

From the words of St. Paul... 'Encourage one another and build each other up'.

# Headteacher News

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021



There have been some fantastic examples of learning taking place around school this week. Thank you as always to our staff for providing the best for the children in our care.

I want to give a warm 'welcome back' to Mrs Todd who we have missed greatly whilst she has been enjoying her maternity leave with her beautiful little girl and family. I know Willows were very excited when she opened the classroom door on Thursday morning. Thank you too Mrs Cooper who has covered in Mrs Todd's absence - it is greatly appreciated.

You will receive your child's report on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Within your child's report you will find information about which class your child/ren will be in from September and who their class teacher will be. There will also be an appointment slip for a parents' evening should you wish to discuss the content of your child's report further which will take place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Please return the slips by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July if you would like to meet with your child's teacher so an appointment can be made for you via Teams.

We have planned to hold transition sessions with your child's new teacher; however, we also do not want to run the risk of mixing bubbles so close to the end of term. If any bubbles have to close or we become short of staff, these sessions will have to be postponed. We will do our utmost to ensure these happen as we know how important they are. Our aim is to end the school year with all our staff and children in school which will also reduce the risk of anyone having to isolate at the beginning of the holidays. The children, our staff and all your families deserve to have the best summer break possible.

Thank you to all the families who continue to remain vigilant as we continue to work together to reduce the number of positive COVID cases. Please can I remind all families that <u>if anyone in your household or bubble</u> <u>display symptoms of COVID then the whole household must isolate until the test results come back</u>. Please inform school of any positive results as soon as possible by emailing <u>school@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk</u> Thank you for your support and understanding.







# **Wellies**

If your child's wellies need replacing, we have lots of spare pairs which are looking for new homes. Mrs Smith will open the garage on the junior playground every afternoon next week from 3pm. Please feel free to take what you need for your family.

# End of Term Arrangements

Please check below to confirm the closing time for your child's bubble on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July if they are not in BYT. Please can we remind parents of children who attend BYT on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July that it will **close at 5.00pm**.

Bubble number	Name	Collectiontime	
1	Acoms - Miss Cavaney	1.30pm	
	Ashes Miss Pounder		
2	Sycamores - Miss Fielding	1.40pm	
	Alders Miss Cowgill		
3	Elms - Mrs De Boutemard	1.30pm	
	Maples – Miss Karimdad		
	Blossoms- Miss Bishop		
4	Elders - Mrs Nolan	1.40pm	
	Willows – Mrs Cooper/		
	Mrs Todd		
	Oake – Mrs Lee		

# Sports Day Update

You may be aware that schools in Lancashire have been advised that due to the unknown of the Delta variant and the continued rise of positive cases, that parents are unable to attend school site to spectate any sports day events. As a school that loves sport, we are as disappointed as you to not be able to invite you in. However, we must follow advice and continue to keep you, your families and all our staff and their families as safe as possible.

Sports days will take place in classes and each class will have a set day. Please read your child's class newsletter for more details. School staff will take lots of pictures and we will add these to our website. Please note, if your child is a Year 6 child in Willows, they will have two sessions. Please see below for the planned dates. Children should come to school on this date wearing their PE kits.

	Week beg 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Week beg 12 <sup>th</sup> July
Monday	Acorns (pm)	Year 6 - both Oaks and
		<u>Willows(pm)</u>
Tuesday	Elders (pm)	Ashes (pm)
Wednesday	Sycamores (pm)	Alders (pm)





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Thursday	/		Willows	(pm)		Maples (a	am)	
Friday		El	ms/Bloss	oms (pm)	)			

## Reading books.

Please ensure that all reading books are returned to school no later than Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July. Any books that are not returned will unfortunately have to be charged for. Please take the time to look through shelves at home and return any books that you may have. We have spent £6000 on reading books in KS1 this year and many have not been returned.

## Information about our return in September

As we start to plan for September, we have thought about what the last 18 months has given us. There are many things that the pandemic has brought, and much of it, we will all be glad to see the end of. However, some things have really worked well and have allowed us to reflect and gain more learning time for our classes. With this in mind, we have made the following changes ready for September.

## Change in PE kit

As from September we will be keeping the PE day so the children will come to school in a PE kit for the whole day. We have found that we do not lose lesson time due to changing and can have longer PE sessions. The children are losing less items, which in turn reduces your costs and time spent looking for them. The kit remains the white t-shirt and navy shorts, but we are adding a St. Paul's hoody and navy-blue tracksuit bottoms or navy-blue leggings for the girls. This can be purchased at Amins on Bank Street along with the rest of our uniform. The PE hoody should only be worn on PE days, sporting events and on School trips. The school jumper must be worn on all other days.

We will continue to have the staggered start and end to the day and staggered play and lunchtimes as this has led to less children on the yard, more space to play and less injuries. It has also helped to calm some of with the traffic congestion at the start and end of the day.

Bubble	Class	Start Time	Finish Time
1	Acorns - Miss Cavaney Ashes - Miss Pounder	8.40 am	3.00 pm
2	Sycamores - Miss Fielding Alders - Miss Cowgill	8.50 am	3.10 pm
3	Elms - Mrs De Boutemard Maples - Miss Yates	8.40 am	3.00 pm
4	Elders - Mrs Nolan Willows - Mrs Cooper/Mrs Todd Oaks - Mrs Lee	8.50 am	3.10 pm

As yet there is no guidance available to suggest what September will look like, as soon as we know this, we will share it with you through ParentPay, our school website, Twitter and the PTA Facebook page over the summer holiday.

#### Parking

We are very fortunate to have a limited number of parking spaces within the school grounds, many schools do not have this facility. We have a small number of parents/visitors who are parking or stopping in areas such as the staff car park, disabled spaces, the bus stop or on the zigzag areas/lines. As well as risking a child's life by making the roads hazardous to cross, you could also be issued with a penalty charge notice (PCN) of £70.

If you are asked to move by another parent or member of staff, please do not be abusive towards them, if you are parked in the wrong place, it is you in the wrong not them - They are trying to save the lives of others!







We realise how difficult it can be to park close to school, especially on wet days, however, please be mindful of the same parking etiquette on school grounds and be respectful to our neighbours by not blocking their driveways or leave your engines running. We must all play a part in keeping our children safe. We would encourage as many of you to walk or cycle to school.

# \*\*\*KS1 (Y2) children moving up to KS2 (Y3) \*\*\*

# Re: School Meals in Year 3

As you will be aware, the Infant Free School Meal initiative, funded by the Department for Education, is now coming to an end for your child. From 2<sup>nd</sup> September you will have to pay for your child's meal unless you are eligible for free school meals. You can check if you are eligible by visiting:

https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

Registering for the Free School Meal service also means the school will receive additional funding for your child, which is called Pupil Premium. We are able to utilise these funds to support your child's education whilst at St. Paul's, this could be used for additional learning support and providing extra-curricular activities.

# School dinners are optional and are charged at £2.35 per day, working out at £11.75 for the week.

# Dates for your diary...

Tuesday 6th July- Reports Home Thursday 8th July - Optional Parents' Evening Friday 16th July- Finish school for Summer at 1:30pm/1:40pm Monday 19th July and Tuesday 20th July- INSET days







# Reflective Friday

You have to know that you are good enough and worth it. Once you master belief in yourself belief in yourself no one can steal that love from you.

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# Action for happiness: Jump Back up July

This month's theme is all about resilience and understanding how we can build skills that will help us to bounce back. We can't always predict or control what life throws at us, but we can build a range of skills and nurture our resources to help us respond flexibly, effectively deal with challenges, recover more quickly and even learn and grow as a result. We'd love you to share our calendar below with it's suggestions for how to build resilience this month





	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
y 2021				1 small step to help overcome a problem or worry	Adopt a growth mindset. Change "I can't" into "I can'tyet"	3 Be willing to ask for help when you need it	4 Find something to look forward to today
Up July 2021	5 Get the basics right: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time	6 Pause, breathe and feel your feet firmly on the ground	Shift your mood by doing something you really enjoy	8 Avoid saying "must" or "should" to yourself today	9 Put a problem in perspective by seeing the bigger picture	10 Reach out to someone you trust and share your feelings with them	11 Look for something positive in a difficult situation
Jump Back	<sup>12</sup> Write your worries down and save them for a specific 'worry time'	13 Challenge negative thoughts. Find an alternative interpretation	14 Get outside and move to help clear your head	15 Set yourself an achievable goal and take the first step	16 Find fun ways to distract yourself from unhelpful thoughts	17 Use one of your strengths to overcome a challenge today	18 Let go of the small stuff and focus on the things that matter
Jun	19 If you can't change it, change the way you think about it	20 When things go wrong, pause and be kind to yourself	21 Identify what helped you get through a tough time in your life	22 Find 3 things you feel hopeful about and write them down	23 Remember that all feelings and situations pass in time	24 Choose to see something good about what has gone wrong	25 Notice when you are feeling judgmental and be kind instead
	26 Catch yourself over-reacting and take a deep breath	27 Write down 3 things you're grateful for (even if today was hard)	28 Think about what you can learn from a recent problem	29 Be a realistic optimist. Focus on what could go right	30 Reach out to a friend, family member or colleague for support	31 Remember we all struggle at times - it's part of being human	
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