



Our school value this half term is: "Thankfulness"

"Always be thankful"

1 Thessalonians 5.16

Notices

School Photographs

This year school photographs will be taken again by Tempest Photography. The photographer will be visiting school on Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th September as follows:

Monday 25th—Individual, sibling groups & Y4 class photo

Tuesday 26th— Class photographs

Secondary School Applications

Year 6 parents please note the following:-

All applicants can apply now at <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/> or call 01772 532109 for more information.

The statutory closing date is 31st October 2023 at 23:59.

You must apply even if your child already has older siblings in the school. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your online application.

Online Safety

The online safety page on our school website has recently been updated to include the following advice for parents:

- 12 Social Media Online Top Tips
- Top Tips for setting boundaries around gaming
- What Parents/Carers need to know about sharing photos online

They can be access by scrolling to the bottom of the webpage [here](#).

Free School Meals

We want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can and ensure as many eligible pupils as possible are claiming their free school meals. Your child may be able to get free school meals if you meet the eligibility criteria on the application form.

Full details and applications can be found on the Lancashire Council website here <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/>. Applications can be made online or by returning a copy of the application form to the school office. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Up and coming dates for your diary

Please see full list on the newsletter section of the website.

Please note dates are subject to change

Monday 25th & Tuesday 26th September—School Photographs

Tuesday 26th September—Y4 to Martin Mere

Thursday 5th October—Harvest Service 9:15am at Christ Church

Friday 6th October—Pearl of Africa Choir concert 6-8pm

Harvest Service

Parents, grandparents and carers are warmly invited to attend the **Harvest Service in church on Friday 5th October at 9.15am.**

Children should be brought into school at the usual time and families may go directly to church in time for the service. We would appreciate donations of non-perishable food for children to offer at the service which will be donated to Ormskirk food bank. The children will be escorted by their teachers to church after morning registration.

Healthy Snacks

Please see the 'Healthy Snacks' document attached to the newsletter section of our website. We would also like to remind everyone that we have a strict **NO NUTS** policy. The leaflet can also be viewed [here](#).

Pearl of Africa Choir Concert

The Pearl of Africa Choir are holding a fundraising concert at **6pm at Christ Church Ministry Centre on Friday 6th October** as part of their UK tour. All money raised goes towards helping children in Southern Uganda to access education. Donations can be made by following the link [here](#).



Apple Weekend at Gorse Hill Nature Reserve

On Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th September 12pm-4pm, Gorse Hill Nature Reserve have invited families to join them for their harvest celebrations which will include tours of their heritage orchard and opportunities to taste and buy produce.

Ormskirk Foodbank

Donations can be brought in on any day and church will collect them on a Friday. Thank you for all the items received so far.



URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

COFFEE

JAM / SPREADS

TINNED FRUIT

TINNED PUDDINGS (CUSTARD, RICE ETC)

LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE

SHAMPOO / CONDITIONER

DEODORANT

SANITARY TOWELS

SOAP

TOOTHPASTE

TOOTHBRUSHES

TOILET PAPER