



*'Let your light shine!'*

*Our Christian Value this half term is Hope*

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019**

I hope everyone has a lovely long weekend for the Bank Holiday. We look forward to seeing lots of you at our May Day Celebrations next week. Thank you to everyone who has replied to the letter about dancing at Penwortham Methodist Church on Saturday morning. If you would like to come along and haven't replied please let us know next week. It is always a lovely event and they love having our children there. Thank you to everyone who has replied to the Young Voices letter for children who are currently in years 3-5. We will be going ahead with this event as we have enough interest to do this, if you haven't replied please sign up now as we have to book our seats at the MEN arena by the end of May.

We are currently organising our staffing for next year and I know lots of people are keen to know which staff will be in each class next year. As soon as final decisions have been made we will share with staff and parents so please bear with us for a little while longer.

Have a great long weekend. Praying for some sunshine.

*Mrs Adams*

***Our stars of the week this week are;***

Minis	Jimmy & Molly
Reception	Delilah & Jacob
Year 1	Charlotte & Alex
Year 2	Oliver & Isla P
Year 3	Sian & Isla
Year 4	Zach & Sophie
Year 5	Lucy & Charlie Gw
Year 6	Leila & Issac



**KS2 Merit Badge Winners**

Class	Red – Ruby	Blue – Sapphire	Green - Emerald	Yellow – Amber
Y3	Sai	Wren	Keeva	Charlotte
Y4	Tommy	Emily	Anna	Lucia
Y5	James	Florence	Emerson	Anthony
Y6	Elvi	Leila	Theo	Issac

**Social Media**

Can I please remind everyone that most social media sites are appropriate for children aged 13 and over as we continue to have a large number of issues related to inappropriate use of social media, chatting on xbox which are spilling into school and causing many problems for us. Please monitor your children's use of their technology. A very big thank you to the parents who have responded so well to us and have supported us when problems have arisen, this is such a great help to us. Please also monitor the playing of games which are not age appropriate such as Fortnite which is not appropriate for young children and again causes us so many problems in school.

## **May Day Celebrations**

Our annual May Day celebrations are taking place on Thursday and Friday afternoons next week. Tickets will be going home with the children on Tuesday afternoon, please bring them with you when you come to watch the performances. The event will start from 1.30pm and will be finished by 3pm. If you are collecting your child to take them home for lunch on both or either day, they will be ready to leave school at 11.45am to be returned for 1pm please.

**Girls** should wear their own dress, white ankle socks and school pumps, they should also bring a small posy of flowers to carry.

**Boys** should wear a smart plain white polo shirt (short sleeved), grey or black socks, white ankle socks and school pumps.

## **Maypole Dancing at Penwortham Methodist Church – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

Our children who are performing at our May Day events in School have been invited to attend the May Day events at Penwortham Methodist Church on Saturday 11th May at 11.30am to dance at their event. A letter has been sent out for you to reply if you are able to attend. This is a great event which the children really enjoyed being part of last year. This is open to children in reception, year one and year two.

## **End of Year School Trips**

If a school trip has been organised for your child's class, you will have received a letter by email. There is a school spider survey for each class trip that needs to be completed please. If you haven't used the survey system for a little while, you will probably need to refresh it in order for a new survey to be displayed.

You can pay for your trip online via Scopay, where there is an option for you tick the consent box and type in any additional information that we need to be aware of. You can also pay by cash or cheque at the school office if you have problems accessing Scopay.

## **Booking & Payment Reminders – Thank you 😊**

As we are quickly approaching the end of another school year, we will shortly be sending out letters requesting payment of any outstanding balances. We are aiming to have all accounts up to date by the end of June please. It would be helpful to us if you could check both Scopay and ParentPay accounts and update any negative balances during this month. Any queries, please contact the school office. Thank you 😊

## **BIG Battery Hunt**

**Battery boxes have now been sent home. PLEASE help us with this campaign. Every year over 20 000 tonnes of batteries end up in landfill sites! Please note we can only accept the following batteries:**

**Please could we ask that any batteries which have two terminals be covered with a piece of sticky tape.**

This year we will be entering the **BIG** battery hunt competition. This initiative helps encourage young people in schools across the UK to think about the importance of recycling, and then challenges them to collect as many used batteries as they can. The aim is for each pupil to contribute to an overall total. So as soon as they arrive, each child will receive their own recycling battery box which they can fill and bring into school. Not only will we be helping promote the importance of recycling, this is a competition and as a school we stand to win one of these wonderful prizes:

- A 2-night class trip to the sustainability centre
- A 3-year subscription to MyMaths worth £1,000
- £2000 worth of school equipment vouchers

All battery boxes to please be returned to school by the 1 June. Happy recycling! Mrs van Zyl.

## Dates for your Diary 2018 – 2019

Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Celebrations
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 11.30 am	Maypole Dancing at Penwortham Methodist Church
Week commencing 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Key Stage two SATS tests
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Father's Day Lunches ( <i>Order forms have been sent home</i> )
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 19th June	Y6 Residential Trip to Tower Wood
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Sports Day (weather permitting)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> & Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Life Bus in school
Week commencing 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Healthy bodies, Healthy minds week
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Bags to school collection
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July morning	Leavers service in school for year 6
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July evening	Year six prom
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports out
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year church service

## Term Dates 2019 - SUMMER TERM 2019

May Day Closure	Monday 6th May 2019
School closes on	Friday 24th May 2019 at 3.15pm
Mid Term Closure	Monday 27th May – Tuesday 4th June 2019
School reopens on	Wednesday 5th June 2019
School closes on	Friday 19th July 2019 at 2.00pm