



NEWSLETTER

Headteacher: Mrs Maria Whitehead

Friday 17th January 2020



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! The holidays are a distant memory now as we have been very busy in school and there is lots planned before our February half-term.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Claire Taylor who joins our Pre-school staff team and we also welcome some new children to our Pre-school: Freddy, Joseph, Karlis, Safa, Clara, Lily, Ashton.

I would like to thank you for your support in our drive on school uniform this term. The children are looking smarter and we even had some Star of the Week awards on Monday for taking care and pride with their appearance.

So here's to 2020 and all this new decade may bring!

Open Evening

We are holding a School Open Evening for prospective parents on Monday 20th January 5.30-7.30pm. Please could you spread the word for us to colleagues, friends and family who may be looking for a pre-school or school place. You and your children are our best ambassadors and we appreciate you telling others about our lovely school.



Punctuality

Just a gentle reminder that our school doors open at 8.30am. The school day starts at **8.40am** prompt. Any child arriving later than 8.45am is given a late mark in the register. But more importantly, those children are missing the start of their first lesson which affects their learning. It is also very disruptive for the teachers and other pupils when children arrive late. Please endeavour to arrive at 8.30am so that your child does not miss any opportunity to learn. At the end of each half term we will review punctuality and write to parents of children who persistently arrive late to school. We really appreciate your support with this.

Bad Weather

As Headteacher, my priority must be for the safety of children and staff travelling to and from school in what may be dangerous conditions. In the event of overnight snow, a decision on whether or not school should be closed will be made after consideration of the state of the roads around school and the areas from which staff and pupils will need to travel. We will also have to consider the likelihood of further snowfall during the day.

If the school is to be closed parents will be informed by :

- Text message
- Website
- If possible a message will be left on the school phone
- Radio Lancashire and 2BR will also have information about school closures

If snow falls during the day please contact school for information. If you are unable to collect your child yourself, please make sure that you inform school, giving details of the person who is authorised to collect them for you.

Young Voices

Our choir led by Mrs Goffe will be participating in the marvellous choral collaboration known as Young Voices at the Manchester Arena on Thursday 30th January. Schools from all over the county are led by a prominent conductor and deliver an amazing choral concert. Tickets are available online directly from Ticketmaster for anyone wishing to attend. Parents of children who are in the choir should have already received separate communication about this event. We are very much looking forward to this event and will update you in our next newsletter.



Junior Extra-curricular clubs – games, football and craft are **cancelled** on Thursday 30th because of children and staff attending the Young Voices event in Manchester. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Author visit

Children's author Stuart Reid will be in school next Wednesday for an inspiring day of reading and writing workshops. His books are available to order in advance and he will sign them for the children during the day. Look out for photos on Facebook and the website. The children will be telling us about the day in next Friday's assembly.



Mary's Meals

Thank you all so much for your generosity with our Advent Charity – Mary's Meals. 36 full rucksacks were collected, also a special thank you to Mrs Bithell (Henry's mum) and her colleagues at Burnley CID for their donations. Along with the rucksacks we donated £415 which was raised from ticket sales and carol singing at Boundary Mill. These donations will make a huge difference to children overseas and it gives our pupils an insight into the lives of less fortunate children around the world. The charity work we do also helps to reinforce our school value of Concern for Others. The Faith Ambassador group are going to meet and discuss our charity work for 2020 and then communicate the plan to you all.



Lego sets

If anyone has any full Lego sets (with instructions) which they no longer use and would like to donate to school, then Miss Grillo would be grateful for them to use for a variety of purposes in school. We have plenty of loose Lego so we only need complete sets with instructions please.

Uniform and Book Sale

Book Sale and Used Good quality Uniform sale – 10-14 February. We are holding a second hand book and uniform sale here in school each evening after school at 3.30pm on 10th – 14th February. If you have any books or uniform of decent quality that you would like to donate, then please send them in with the children. Please do come along and bag a bargain! All monies raised will go into PTA funds to improve school.

**UNIFORM
SALE**

EYFS

Our Pre-School now has a Facebook page. Please like and share our page, we get up to lots of fun and exciting activities! We are currently on the hunt for old dresses, cardigans, hats and different style scarves, party clothes in older sizes and shoes for our new dressing up area. If you have any donations please keep us in mind.

PTA

The next PTA meeting will be on Wednesday 29th January at 6.30pm. All welcome!

Martial Arts

All children in school thoroughly enjoyed their Martial Arts taster session. We have had a high interest in the Martial Arts Club so we are hoping to continue this club next term for the children who have missed out this term!

Sports News

Multi Skills

Some children in Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed participating in a multi – skills event at Blessed Trinity on Tuesday 14th January. They all had fun and want to go again.



Bloggers

A huge congratulations to Henry and Luke in winning a gold award out of all the schools in Burnley for their Blog about "Sportshall Athletics"! Well Done Boys!