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9th June 2023,

Dear Parents/Carers,

Diary Dates

INSET DAYS – Friday 23rd June and Monday 26th June. School closed to children on these dates.

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

Reception Graduation Assembly – Friday 14th July at 2pm.

Summer Bingo – Monday 3rd July (Save the date!)

SPORTS DAYS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

KS2 (Y3-Y6) - 30th June at 10am

BLOSSOMS NURSERY – 21st June at 10.15am

EYFS and KS1 – Miss Berry will confirm a date next week and we will let you know asap.

Attendance

Attendance for this week is as follows –

Reception – 90%

Y1/2 – 89.7%

Y3 – 93.5%

Y4 – 91.2%

Y5 – 96.7%

Y6 – 87.1%

READING CHALLENGE

Well done this week to Orlaith, Jacob & Alfie

WARM WEATHER

It is forecast to be very warm next week. Children can come to school wearing their PE kits because we feel they will be more comfortable.

Please apply sun-screen to your children before sending into school.



STAFF NEWS – Mr Ian Forsyth

I just wanted to let you all know that after many years of dedicated service, Mr Forsyth has decided it is the right time for him to leave us. Although we will miss him very much, we are happy that he is able to take the time to spend with his lovely family and, in particular, his young grandchildren.

Many of you will have been taught by Mr Forsyth yourselves and will know him very well.

On a personal level, I have known him for many years and he is one of the kindest people I have ever worked with. Thank you Ian for your service.

CALLING FORMER PUPILS – St Francis of Assisi, St Mark's St Matthews and St Luke's

St Francis of Assisi School opened in 2005 when St Mark's, St Matthew's and St Luke's amalgamated. It would be lovely to have some of our grown-up former pupils back in school to talk to our children about the jobs you currently do. We always like to hear how our past pupils are doing and the children find it interesting to learn about different careers.

If you know any former grown-up pupils, please ask them to contact me at the heads email address.

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)

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)