



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first newsletter of this new school year.

Term has started well despite the weather! Miss Lomas is settling in quickly and is a super addition to our staff team. The children are looking smart and are working hard.

Reception class is a hive of activity with 15 pupils and we welcome Oliver, Zachary, Ayub, Sufyan and Eline. We also welcome Isaac and Noah to Y3 and Natalia to Y5.

Pre-school has expanded into two rooms and looks spacious and exciting. 18 children have already started with others starting later in the year. If you know of anyone looking for a Pre-school place for their child, please do pass on our details to them and encourage them to come to look around.

Burnley Food Bank

A gentle reminder that we collect throughout the year for Burnley Food Bank. Tinned or packet food items are desperately needed by less fortunate families in our town. The collection box is at the school door and we ask for your generosity in helping this worthy cause.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Clubs are underway this week and staff are busy devising exciting activities for your children. Please ensure your child brings their own clothes in for games / netball clubs. There are still places for Junior Reading Club on Wednesdays if anyone has not signed up for a club on Wednesdays yet. Please collect your child from outside the school office where you will need to sign them out.

Exam Prep

Some of our Year 6 pupils are preparing for grammar school entrance exams this month. We wish them much luck and remind them to keep revising.

Uniform

Just a polite reminder to label your child's uniform clearly, including blazers and coats. PE Kit needs to be in school at all times. Coats must be school coats purchased from Grays. Any other navy coat is not acceptable. Thank you for your co-operation.

EYFS News

Our Early Years department is implanting a new approach called the 'Curiosity Approach'. This approach replaces all plastic and 'one use toys' with real life objects, materials and loose parts. Loose parts include: natural materials, wood, bricks, pebbles/stones, plain cardboard and many more resources. The approach encourages children to use their imagination and think of their own ideas instead of playing with the 'obvious', which is given to them by most plastic toys. Therefore, you will notice a more natural approach within our two Pre-school rooms and the Reception classroom. We are slowly introducing new resources to replace most of our old ones and we would love your help. We would love to make a 'dressing station' for our home corner. If anyone has an old dressing table, hair dryer/straighteners (with the wires cut off), any pieces of material, old picture frames we would be more than grateful. Our home corner is filling up with real life resources. Also, if anyone has a pasta maker they don't use anymore and would like to donate we could add this to our play dough table. The children would love to make their own 'pasta'. Thank you in advance for any donations!

Aldi's kit for schools

ALDI supermarket chain are running a promotion for schools from 6th September to 3rd November. If you spend £30, you receive a sticker which your child can bring into school and we fill a poster with them. We need 300 stickers to win sports kit, and we would be entered into a prize draw for £20,000! So why not try Aldi if you are not already a customer, and help us win sports kit for school.

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Blessed Trinity Open Evening

Mr Varey and Miss Murray from Blessed Trinity will be here in school on Wednesday 2nd October at 6pm to talk to children and parents. The meeting is open to all parents and pupils in Years 4,5,6. Pupils who are currently studying at Blessed Trinity talk about their experiences and it gives children an insight into secondary school life. Even if you are not currently considering Blessed Trinity for your child, it is worth attending so you have as much information as possible before making your decision.

Drama

Our drama lessons have started this week and all the children enjoyed their hour with Miss Alice from Basics.



Roald Dahl Day

We celebrated the famous children's author's birthday today with whole school fancy dress and celebration assembly. Thank you for the donations which we will spend on books for our class reading corners.

PTA

The first meeting of this academic year will be held on Tuesday 1st October at 6.30pm. For those who would like to attend but do not have childcare bring your children along and we will look after them while you are in the meeting. Please come along and give us some fresh ideas to fundraise for our school. Also look out for letters about 100 Club - they will be coming home in your child's bag



Summer Reading Challenge

Our Summer Reading Challenge was a huge success with 10 children achieving the Bronze Award, 9 Silver Award and 11 Gold Award. The children received their certificates in assembly today. Well done to our readers. Mrs Whitehead is very proud of you, keep it up!

Computing

We are delighted to report that our new laptops, funded by the PTA have arrived! Mr Bailey is using them to teach computing to every class in school and the children are thoroughly enjoying it. Many thanks for your support with our fundraising events, as your generosity made this possible. Thank you



Sports News

We are delighted to announce that Park Hill has achieved Platinum Award for Sport. We are the only primary in Burnley to achieve it this year. This is an outstanding achievement and a testament to the hard work of Miss Grillo and the staff who go the extra mile for our children in all sporting activities.

Y2 Cross Country

A super effort from our Y2 cross country runners at Towneley Park this week. With 6th and 8th placings in the boys race and 13th in the girls. Very well done to all our runners, you were fabulous!



Sportshall Athletics

Our Sportshall athletics training is up and running. From Y1 to Y6 all children are trying to beat their previous scores and improve on their performances from last year. Good luck everyone!

We have lots of sporting events to look forward to this year across all year groups so here's to another successful Park Hill year in sports.

Please make sure your child's full PE kit is always in school so that they don't miss out on any sporting opportunities. Thankyou