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Value this half term: Friendship

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Head teacher's message.

It has been absolutely wonderful to welcome our children back to school this week. The corridors and classrooms have once again been filled with smiles, laughter, excitement and a real sense of anticipation for the year ahead.

It has been particularly lovely to see the children settling so happily into their new classes, reconnecting with friends and embracing new learning experiences. There has been such a positive buzz around school, with children eager to learn, explore and share their experiences. We are also delighted to welcome some lovely new members to our staff team. They have already made a fantastic impression and have quickly become part of our school community. We look forward to the contribution they will make as we continue to provide the very best experiences and opportunities for our children. Thank you to our families for helping the children make such a positive start to the new school year.

DIARY DATES

6 th September	All-age worship, St. Anne's church
w/c 7 th September	Spirituality week
10 th September	School nurse drop-in, 9am
14 th September	Messy Church
14 th September	Y6 Tower Wood parents' meeting
16 th September	Phonics meeting for parents, Reception – Year 2
23 rd September	Reception vision screening
23 rd September	Meet the Teacher
28 th September	Y3 visit to Ridgeway Farm
29 th September	Photograph Day
4 th October	Harvest service in church
5 th October	Year 2 visit Brockholes
6 th October	YR - Y2 Germ Busters
7-9 th October	Y6 to Tower Wood
8 th October	School nurse drop-in, 9am
8 th October	Macmillan Coffee morning
12 th October	Messy Church
13 th October	Double Page Spread assembly
14 th October	Worship & Values Group assembly
15 th October	Y5 Church assembly
16 th October	Values Assembly
16 th October	Break up for half term

NEW STARTERS

Our new Reception starters have also begun their school journey with us this week, and what a wonderful start they have made! The classroom has been buzzing with excitement, and the children have settled incredibly well into their new surroundings.

As we move into next week, routines will begin to become more established, allowing the children to focus increasingly on their learning and begin their exciting journey of personal progress.

Both Miss Pixton and Miss Corrigan have been incredibly impressed by the conversations, interactions and enthusiasm for learning that the children have already demonstrated. It has been wonderful to see their curiosity and confidence shining through so early in the year.

We are already looking forward to a fantastic year ahead!

WELCOME

Welcome to all new families across school who have joined us this week.

ALL-AGE WORSHIP

You are warmly invited to join All-age worship at St. Anne's church this weekend. The service starts at 11am.



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CHRISTIAN VALUE : FRIENDSHIP

Following a worship on the value of Friendship this week, some of our children took up the opportunity in their lunchtimes to make each other a friendship bracelet. It was so heart-warming to see children of all ages gather together to work hard on their own masterpiece. We are sure their efforts were appreciated by the receiver.

NEU WAY SUPPORT

Families across Lancashire and South Cumbria are now able to access earlier support for children and young people with neurodevelopmental needs.

The service, Neu Way Support, offers personalised advice, guidance and practical help based on need rather than diagnosis for families who are navigating concerns about autism, ADHD and other neurodevelopmental differences.

The service has been commissioned by Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB) and will be delivered by Spring North in partnership with local community organisations that are specialists in supporting children, young people and families.

Families can self-refer at: <https://springnorth.org.uk/projects/neu-way-support/> or call 0300 365 5030.

MOBILE PHONE POLICY

As shared on Class Dojo, our mobile phone policy has been updated in response to new guidance from the Department for Education. We ask all families to ensure they have read the new policy and accompanying message so that everyone is clear about the expectations and the importance of maintaining a mobile-phone-free school environment.

We also ask that parents, carers and family members visiting school keep mobile phones and other personal smart devices securely stored and out of sight while on the school site. This helps us to maintain a consistent approach for children and ensures that our school remains a safe and respectful environment for everyone.

There will be occasions when personal photography may be permitted, for example at specific school events. Ms Loughran will make families aware when photography is permitted and will clearly outline any arrangements or restrictions that apply. Where photography is permitted, images of children must not be uploaded or shared on social media or other similar online platforms.

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us maintain these important expectations across our school community.

Grapes

Grapes that are brought into school as part of a snack or lunch must be cut into quarters.

SAFEGUARDING & BEHAVIOUR ASSEMBLY

Our children had their scheduled safeguarding assembly on Wednesday. We discussed safe people and introduced the children to new staff members. We also spoke about safe adults outside of school as well as safe areas. Please talk to your child about the safe thing to do if they were to become lost in a shop. Some of the children's answers needed a heavy hand of guidance to do the right thing to keep them safe. We will revisit this again with the children to ensure the message has been remembered.

Mrs Macdonald introduced our new behaviour curriculum. School's aim is to reinforce our behaviour policy with the underlying theme of 'respect'. Each half term, the children will be focusing on respectful and safe behaviours to show in and out of school. This will be reinforced in class.

SCREEN TIME DFE UPDATES

As part of our continued commitment to supporting children's wellbeing and healthy learning habits, school staff will be following the updated guidance around children's exposure to screens in school.

Technology remains an important tool for learning, but we will ensure that screen use is purposeful, age-appropriate and balanced with active learning, discussion, practical experiences and time away from screens. Staff will carefully consider when technology enhances learning and when other approaches are more beneficial.

Our aim is to ensure that children develop the skills and knowledge they need while also supporting their wellbeing, concentration and healthy habits.

ENRICHMENT CLUBS

Some clubs begin next week and some the week after – please see the table below or Class Dojo for more information.

SCHOOL NURSE DROP-IN SESSION

This will take place next Thursday as an informal drop-in. A discussion with the school nurse could assist you with your child's sleep, diet, toileting or other concern.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH DAY

Advance notice of the yearly photo day. Sibling photos have been arranged for 8.30am. Please arrive at the hall door opposite the car park if you wish for a sibling photograph.

Autumn 1	Clubs	Open to	Dates	Time	Price	Payable to	Location	How to get a place?	Places
Monday	Messy Church	Reception to Y6	14.09.26 & 12.10.26	3.15pm-4.30pm	N/A	School	Church	Book via ParentPay	Yes
	Ju-Jitsu	Reception to Y6	07.09.26-12.10.26	3.15pm-4.15pm	£36	Activ8	Hall	Email: info@activ8selfdefence.com	Yes
Tuesday	Dance Festival	Y3-Y6	15.09.26-10.11.26	3.15pm-4.15pm	£6 per session	Collaboration dance	Hall	Email: info@collaborationdancearts.com	Yes
	KS2 Cricket	KS2	15.09.26-13.10.26	3.15pm-4.15pm	£36	School	Field	Book via ParentPay	Yes
Thursday	Zumba	Y1-Y6	08.09.26-08.10.26	3.15pm-4.15pm	£25	School	Hall	Book via ParentPay	Yes
	Golfstarz	Y1-Y6	10.09.26-15.10.26	3.15pm-4.15pm	£30	Golfstarz	Playground	https://blackpoolgolfstarz.bookiphy.com/	Yes
Friday	Cook Stars	Reception to Y6	To be confirmed	3.15pm-4.30pm	To be confirmed	Cook stars	Hall	To be confirmed	Yes

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