



NEWSLETTER 16th October 2020

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon everyone, another week has passed and school is continuing to work really well. Next week is the last week of this half term and as we head into the weekend I cannot thank all of our staff, children and families enough for ensuring our school community is running as well as it is. Whilst we are very aware that in the current climate how we work as a school can change, everyone is certainly delighted at how the first half term has gone so far. I am equally aware that we do have some members of our community who are currently having to isolate. Whilst this is not yet effecting our school structure, I want to wish anyone who is in this position well and ask that you please contact us if you have any concerns.

This week I would like to draw your attention to three big aspects of school coming up next week. Firstly we are holding **school photographs on Tuesday** for individuals and siblings in school. We will also be holding a **non-uniform day next Thursday** to support our sponsored children in Uganda.

Finally, we are working hard to develop **ClassDojo as an online platform** to support any remote learning. There is more information about these three aspects of school on this newsletter. I am asking for as much support with these three areas as possible which will help many aspects of the work we are doing as a school in the coming week.

I'd like to wish everyone a lovely weekend and hope everyone stays well and safe.

Mr D Kennedy
Headteacher

EduKid and Koch Goma Sponsorship

As a school, we have been supporting the education of our **7 sponsor children** in Koch Goma Uganda for 18 months. This has been a tremendous achievement for everyone in our school. During the pandemic, children in Uganda have also struggled and our sponsored children continue to require support to attend their school and gain an education.

Please click these two links to read more about why and how we work with Koch Goma and our sponsor children.

<https://www.aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk/page/uganda/61621>

<https://www.aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk/page/our-sponsored-children/61622>

As we are now back in school, we are hoping to raise the funds over the coming months to support these children in their education and lives. This term we are holding a **non-uniform day next Thursday** to offer support for our children and we have set up a just giving page to make a donation should you wish. It costs £25 per month to fully support a child through education each year and we have 7 children that we currently support.

During our non uniform day, children will be learning about the life of their child and talking about how funds can help them. We are asking families to make any donation to these children via our **just giving page** which can be reached on the link below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/aughtonchristchurchprimaryschoolsupportsedukid>

During the Summer holidays, **Seb Currie** in **Year 2** was able to raise the magnificent amount of **£2300** for Edukid after deciding he wanted to do something for children who didn't have the same opportunities as he did. We are all very proud of Seb in school for taking on this challenge and his actions certainly reflect our school value of **generosity** this term in such a difficult time for our whole world. Well done Seb!



Non Uniform Day - 22nd October

Next Thursday all the children are invited into school in non uniform in order to raise funds for our Sponsor children in Koch Goma School in Uganda. Please click on this link to make a donation.

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/>

ClassDojo

Everyone has now been sent details of how to log onto this platform and nearly everyone has activated their account and returned the home school agreement for ClassDojo to school.

Last week, teachers sent a practice task to allow us to trial this new platform. Whilst we understand that this made have brought some initial challenges, we are constantly evaluating how we send work in this way so children will have a platform to actively engage and carry on with their learning in case they need to learn remotely.

This week, teachers have sent **all homework** in this way. We are asking everyone to attempt the tasks set and respond using ClassDojo so we are able to monitor how well this system works. We fully understand that initially this may provide some challenges for us all but it is equally important that we work with everyone to develop this system. We are asking all parents and children to help us this weekend by trying the tasks set by teachers. This will then give us a bigger picture of how well this is working.

If you have any concerns please do get in touch by emailing into: **bursar@aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk**

Remote learning books

All children have now been sent home with an additional home learning book. This should be kept in a safe place at home as the children will be working in these if their class is asked to learning remotely at any point.

School Photographs

Please ensure you have returned the Tempest portal consent form for your child by the morning of Monday 19th October at the very latest in order to access your child's photograph proof link.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

IntraHealth nurses will be visiting school on **Tuesday 10th November** to vaccinate children from Reception to Year 6. The **YES** and **NO** forms for our school can be completed and submitted at the link below:

Please ensure you have returned a form for your child, even if it is to withhold consent. More information and answers to FAQs can be found by clicking [here](#). If you have any difficulty completing the online form, please contact the school office. **The consent form link will close on Thursday 5th November 2020.**

<https://www.nhs.uk/flu/information?id=119370&Type=FLU>

Secondary School Admissions

Year 6 parents please note the following:-

Applicants can apply now at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools or call:

01772 532109 for more information.

Closing date is 31st October 2020 at 23:59

KS2 ICT Acceptable Use Policy agreements

Children in Year 3 – 6 will be coming home today with acceptable use policy agreements for using ICT including the internet in school. Please read through the statements with your child and return the completed forms to school on Tuesday 20th October. Thank you.

Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 20th October—School Photographs
Thursday 22nd October—Non-Uniform Day for Uganda
Friday 23rd October—INSET Day
Monday 26th to Friday 29th October—Half Term



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Covid 19 Notices

Key Messages from Public Health

Dr Sakthi Karunanithi, Director of Public Health, has outlined the key messages to all residents of Lancashire. Please click on the icon which is a link to watch a video of Dr Sakthi Karunanithi presenting advice on the guidance and see the guidance below.



Taking into account all the regulations and guidance, our advice to the people and businesses of Lancashire is as follows:

- Do not socialise with anyone outside of your household or support bubble, either in your house, garden or anywhere else.
- Hospitality venues for food and drink must operate table service only.
- Leisure and entertainment venues, including restaurants, pubs and cinemas, must close between 10pm and 5am.
- Only use public transport for essential journeys – such as travelling to school or work, or medical appointments.
- A face covering must be worn on public transport and in taxis, shops and hospitality venues when not seated, unless you are exempt.
- Avoid attending amateur and semi-professional sporting events as a spectator.
- Only visit indoor locations such as restaurants and pubs with other members of your household or support bubble, in a group of no more than 6.
- People should work from home where possible.
- From Monday 28 September, only 15 people can attend a wedding service and reception - 30 people can still attend a funeral.
- A maximum of six people can take part in indoor team sports.
- Large sports events and conferences, planned from 1 October will not now take place.

Covid-19 Symptoms

To support the safety of all adults and children in school please adhere to Government guidance which states: (click on links to see further guidance).

Do not send your child to their nursery, childminder, school or college if:

- they are showing [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#)
- someone in their household is showing symptoms

[Arrange a test](#) if you or your child develops symptoms. Inform your nursery, childminder, school or college of the results.

If the test is positive, follow:

[guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#), and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.

It is really important that you help nurseries, childminders, schools and colleges to implement these actions by following the advice set out here and wider public health advice and guidance.

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline is available by phoning 0800 046 8687 .

Public Health England has produced a letter for schools and colleges to share with parents which explains when a child requires a coronavirus (COVID-19) test and what the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are. The letter can be accessed [here](#).

Social distancing drop off and collection of children

Everyone is well aware of our drop off and collection procedures now. They are working really well and we'd like to thank everyone for their support in these as they are a crucial part of our health and safety procedures to keep children, staff, parents and our wider community safe.

As infections rates rise, the social distancing element of these procedures is essential. We'd like to remind all parents of the following points:

1. Only one parent to drop off and pick up.
2. No dogs are allowed on the school site.
3. Parents must remain in the markers and social distance at all times
4. Parents should not approach staff at the start or end of the day. Any concerns should be sent in an email so a telephone consultation can be arranged.
5. Parents should not gather to hold conversations either on the exit route or around the school grounds.

Emotional and Mental Well-Being

We understand the challenges that the pandemic has created for everyone. Emotional and mental well being is important for us all, please click on the website below for support if you are worried about this within your family and do not hesitate to contact us with any concerns.

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/childrens-mental-health/>