Aughton Christ Church C of E Primary School NEWSLETTER—24th March 2023



Our school value this half term is: "Forgiveness"

'Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive others'

Colossians 3.13

Notices

Parent Governor Appointments

Due to vacancies on our Governing Body we have recently been advertising for Parents Governor nominations. Following this process and now having 4 vacancies, we are delighted to welcome the newest members of the school Governing Body; Yasmin Henry, Gillian Johnson, Seun Osikoya and Rob Macleod. The Governing Body plays a critical role in the life of our school and we thank parents for supporting our community in this way.

Y5 to PGL Newby Wiske

We can accept instalments for the Year 5 residential until the beginning of May. Please send any money together with



your payment card in a sealed envelope marked "PGL". If you are writing a cheque please make it payable to "L.C.C". Thank you.

Judo Club

The after school Judo club will start for children in Years 4, 5 & 6 on Monday 17th April. The club will run from 3:30pm— 4:30pm on 17th & 24th April and 15th & 22nd May.

Online Safety

Please click the link here to see the latest guidance on our website for online safety. There are two new documents at the bottom of the page— 'Top tips for adopting safe & healthy online habits' and 'What parents and carers need to know about iPads'.

April & May Lunch Menu

The school lunch menu for the first half of the summer term has been sent home with the children and a copy uploaded to our website. Please note the two theme days for next half term:

- Friday 5th May—King Charles' Coronation celebration lunch
- Thursday 18th May—Swing into Spring

For children in Year 5, please consider school residential dates when completing the menu. Thank you!

Up and coming dates for your diary

Thursday 30th March—PHA Easter 'Bonkers' Bingo Friday 31st March—School finishes 2pm Monday 3rd to Friday 14th April—Easter Holidays Tuesday 18th April—Y6 to Ormskirk School

Foodbank Fridays



Thank you for all the donations that have been brought in so far. Rice, coffee and tea are currently in high demand.

Donations can be brought in on any day and each Friday church will collect them.

PHA Easter 'Bonkers' Bingo

This year our traditional Easter Bingo night is getting 'mixed' up! We have booked DJ Danny to make it our first ever family Easter 'Bonkers' Bingo! As well as the usual bingo there will be lots of fun, games and dancing! This takes place on Thursday 30th March, opening at 5.30pm, eyes down at 6.00pm. Tickets are £5 per person and include the cost of entrance, a bingo book and a bingo dabber. On sale on the night will be refreshments, Irish Lottery tickets and raffle tickets. Please send a handwritten request for tickets in a sealed envelope for your tickets, which MUST be bought in advance. Please mark your envelope "PHA Bingo". We would really appreciate donations of Easter eggs to be used as prizes in the evening, to be donated to school from now on. We would welcome donations of cakes on Thursday 30th March. Thank you.

Easter Experience

During the last week of term, children in each class will be taking part in activities in church as part of our Easter Experience. The children will visit different stations to help them understand and explore the Easter story.

Funded Nursery Places

Please see the flyer on page 2 regarding funded nursery places for 2 year olds.

Easter Holidays

Please note that school will close for the Easter Holidays on Friday 31st March at the earlier time of 2pm. School will re-open on Monday 17th April at 8:45am.



Lancashire Early years



Are you claiming a funded place for your 2 year old at a local nursery, pre-school or with a childminder?

If not, your child is missing out on lots of fun, early learning and development benefits such as:

- improving children's speaking, language and listening skills
- preparing children to start school, by helping them to understand what is expected of them and gets them used to daily routines
- helping children to make new friends and builds their confidence
- encouraging children to be active and develop physically through fun and play both indoors and out

And if you qualify, it's paid for by the government, so shouldn't cost you anything to take your child along!

Perhaps Grandparents or other extended family members are caring for your child during the day?

That's no problem, family are the most important people in a child's early life and they can still be involved. A funded place offers up to 15 hours

per week (570 hours per year) but feel free to take your time. If you want to ease your child into early learning by taking up less than 15 hours per week to start with, you can. Most preschools, nurseries and childminders are flexible and can offer different times and hours to suit you. Doing this can help your child to 'settle in', help reduce any concerns you may have as a parent and ease the pressure on grandparents a little too!

Even if you are currently not working, don't let your child miss out, take up their place today!

Find out more and check if your child is eligible at lancashire.gov. uk/childcare or speak to one of our local community education officers: Neetal Parekh (Preston), Ahmed Ali (Hyndburn & Rossendale) & Apu Chowdhury (Burnley & Pendle) – 01282 682275 equalityanddiversity @lancashire.gov.uk



