



'Let your light shine!'

Our Christian Value this half term is Respect

Friday 19th October 2018

What a great first half term we have had. Thank you to everyone for your part in helping the children to settle into new classes and routines so well. School restarts on Monday 29th October at 8.45am. The first two Thursdays of next half term we are having special assemblies for All Saints Day and Remembrance Day and parents are very welcome to join us for these services in school. Have a great holiday and please remember if you visit a Church on holiday take a photo and bring it into school for our Christianity around the World Display.

Mrs Adams

Star of the week!

Our stars of the week this week are;

Reception	Jody-Rose & Jack
Year 1	Noah & Erin
Year 2	Katie & James M
Year 3	Grace & Harry
Year 4	Connor & Jeanette
Year 5	Angel & Charlie Gw
Year 6	Zak & Thomas P



KS2 Merit Badge Winners

Class	Red – Ruby	Blue – Sapphire	Green - Emerald	Yellow – Amber
Y3	Isla	Freya	Jasmine	Grace
Y4	Hettie	Emily	Kiera L	Lucia
Y5	Millie	Veer	Chloe	Marvyn
Y6	Charlie	Kyle L	Zak	Thomas P

Half termly House points

Ruby	Amber	Sapphire	Emerald
2025	2325	2760	2185

Nursery Outdoor Area Development

We are currently looking at developing the outdoor area for our new nursery to create an imaginative and innovative play area. We would like to develop the unused stepped area beside the nursery (this was previously the library). Our proposed design includes a three tier play area with a range of safe surfaces, an integral staging area and a sand pit and climbing/sliding equipment. The Big Lottery Fund are keen to hear parent’s views which will support our bid. If the bid is successful it will fund a large proportion of the project. We would be very grateful for your support by

completing the survey via the school website (parent log in, surveys tab) or via the school spider app on your mobile phone or tablet.

Bishops Appeal and Seeds of Grace

Thank you for your support purchasing popcorn kindly made by FMS members & other parents and volunteers. This has raised £65.00 split between the Bishops Appeal and Seeds of Grace.

Mobile Phones

A reminder that our school policy is that mobile phones can only be brought into school with permission from parents and they cannot be used on school grounds. If you have not consented already please can you ensure you sign the approval for us so that we know that you have given permission and your child understands the rules regarding storing the mobile phones. If your child brings a phone in after half term and we do not have a permission from you we will contact you to collect the phone from the school office rather than return it to your child.

Please help us with GDPR, Consent, School Photographs etc

On the Wednesday after half term, Tempest Photography will be taking individual photographs of all children in school. We are unable to take any photographs of your child if you have not yet given your consent using the survey that has been sent out to all parents. This can be accessed via the website by clicking on the parent log in (this will not work on a mobile phone or tablet) or by downloading the school spider app on your mobile or tablet. You will need to click on the settings symbol (cog wheel) at the top of the page to log in.

The survey is very simple and you just need to click on a radio button answering yes or no for each question. Since GDPR came into force in May the questions we need to ask are much more detailed. The survey system has been invaluable and we would like to thank the 85% of parents that are now using this system. If you need any help accessing the website parent log in / spider app there will be an informal drop in session for parents from 3pm-3.30pm on Monday 29th October.

World War 1 Remembrance Week

As part of our World War 1 Remembrance Week we have been invited by St. Leonard's Parish Church to join them in making poppies to go on display outside of Church. We would be very grateful if over the holidays children could collect and bring into school clean large Coke and Lemonade bottles which will be used to create poppies. We are also collecting cardboard.

School Lunches Reminder

The new Autumn/Winter menu is now available online for ParentPay bookings. *To ensure that your child receives the meal of their choice, it is important to keep school lunch orders up to date.*



****Special Lunches****

There are two special themed lunches when we return after the half term break;

Bonfire themed lunch on **Monday 5th November**
World War 1 themed lunch on **Thursday 8th November**
Christmas Dinner (*Christmas Jumpers*) on **Friday 14th December**



Food Technology

Just a reminder that if your child is taking part or has already taken part in a food tech lesson, the cost towards ingredients is still £1.50, this can be paid at the school office or online via scopay. A text message is sent out to the parents of the children concerned, a week prior to their lesson taking place.

St Leonard's Church Christmas Tree Festival

Jingle bells, Jingle bells... On 24th & 25th November 2018 St Leonard's Church will be holding their annual Christmas Tree Festival. This year we hope to enter a tree which reflects our commitment to



cutting back on waste and becoming an eco-friendly school. We are asking families if they would kindly join together and make their own 'up-cycled' Christmas decoration. Once the festival is over the tree will be returned to school and become our school Christmas tree. If children could please bring in their decorations on 20th November for assembling on the tree that week. Many thanks.

Attendance

It is really important that your child attends school every day. The government level at which a child is considered a persistent absentee and therefore at risk of not making the progress they should in school is 90%. At the end of each half term we will send out a letter to any parents where a child has attendance below this figure and if we are not aware of extenuating circumstances for the absence will ask you to come in for a meeting to discuss ways we can improve their absence. Once attendance falls below 85% it is likely that we will have to request support from the county attendance team for your child.

Watch this space – Seesaw

After half term we will be launching Seesaw for parents. This is a means of seeing your child's work and activities by using an APP. We feel this will be a great opportunity for us to share parts of your child's learning journey in school with you. Before we launch this we will need all the parents in each class to agree to us sharing photos of your child with other parents in the class as sometimes your child may be on a photo of another child. Please watch out for a letter requesting consent and also a parent session where we will show you how this will work.

FMS News

Family Fun Night Friday 7th December

If you would like to help at this event please get in touch with the school office or a member of the FMS.

The next FMS Meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th November 2018 at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Dates for the year 2018 – 2019

Monday 29th October 8.45am	School Re-opens
Monday 29th October 3.00pm – 3.30pm	Drop in session for parents that need help accessing the parent log on the website or the spider app.
Wednesday 31st October Morning	Individual School photographs taken by Tempest photography. (Please ensure you have completed your online image consent)
Wednesday 31st October	Closing date for 2019 High School applications
Thursday 1st November 9am	All Saints Day service in school. All welcome to attend.
Thursday 1st November	Y4 Visit to Blackpool Illuminations
Monday 5th to Friday 9th November	WW1 Week
Monday 5th November	Bonfire Special School Lunch
Tuesday 6th November 6pm	FMS Meeting
Thursday 8th November 9am	Remembrance Day service in school. All welcome to attend.
Thursday 8th November	WW1 Special School Lunch
Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th November	St Leonard's Christmas Tree Festival
Monday 26th November	Nasal Flu Immunisations Rec – Y5
Sunday 2nd December 10.30am – 11.30am	Education Sunday service in school

Friday 7 th December 6pm	FMS Family Fun Night
Tuesday 11 th December Afternoon	Key Stage one Christmas performance
Wednesday 12 th December Morning	Key Stage one Christmas performance
Wednesday 12 th December Afternoon and evening	Key Stage two Christmas performance
Friday 14 th December Morning	EYFS performance
Friday 14 th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas jumper day
Monday 17 th December	Christmas party key stage one
Tuesday 18 th December	Christmas party key stage two
Friday 21 st December	School closes 2pm

Thursday 25 th February pm and evening	WRIST celebration of Friendship year 5
Thursday 14 th March pm and evening	Sing together Blackburn King Georges Hall year 6
Monday 25 th March 1.30-3.30pm	Parent teacher meetings
Wednesday 27 th March 3.30-6.00pm	Parent teacher meetings
Thursday 4 th April	Easter service at church
Thursday 4 th April	Easter Bake off

Wednesday 8 th May	May Day celebrations
Thursday 9 th May	May Day celebrations
Friday 10 th May	May Day celebrations
Week commencing 13 th May	Key Stage two SATS tests
Monday 17 th – Wednesday 19 th June	Y6 Residential trip to Tower Wood
Tuesday 2 nd July	Sports Day
Week commencing 8 th July	Healthy bodies, Healthy minds week
Thursday 11 th July morning	Leavers service in school for year 6
Thursday 11 th July evening	Year six prom
Friday 12 th July	Reports out
Thursday 18 th July	End of year church service.