



Curriculum evenings

You will have received a letter today, via ParentMail, with links on to access our 'virtual' curriculum evenings. Staff had great fun making these and we hope you enjoy watching them. Please keep an eye out for our new starters 2021 video – this will go on Facebook and we would be grateful if you could share this far and wide.

Virtual parents' evenings will be taking place w/b 9.11.20 – keep an eye out for further details once we have confirmed procedures.

VIPs

A massive CSP well done to all our super VIPS this week.

Diamond – Isaac for perseverance in all this work this week.

Ruby – Nerys for working extremely hard in everything she does.

Topaz – Thomas for trying his best in every single lesson.

Emerald – Imogen for being 'on it', conscientious, thorough and VERY thoughtful.

Sapphire – Isabelle for consistently working hard with a positive attitude.

Amethyst – Rudi for outstanding behaviour and having a superb attitude to learning – thank you.

Mufti Day

To raise money for our amazing PTA, we have organised a Non-Uniform day on Friday 23 October – children can wear their own clothes on this day for a £1 donation.

Emma's sheep

Well done to Emma Dawson in Topaz class who won 1st prize in the young breeder category at a recent sheep breeders association competition. Baaaarilliant!!

PTA

The PTA board met this week and are busy working on fundraising ideas that take into account the local Government guidance. Further information will be sent out soon. Please support the PTA if you can: with your time or financially. They contribute a massive amount to school and their impact is seen in the provision provided to all children. The library is a perfect example of the difference the PTA make.

Fundraising

A huge well done to Harriet in Topaz class who has raised £185 for Macmillan Cancer Care. Harriet helped her mum bake, decorate and taste test the cakes. They then 'sold' them to family and friends for a donation. Because Macmillan can't hold their usual coffee mornings, they are extremely grateful for Harriet's efforts.

Extra-curricular clubs

Our extra-curricular clubs are up and running, with some proving more popular than others. At the moment they have to be bubble specific and each bubble has at least 2 clubs to choose from. There are many spaces left, particularly in the running clubs. Please see the list on the website and try and encourage your child to try something this half-term.



Parent Governor vacancy

We are still looking for a Parent Governor to join our hard-working and valuable Governing Board. Nominations MUST be received by 12:00pm on Monday 5 October – any nominations received after this will not be able to be considered.

Please consider putting your name forward: this is a great opportunity to help shape the vision and values of our school as we move into a new era.

Science Hunters

Next Wednesday, we are very excited for our Amethyst class children to be joining a Science Hunters virtual session. This is being delivered by Lancaster University and involves using Minecraft to discover all about the life cycles of plants. This is a wonderful opportunity and we are pleased to be able to offer these experiences, even in the light of current difficulties. Parents, please look out for a slip asking permission for children to complete an evaluation after these sessions.

New starters photo

Lancaster Guardian are coming to school to take a photograph of our new reception starters. This will happen outside on Monday 5 October.

Earrings

We are slowly moving towards a point where no children are wearing earrings during the school day. Please ensure your child is practising to take their own earrings out and that you keep us updated as to when they will be able to attend school without their earrings in. Tape needs to be provided for PE days as staff cannot put this on for children. NO earrings, or tape, are allowed for swimming and staff cannot remove or reinsert earrings. Many thanks for your continued cooperation.

Pupil Attitude Questionnaire

We have signed up for the Lancashire Pupil Attitude Questionnaire that is focused on children and parents' experience of lockdown. If you would like to give us your feedback, both positive and negative, please refer to the letter that was sent via ParentMail on Wednesday 30 September.

The results of this survey will feed into our catch-up program at school, as well as our blended learning action plan in the event of a bubble closure. Please ensure that the children's responses are their own views, and not yours.

If you have any questions, or haven't received the link to the survey, please contact Mr Gittins.



One family, belonging, believing and learning together.
Romans 12v5 'So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others'.

The words of Jesus: Our Christian Value this week is Courage

Secondary School Applications

The deadline for applying for secondary school place is fast approaching: all applications have to be made by October 31 2020. An application has to be made for every Y6 child, regardless of their circumstances.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-online-for-a-school-place/>

If you have any questions about this process, please contact Mr Gittins who will gladly talk you through it.

For those children sitting the 11+, this is still scheduled to take place on Saturday 17 October. You must apply for a secondary school place, even if you 'pass' the 11+.

Open Days

At the moment, we are not able to hold our open day in the usual manner. We are working hard to produce an open day video, which will be uploaded onto Facebook by the end of next week. Please direct any potential 2021 starters to this – it will be uploaded onto the website as well.

If you know anyone who might be interested in their child starting at our school in September 2021, please ask them to ring 01524 770241 for a safe, after-school tour of school.

Textile Recycling

COLLECTION DATE – MONDAY 12 OCTOBER

Why not have a clear out of any used clothes, paired shoes, bags, belts and soft toys and raise funds for school? Please bring them to school on the morning of the **12 October by 9am please** (not before please as we don't have space to store it) and drop them by the front wall of the staff car park in the Roberts Recycling Ltd bags which your child will bring home soon. Extra bags will be available from the office should you need them or use black bin liners ensuring all bags are tied. Thank you for your support.