

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

Friends give pleasant, sincere advice, seeking the highest good."

Proverbs 27:9. 12:26

Friday 7th July 2023

### Headteacher's news

Wow what a super busy week we've had this week. Thank you to all those who very kindly gave up their time to support our Careers Day and to Mrs Ormerod for organising it. A huge thank you from myself and the children - They loved it! I am sure it will be one of the memories that our year 6 children take with them to high school and when thinking about what studies they would like to pursue to reach their goal.

We've been to Lancashire Games to represent Rossendale against schools across the whole of Lancashire. Colour Run, Football... the list goes on. Hopefully you will enjoy reading our newsletter and find out al the exciting things we have been busy with this week and events until the end of term.

# Come and see our artwork...

Just a reminder that it is Waterfoot Wakes Parade Day - THIS SATURDAY 8th JULY!

It would be fabulous to see as many of our Year 6 children there to collect and walk with their Sparrow creations they made as a collaboration with Horse and Bamboo.

### Details of the event:

Meet at Edgeside Park from 11am to get ready.

Please be at the park, at the latest: 11.30am. There will be a Portaloo up at Edgeside Park for participants. 12pm - Parade Start Time

12.45pm - Approx. parade end at Waterfoot Play Park behind the Old Library Café

Following the parade, there will be music & activity around Waterfoot from 1pm - 4pm for all to enjoy 😥

# Year 6 Leavers service

Parents of our Year 6 children are very welcome to join us at the Year 6 Leavers Service at St Paul's Church on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am. Please take you seat in the back four rows in church as the whole school will be attending to celebrate our amazing Year 6 pupils.

### Year 6 production

Thank you to everyone who has already purchased tickets or provided a costume for the Year 6 production of Olivia. Our performance dates are **Thursday 13th July at 1.30pm and 6pm**. (Please note a slightly earlier performance time for the afternoon performance). Any remaining tickets will go on sale after Friday 7th July, and these will be limited to one additional ticket per family in the first instance. If your child is yet to bring in their costume, Monday is the deadline for our dress rehearsal.

On the evening of Thursday 13th July, please can your child be back at school for 5.40pm. This is to ensure that they have plenty of time to get themselves into costumes. Pick up at the end of the performance will be at 7.15pm. Both drop off and pick up through Oaks class door please.





### **Reports**

Our end of year reports will go out on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Following reports, we will then host our end of year parent meeting in the hall on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July and invite you into school. Should you wish to meet with your class teacher.

# **Boxing Fitness Club**

This half term our year 5 and 6 boys have been attending a boxing fitness club. We have started the boxing fitness club to help our older boys to create a safe space to discuss our mental health and to encourage them to use physical exercise to help to control their emotions. We have been so proud of how sensible these boys have been and how well they have developed their skills over such a short period of time. Well done boys, keep up the good work.

# Please help us to keep every visitor safe

Just a friendly reminder that the trim trail on the junior field, the infant wooden equipment and activities set up for learning on the infant yard should not be used before or after school. These pieces of equipment are only to be used during the school day, supervised by staff.

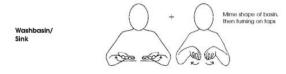
# Year 6 Career Carousel

Yesterday we were extremely fortunate to be able to host a 'Career Carousel' afternoon for our Year 6 pupils as part of their 'Raising Aspirations' programme, where they have been learning about the world of work and exploring the different options for the future. This would not have been possible without our amazing volunteers who gave up their afternoon to come and work with the children. We had a range of careers for the children to learn about, including the steps they need to take should they wish to pursue that career path. A huge thank you to Katherine and Harvey, Joy, Rebecca, Jo and Andrew for providing the children with a valuable experience. Our Year 6 pupils, as always, made us feel very proud.



### Word of the week

Each week the children in the Berries & Acorns have been learning a new word in sign language. We thought it would be lovely if we shared each week's new word on the newsletter so that we can all learn together. This week the infants are learning how to sign the word 'shower.'







### **School Meals**

\*\*From 1<sup>st</sup> September the weekly cost of school meals will <u>increase to £12.50 per week</u> (£2.50 a day). Payment is due weekly in advance via ParentPay. \*\*

If, however, you would like your child to change to packed lunches from September please complete the slip below and return to school or alternatively you can email: <a href="mailto:secretary@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk">secretary@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk</a> by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

### School meal information for parents of children in Year 2.

If your child will be moving up to Year 3 from September, they will no longer be eligible for 'Universal' Free School Meals 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.

# **Communication:**

Moving forward from September we will be moving away from class newsletters. Information for all classes will be on the whole school newsletter, which will continue to be sent as a link to your personal email address and on our school website.

# **Outstanding Debts**

Please could we politely ask that all outstanding debts for Bright Young Things before and after school club and school meals are paid and cleared on a weekly basis. A large amount of school office time is spent chasing payments and paperwork.

We appreciate that in the current climate, things are more difficult, but we cannot afford to allow parents to build up large amounts of debt as we have to pay the wages of the BYT staff, purchase food and resources. We also have to pay LCC for the meals that are served. Currently parent debt is affecting the resources we purchase to support children's learning, and this is not acceptable.

We do not want to operate a payment upfront service for BYT or school lunches, and we don't want to have to stop families form having places at our before and after school provision, however this could possibly become the case if outstanding payments are not cleared.

If you would like help or advice, please contact school@constablelee.lancs.sch.uk

## Lancashire Libraries- Summer Heroes



This week we were visited by Lancashire Libraries where they shared an amazing summer reading competition. This summer they are challenging children across Lancashire to become a 'Reading Hero' and help Dr Paige Turner to stop the evil super villain, 'The Spoiler!'

The competition is to encourage children to continue reading over the summer, offering prizes to children who read 5 books over the holidays, and further incentives for those who complete a number of challenges.

You will need to sign up by visiting your local library but if this is not possible, you can also enter online. Please find further details by visiting

https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/libraries/lancs-reading-heroes
We look forward to hearing about your reading hero successes!





# Student Voice

Student Voice have planned a fun day for the last day of term - **Wacky Wednesday**, to help raise money for school.

On the day children will have a choice of what to wear, what film to watch and what snack to bring. Please see table below for more information. Your child can choose any of the options and can do as many as they would like. Please send payment into school on the day

Crazy hair for the day	50p
Non-school uniform including footwear	50p
Trainers or slippers	50p
Fancy dress	50p
Wear PJs	50p
Bring a blanket	50p
Bring a teddy	50p
Bring a snack (crisps or chocolate)	50p
Choose a film (U films shown in the infants and U/PG in the juniors)	50p

### **PTA News**

Our celebration disco is fast approaching, Tuesday 18th July 6-8pm 'VIP/Prom theme' as chosen by our year 6 children. Children are welcome to dress in any themed outfits or fancy dress if they wish (Please no inappropriate outfits as they will be refused entry). More details are on PTA Facebook page.



We still need volunteers to help us on the night, if you can offer any help, please contact us through our PTA Facebook page or leave your details at the office. We can't run these events without your help so any help is appreciated.

Please note that only children that currently attend St. Paul's are allowed to come to the Disco. We realise this may cause inconvenience for some parents with younger children, however it is for the health and safety of our children.

As this is a Celebration Disco, a special room has been set aside for Year 6 Children to enjoy their last school Disco at St. Pauls.

The theme for the disco has been chosen by the Year 6 children and it is:

# "VIP/PROM"

All children are welcome to come in themed outfits or fancy dress, but this is optional.

The price is £2 per child. If you wish to stay with your child at the Disco, then the cost per adult is £1.50. However, if you would like to volunteer to help on the night then entrance is free. Please leave your name at the school reception or contact the PTA through the Facebook page.

There will be a DJ in the Hall, games, crafts and refreshments including hot dogs, drinks, crisps and sweets to purchase.

Face painting and temporary tattoos are available on the night. Please let a member of the PTA know, prior to the disco, if there are any concerns about this for your child for example a previous allergic reaction. Please note the tattoos are easily removed with baby oil and face paints with soap and water.

Prices range from 20p to £1.00, and all stall holders are happy to help children who are not confident with money.





The children have a wonderful time and grow in confidence with each School Disco. The children enjoy the independence of buying items and working out if they have enough money left for something else at the end of the night, which is a valuable life skill!

Mobile phones or any other electronic recording devices are **NOT ALLOWED** at the disco (for both children and adults). Several St. Paul's class teachers/staff will be at the event for safeguarding reasons to protect our children.

Let's celebrate together. Any questions please ask via the PTA Facebook and twitter pages or via email.

Ice Lolly Fridays are going great and our final one will be next Friday 14th July.

Many thanks for your continued support.

St. Paul's Parent Teachers Association (PTA)

Dates for your diary for the summer term	
Every Friday - in the hall	Ice Lolly Friday - Each Friday until the end of the term
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Ashes visit to the library
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Enterprise day
	End of year reports sent home
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Jenna Dowling - World Champion Inline Skater visit
	Maples Non-Uniform day
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Production 1.30pm & 6.00pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 mini-Olympics
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Children spend time in their new class
	Parents evening in the school hall
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Service in church 9.30 am
	VIP School Disco Infants 6pm, juniors from 6.30
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	School Council Event - Wacky Wednesday
	School closes at 1.35pm for the summer holiday
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	School closed - Staff INSET
Friday 21st July	School closed - Staff INSET









If your child is eligible for free school meals because of the benefits you receive. They can get a free place at the Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)!! In summer this will be for 16 days, with each day's sessions lasting at least 4 hours. They will get to

- Sports, fun activities, and games
- Learn a new skill or hobby.
- Meet up with friends and make new ones.
- Have a tasty healthy meal.
- Holiday Activity and Food Programme YouTube
- Holiday activities and food programme (HAF) Lancashire County

#### To find out more

Visit our website - Holiday activities and food programme (HAF) Lancashire County Council
Or email CFW-HAF@lancashire.gov.uk

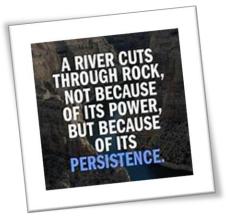








Reflective Friday



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Charlesworth