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22nd September 2023,

Dear Parents/Carers,

Clubs for next week are as follows:

Extra – Curricular School Activities

Monday – Y1 Health and Wellbeing: 3.15pm-4.15pm (Mrs Gibson)

Y6 Film & Photography Club: 3.15pm – 4.15pm (Mr Gibson)

Y6 Winter Wonderland dance: 3.15pm – 4.15pm (OLQP pupils)

Tuesday – Dance: Y3 and Y4 3.15pm-4.15pm (WLSP)

Thursday – Gym: Y5 and Y6 3.15pm – 4.15pm (WLSP)

Attendance and Punctuality

Full attendance in school is very important. Research has proven that there is a high correlation between school attendance and academic performance and success. Absence from school is often the greatest single cause of poor performance and achievement.

Why is it so important to attend every day?

- Learning is a progressive activity; each day's lessons build upon those of the previous day(s).
- Reading the material and completing work independently does not compensate for direct interaction with the teacher.
- Many classes use discussions, demonstrations, experiments and participation as part of the daily learning activities, and these cannot be made up by those who are absent.

Are there other benefits to my child?

- Pupils with good attendance records generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more.
- Having a good education will help to give your child the best possible start in life
- Regular school attendance patterns encourage the development of other responsible patterns of behaviour.

Government legislation means that schools are not allowed to authorise requests for children to be taken out of school for a holiday during term time.

Requests for leave can only be granted by schools if there are "exceptional circumstances" and holidays are not considered exceptional. Requests for leave must be made to the Headteacher in advance, as the

Department for Education has told schools that they cannot authorise any absences after they have been taken.

We publish our attendance data every week in the school newsletter.

Reception – 93.2%

Y1 – 90%

Y2 – 89.5

Y3/4 – 92.2%

Y5 – 91.2%

Y6 – 98.3%

Places in Reception for September 2024

Lancashire County Council's school admissions for children starting primary school or moving to secondary school in September 2024 opened on Friday 1 September 2023.

Parents can apply online at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools - it's quick and easy!

The national closing dates for applications are:

- Tuesday 31 October 2023 for secondary applicants
- Monday 15 January 2024 for primary applicants.

More Positive Together Project

The 'More Positive Together' project, led by WLBC, offers support for parents or individuals who may not be in employment or accessing any training at the moment. The More Positive Together Team can offer tailored advice and support to help individuals become confident, write CV's, attend training and hopefully enter into employment.

For more information or to apply please call 07974592956 or email MPT@westlancs.gov.uk

The Household Support Fund

The Household Support Fund is now available... Please spread the word and click the link below for further details:

[Household Support Fund - West Lancashire Borough Council \(westlancs.gov.uk\)](http://Household Support Fund - West Lancashire Borough Council (westlancs.gov.uk))

Directory of Support Services

The Financial Inclusion Team at West Lancs Borough Council have generated a directory of resources that's easily accessible for anyone and everyone.

Please click the link below to have a look as it's a great resource to have to hand.

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Have a lovely weekend,

Ann Naylor (Headteacher)