

We love and grow in Christ, we live and learn in partnership, we build and share together

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14th July 2023,

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, we're coming to our final week of the school year!

Thank you for being such supportive parents and carers – we are grateful for the positive relationship we have with our families and look forward to it continuing. For those families who have a child in Year 6 – enjoy their last week in Primary School. It really does fly by and if you're feeling a little wobbly, we are with you!

A Poem for Year 6 – 'Moving On'

Take what we have taught you
Be confident, strong and bold,
The future is exciting
And waiting to unfold.

On your journey to the stars,
A step is what you need to do,
Big or small each step takes
Precious memories with you.

The friends, staff and school trips,
Laughter, fun and tears,
Urging you forwards,
Alleviating fears.

We will look back with pride
As we wave you on your way,
'Have a wonderful future'
Is what we want to say.

(Debbie Palphreyman)



Diary Dates

Y6 Leaver's Assembly – Thursday 20th July at 9.15am. This will be followed by a day of celebration for Y6 children.

Bingo – Eyes down 6.30pm – 19th July

We finish for Summer at 1.30pm on 21st July.

Reports

These have gone out today so please look out for them in book bags along with SATs results where children have taken them.

I have enjoyed reading each and every report. If you would like to discuss anything within the report, please contact your child's class teacher or the school office.

Lancashire SEND Partnership SEN Support Survey 2023

These surveys are for children and young people and their parent carers in Lancashire where the child or young person has Special Educational Needs (SEN) support needs.

Your responses will be anonymous. It is your choice to answer any question or skip it.

These surveys have been designed by Lancashire SEND Partnership to help them listen to children and young people (and their families) with different kinds of SEN. They want to understand what is important to children, young people and their parent carers to help us work more effectively with you.

They will publish the feedback from these surveys on the Local Offer: www.lancashire.gov.uk/SEND

The surveys can be found here:

For children and young people: <https://forms.office.com/e/9axwZAAKzc>

For parent carers: <https://forms.office.com/e/PnJja1RSNY>

PE

Please ensure that children have suitable footwear for outdoor PE lessons – either plimsolls or trainers. Thank you.

PARKING

As I have previously requested, please be considerate and avoid parking in residential parking spaces around school. I have had several recent complaints from the local community.

Maths

Mrs Wright is our Maths Lead in school and she has asked me to share this link with you as she thinks it may be useful:

<https://whiterosemaths.com/maths-with-michael>

There are 6 videos that explain how you can help your child with maths and there are some useful resources too.

Teacher Training – North West SCITT

As a key partner of NW SHARES SCITT Primary Teacher Training programme we are delighted to share the news that our teacher training programme has recently been judged to be outstanding by Ofsted in the recent inspection. Only 6 other providers in the country currently hold this grade under the inspection framework introduced in 2020. **If you are interested in training to become a primary school teacher and already hold a degree, call the office on 01695 557488 for more information.**

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 \(westlancs.gov.uk\)](https://www.westlancs.gov.uk/household-support-fund)

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.

[Directory of Support Services - West Lancashire Borough Council \(westlancs.gov.uk\)](https://www.westlancs.gov.uk/support-services)

Help and Assistance in Difficult Times

Times are hard at the moment for many. The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) can provide practical assistance if you need it and we have a local branch in Skelmersdale. You can ring them on 07470351042. They are really approachable and non-judgemental and they help us a lot as a school. There is a foodbank available behind St Francis of Assisi Church near the entrance to the adjoining house. This is open every Wednesday from 12 noon until 1pm.

Cost of Living Support – Guidance for parents and carers

Find out the most up-to-date information about what help is available for households and businesses in Lancashire on the [Cost of living support website](#). This website summarises some of the most useful information from Lancashire County Council and they have asked that we share it with you.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Ann Naylor (Headteacher)