, but the journey can give us opportunities to learn, grow and discover who we are.

## British Values

I Really Do Matter!

Individual Liberty | Rule of Law | Democracy | Mutual Respect and Tolerance

Which British value do you think this week's story highlights?

Karl's journey links to Rule of Law, because following the laws and rules of the countries he travelled through helped him travel safely and responsibly.

As Karl travelled through different countries, he had opportunities to learn about different cultures, traditions and ways of life, highlighting Mutual Respect and Tolerance.

Do you agree with either person, or think something different?

## Protected Characteristics

Which protected characteristic do you think this week's story highlights?

Karl's journey shows that people can achieve amazing things at different ages. It reminds us not to judge what someone can do based on how old they are.

Share your thoughts. Do you agree?

Sex | Who People Love | Age | Disability | Being Yourself | Marriage and Civil Partnership | Pregnancy and Maternity | Race | Religion or Belief

## UN Rights of the Child

Children have the right to enjoy their own culture, language and religion. Karl's travels remind us about the importance of respecting different cultures and traditions around the world.

30 MINORITY CULTURE, LANGUAGE AND RELIGION

## Prayer

Dear God,

Thank You for the journeys we take and the things we learn along the way.

Help us to be patient when things are difficult, to learn from our experiences and to appreciate the people who walk alongside us.

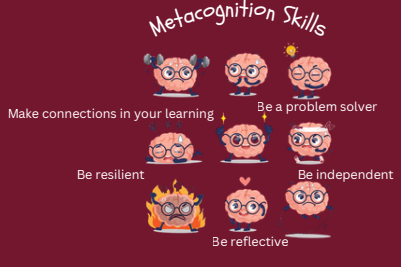
Guide us as we work towards our goals.

Amen.

Vision link

Discuss...

- What do you think about the quote below?




> "Travel far enough, you meet yourself."
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> David Mitchell – author

# Blast off with Comets!

A safe space for disabled children aged 5 - 11 to kickstart their football journey

COMETS
Disability + Football




Scan here to see Comets in action!

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| Time and Date: | Every Tuesdays 5-6pm |
| Location: | Stanley Sports Hub, Thorneyholme Rd, Accrington, BB5 6BD |
| Contact: | Amber Kenyon |
| Phone: | 01254 475013 |
| Email: | Amber.Kenyon@stanleytrust.co.uk |

ENGLAND FOOTBALL

Get in touch to book your first session




Our official ‘OPEN WEEK’ has now ended. However, if you know of a family who would like to have a look around our school, please let them know to telephone us to book an appointment to view the school.

# Secondary School Admissions

The deadline to apply for secondary school has now passed. If you haven't, please contact the admissions team as soon as possible.



The Methodist Church & Heritage Shop

# Hyndburn Uniform Hubs

The Methodist Church & Heritage Shop

## Volunteer Service Providing
## Pre - Loved School Uniforms & Shoes
## for FREE at your Local Methodist Church



You can also drop off out grown uniform
or come and swap for a bigger size,
at any of the participating hubs.

**Rhyddings Methodist Church**
Chapel St, Oswaldtwistle BB5 3EP
For Parking Access: Watson St. BB5 3HH

**Cambridge St Methodist Church**
32 Lodge St, Accrington, BB5 6EH

**Antley Methodist Church**
Blackburn Rd , Accrington, BB5 ODE

For more information including dates, times and which hub supports your school:

Find Us On Facebook
www.facebook/hyndburnuniformhubs

Or Scan QR CODE

Email: hyndburnuniformhubs@hotmail.com

# Together We Thrive

formerly Families First

## A welcoming drop-in dedicated to prioritizing YOU.

**We cater for everyone, from the youngest to the oldest, whether you're single or part of a multi-generational family**

## HELP FOR ALL

Support and Advice for All Ages

## Join us for a Community drop in!

**Come along for FREE support and the chance to chat with a range of local services.**

Date: 1st Monday Of Every Month
Location: Rhyddings Methodist Church
Oswaldtwistle, BB5 3HH Time: 1pm ~ 3pm

LANCASHIRE FAMILY HUBS NETWORK

Lancashire County Council

NHS
Lancashire &
South Cumbria
NHS Foundation Trust

# East Lancashire
# Young People's Mental Health

## Concerned about your Mental Health?
## Are you under 18 or concerned about someone under 18?

**Advice sessions are available on-line via**
**'Attend Anywhere'**
**Delivered by CYPMH East**
**tinyurl.com/ELCAS-LSCFT**

**Enter the word "CYPMH East" as the first name and "drop in" as the second name followed by your date of birth.**
**You will then enter our virtual waiting area where we will collect you.**

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| 1st - 4th Wednesday of the month | 1pm – 3pm |
| 2nd Wednesday of the month | 3pm – 5pm |
| 3rd Wednesday of the month | 5pm – 7pm |