IMPORTANT LETTER FROM OUR CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Excellent Attendance Matters

As Chair of Governors, I am writing to thank you for your continued support of our school and to highlight the importance of excellent attendance for every child.

Regular attendance is one of the most significant factors in a child's academic achievement, wellbeing and social development. Every day in school provides valuable learning experiences that cannot be fully replicated at home or made up later. When children attend school consistently, they develop stronger relationships, greater confidence and achieve better educational outcomes.

The Governing Body fully supports the school's commitment to promoting high levels of attendance and ensuring that every child benefits from the opportunities available to them. We are proud of the positive attendance rates achieved by many of our pupils and thank parents who make school attendance a priority.

We would like to remind all families that holidays and other avoidable absences should not be taken during published term time. Requests for leave during term time can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances, as defined by current government regulations. Family holidays, cheaper travel arrangements and extended weekends do not normally constitute exceptional circumstances.

Missing even a small number of school days can have a significant impact on learning:

- 95% attendance equates to approximately 10 days of learning missed during a school year.
- 90% attendance means around 19 days of learning missed, nearly four weeks of school.
- Persistent absence can affect academic progress, friendships, confidence and future opportunities.

We recognise that there will be occasions when children are genuinely unwell and unable to attend school. When this happens, please continue to inform the school promptly and work with us to support your child's return as soon as they are well enough.

By working together, we can ensure that every child benefits from the rich curriculum, experiences and opportunities that school provides. Excellent attendance is a shared responsibility and one of the greatest gifts we can give our children as they develop the knowledge, skills and habits needed for future success.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to your child's education.

Yours sincerely,

Ruth Miller
Chair of Governors

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Religious Life of the School - Please see the link for this week's Wednesday Word; https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/summer-holiday-booklet?pid=MTA101634&v=146.2

Class Assembly dates for this term (all 2:45pm unless notified differently):
These are special assemblies which we invite all the parents of the leading class to attend. Please do not arrive earlier than 2:35pm as we need time to set up the hall, thank you.
This afternoon Friday 6th November – Y5 Class Assembly (Beacon).
Friday 20th November – Y3 Class Assembly (Bleasdale)
Friday 4th December November– Y4 Class Assembly (Bowland)

FAMILY MASS – Our next **FAMILY MASS** will be at 5:30pm at church **tomorrow Saturday 7th November**. All welcome, we'd love to see you there.

We will be taking part in our town's annual REMEMBRANCE THIS SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER Meet 10:15am now, outside church. We will be holding our own Remembrance Service for the school children at 11am on Wednesday 11th November at our own soldier statue on the school grounds.



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SCHOOL NEWS

PTFA Meeting – The next PTFA meeting is next Tuesday 10th November at 7pm at St Wilfrid's Club. We will be planning one of our biggest annual fundraisers the Christmas Fair so new faces would really be welcome.

Junior Cricket - We have managed to secure free cricket training for KS2, from Paul Naylor from Lancashire Cricket, on the following Tuesdays; 10th, 17th & 24th November. Note all junior children will need PE kits (may bring track suit bottoms/trainers too on these days.

Girls' Cricket - for notified Y5/Y6 girls will continue on Thursdays after school till 5:00pm. **Please note children should now be collected from Longridge CE Primary School on Berry Lane.**

Y6 Trip – As part of our Remembrance events, Y6 will be on a class trip to study WWII at Preston Heritage Centre next Wednesday 11th November.

Caterpillar Trip – children from Caterpillars will be on a trip to the SPACE play centre on Thursday 12th November.

Xmas4schools – Yesterday you should have received your child's artwork and a flyer from Xmas4schools explaining how to turn your child's artwork into beautiful Christmas gifts. If you are interested please follow the instructions on the flyer on P5 and return the artwork/form by next **Monday 9th November**. Please note that £1.00 from the sale of each product will go straight back to the PTFA/School.

Children in Need – next Friday 13th November – see poster on page 4 for details…



PTFA SPOOKY DISCO
Monday 9th November 5:30-7:00pm

Tickets now on sale from the school office.





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Friday 13th November CHILDREN IN NEED DAY

Children can come dressed in own clothes and bring in £1.50 to donate to those most in need.

Spotty clothes and Pudsey merchandise encouraged!

Enter the School Council's Colouring Competition.

£1 a sheet. Stick your name and a £1 coin to your sheet.

Prizes for best in each class.

Xmas4schools.co.uk

Beautiful FUNDRAISING CHRISTMAS PRODUCTS FROM CHILDREN'S Artwork

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Don't miss the chance to have your child's artwork turned into beautiful Christmas cards, poster calendars, mugs, gift labels, our fabulous waffle textured tea towels, tote bags, enchanted snowblocks, or our keyring and fridge magnet packs!

It's that time of year again and your child will either have already created their own special Christmas design at school/nursery, or will have brought the materials to do it home. This is a great opportunity to turn their creation into a range of professionally printed products, which you are able to purchase for family and friends this Christmas.

£1.00 from the sale of each product will go straight back to the school/nursery or PTA!

- **Christmas Cards**
- **A3 Poster Calendars**
- **Tea Towels**
- **Cards With No Message Inside**
- **Mugs**
- **Gift Labels**
- **Tote Bags**
- **Keyring and Magnet Pack**
- **Enchanted Snowblock**



For prices please visit **www.xmas4schools.co.uk/products**

Please complete the form on the reverse of your child's artwork and return it to the school by the date printed - you will not need to place an order at this stage. Once we have received your form we will send you a text and an email containing your order link which you can follow to your child's ordering portal. From here, you can place your order and make payment.

Please note we cannot accept any late orders after the online portal has closed.

Many thanks & we look forward to receiving your order.

Our very best wishes,
The Xmas4Schools Team

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STAR PUPILS

The highest award in our school is the Star. These are the children who have excelled in class all week.

Remember your child can keep and wear their STAR BADGE all year but we cannot provide replacements. Also, please remove the badge before washing uniform as if not they can cause a hole to sweatshirts, polo shirts, cardigans, etc. Thank you.

Parlick – Ivy McBride: for being extra helpful at tidy up time.

Fairsnape – Towi Daniel-Ishola: for following instructions carefully and for being enthusiastic about his learning.

Pendle – Rory Hall: for creating a beautiful painting using secondary colours.

Bleasdale – Nellie Cornall: for super work during our college art topic.

Bowland – Savannah Coffin: for working very hard during art week and for being an amazing helper in class.

Beacon – Macaulay Walker: for writing a lovely poem about his younger brother and sharing it with the class.

Dunsop – Yana Panayotova: for beautiful art work using watercolour paint.

Wilf's Marvellous Mathematicians

Wilf and the teachers are tickled pink with this week's marvellous mathematicians who are; Hailie Cookson, Harrison Brown, Aneela Ahmed, Amelia Turner, Harry Proctor, Amelia Bristo and Lexi Walsh.

Reading Certificate Winners

The following children have shown great effort, perseverance or talent with their reading this week; Dorothy Jackson, Ellie Clamp, Mila Hutchinson-Balshaw, Jason Hindle, Maisie McKenna, Charlie Billington and Eli Byron-Davis.

Mission Merit Winner

The following people have demonstrated they are living up to our Mission – Learning to love God, all His People and all He has created through Christ…

Yana Panayotova: for being a friend to everyone and for being an outstanding pupil.