



Our school value this half term is: "Courage"

'Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go'

Joshua 1.9

Notices

Welcome Back

We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and would like to wish everyone a very happy new year. It has been wonderful to see the children all back in school and we are very excited about the term ahead.



Primary Admissions for September 2023

The deadline for applications is Sunday 15th January 2023. Even if your child has a sibling in school, you will still need to make your application online in order to secure a place in primary school. Applications must be made via Lancashire County Council Admissions.

Back to school advice issued amid high levels of flu, covid and scarlet fever

The UKHSA have released the following guidance to parents regarding their children's return to school amid the current winter illness rates in the UK. The link to the guidance can be accessed by clicking [here](#). Following these steps can help protect children, minimise the spread of illness in education and childcare settings and protect wider communities.

Online Safety

Please see page 2 for details on how children can stay safe on new devices.

Foodbank Fridays

From next week we are starting 'Foodbank Fridays' where children may bring in any items for donation to the Ormskirk and Skelmersdale foodbanks partnered with Christ Church Aughton. Each year group will have a place in class where any donations can be collected. Items requested are; Long Life milk, biscuits, small bags of sugar, coffee, teabags, rice pudding, custard, sponge puddings, instant mash and hot dogs, tinned items such as fruit, carrots, potatoes, fish and meat. Toiletries, feminine hygiene and baby nappies are also needed. Donations can be brought in on any day and each Friday church will collect these donations. We look forward to keeping you updated on this initiative.

Up and coming dates for your diary

Sunday 15th January—2023 primary school application deadline

Monday 6th to Friday 9th February—Mental Health Week

Thursday 9th February—Non-Uniform Day

Thursday 9th February—PHA Disco

Monday 13th to Friday 17th February—Half Term

Tuesday 21st February—Y3 to Buddhist Centre

Tuesday 7th March—Years 5 & 6 to Bridgewater Hall

***We are currently finalising our full list of diary dates which we will publish next week.**

PHA Grand Raffle Winners

Thank you very much to everybody who donated prizes to our PHA grand raffle and a big congratulations to all of our winners! The winners of the three main prizes are as follows:

3 night luxury holiday cottage break— [Rachel Webbon](#)

£50 M&S Voucher—[Ian Morris](#)

Champagne & chocolate hamper— [Tabitha Walker-Simmons](#)

Southport Foodbank Donations

Thank you all so much for all your kind donations to Southport Soup Kitchen this year. We have helped 37 children and I couldn't have done it without the amazing support you have given to us. Just a few pictures to show you all what a difference you have all made.

Laura



Spring Term Clubs

Please click [here](#) to see full details for the teacher-led clubs listed below for this term.

<u>Club</u>	<u>Year Group</u>
Chess	Y5 & Y6
Football	Y2
Choir	Y4, Y5 & Y6
Performing Arts	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6
Craft Club	Reception
Gardening	Y5
Computing	Y1
Running	Y3, Y4, Y5, & Y6

STAY SAFE ON NEW DEVICES

Whether you're an internet newbie or a pro at surfing the web, it's always important to keep online safety in mind. We've pulled together a list of top tips to make it easier for you to protect yourself and your devices in the digital world – helping you steer clear of hazards like misleading information and vicious viruses. There's never a bad time to refresh your internet safety knowledge, but it's an especially smart thing to do before you start using any shiny new devices!

SHOW RESPECT TO OTHERS

TELL A TRUSTED ADULT IF SOMETHING UPSETS YOU

DON'T CHAT WITH STRANGERS

BE HONEST WITH PARENTS & CARERS

TAKE BREAKS FROM BEING ONLINE

Be suspicious of new information

ASK PERMISSION before downloading anything

AVOID SHARING PRIVATE PHOTOS

Stick to trusted apps

TAKE NOTICE OF AGE RESTRICTIONS

DOUBLE CHECK YOUR NEWS SOURCES

Don't give away personal information

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