



Welcome to the last newsletter of this term. As Christmas approaches fast may we wish you all a happy and peaceful break. With a busy last few days the newsletter has been issued early to show what will be happening next week.

After 20 years of working at the school we say farewell to Mrs Howorth next week and wish her a very happy retirement. We're sure she will be kept very busy looking after her grandchildren, but hope she will find time to pop in and see us.

Ms Saunders started in the school kitchen and we welcome her to our school.

Parent Governor Election

I am pleased to announce that Mr David Gilmore will be the new parent Governor following the recent elections.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club has been running for just over a year now.

If anyone wishes to use this club then please print a booking form from the website or ask Miss Bailey for a paper copy. Places are currently available for one off sessions, but please check in advance so we can make sure staffing and provisions are sufficient for the number of children attending.



Nativity

Congratulations to the children and staff for putting on such a wonderful performance of "A Miracle in Town". Thank you to the parents who helped walking the children to and fro for rehearsals and to Cranden Press for donating the card used for our set. £140 has been raised in ticket sales. This year we have chosen to send the donation to the Donkey Sanctuary – the children had talked about how important the role of the donkey was, by carrying Mary all that way "so don't forget about the donkey!"



Save the Children – Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for supporting Christmas Jumper Day. Donations are being counted – all money received will be sent to Save the Children.



Christmas Concert at Longridge High School

Longridge High School has invited Wyre Class to watch a performance of their Christmas Concert on Tuesday 20 December. Longridge High School have arranged transport to pick us up from the Recreation Ground at 9am, so please can Year 5 and 6 pupils be in school for 8.40am, so they can be registered and then walked to the coach. Please can any reply slips not yet returned be sent in on Monday.

PTFA Notices

Thank you to all the parents, staff and governors for organising and supporting our recent Christmas Fair – the hall was packed! The final figures are being counted but we managed to raise in excess of £500.

Our next event is the disco, which will be held in school on Monday 19 December, 6:00 – 7:00pm for pupils in Reception to Year 2 and 7:00 – 8:00pm for pupils in Year 3 to 6. £2.00 per child. Tuck shop inside.



Headteacher Awards

Week ending 16th December 2016

**Calder Class: Whole Class
Ribble Class: Henry Small**

**Hodder Class: Whole Class
Wyre Class: Sarah Holgate**

Many thanks to everyone who has been using easyfundraising when ordering online.

Total raised: £209.30

It's easy to set up just visit <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ribchesterswcptfa/>

Thank you.



Christmas Lunch and Parties - Tuesday 20th December

The children will be allowed to wear non-uniform for this special day but please make sure they have a coat and appropriate footwear for the playground. ***Thank you to the PTFA for buying extras for our Christmas lunch and parties. The children will all enjoy the juice and crackers during the meal and prizes at the parties.***

Dinner Money

Next half term's dinner money will be £55.00. Thank you for your co-operation paying in advance for school dinners and toast at morning break time. Payment can be made by cash, cheque payable to LCC or via School Money.



Thank you to our families for your kind donations and to Cranden Press for making and donating two large boxes of notepads.

The Backpack Project is a simple way to help children from chronically poor families to get to school.

Please leave any donations in the box in the school porch. Items needed: Spoon (preferably metal); exercise book/notepad; crayons; erasers; rulers; sharpener; dresses, shorts, skirts & t-shirts (age 4 – 12 years); flip-flops or sandals; small ball (e.g. tennis ball); soap

Lockerbie Manor

Wyre class will be going on their residential trip to Lockerbie Manor at the end of February. Kit lists have been sent out to all parents. The final instalment is due by the end of January.



Parking outside School

A local resident contacted school this week concerned about the number of cars parked on the double yellow lines outside school, when parents are dropping their children off at school. This follows the Ribble Valley Borough Council recently clearing the double yellow lines, to make them visible, following a request from one of our governors. Please can parents be considerate and careful when parking their cars around the school. Once again we would like to remind parents that they can park on Pope Croft car park for a 20 minute period in the morning and afternoon, without paying, whilst they drop off or pick up their child. No fine would be enforced should a penalty notice be issued.

After School Clubs starting in January – letters to follow

Monday: Tag Rugby with ProSport (whole school) (16th Jan, 23rd Jan, 30th Jan, 6th Feb)

Tuesday: French Club with Mrs Sweeten-Dewhurst (Year 1 – 6)

Wednesday: Zumba with Sportscool (whole school) (18th Jan, 25th Jan, 1st Feb, 8th Feb, 22nd Feb)

Diary of Dates:

19 th December	PTFA Disco - FS/KS1: 6:00 – 7:00pm KS2: 7:00 – 8:00pm
20 th December	Wyre Class – Longridge High School Christmas Concert (<i>please be in school for 8.40am</i>)
20 th December	Christmas Lunch & Parties
21 st December	Advent Service – St Wilfrid's Church, 2pm. After the service we will return to school and children can be dismissed early.
21st December	School closes for Christmas holidays.
9th January (Monday)	School re-opens
15 th January	<i>Closing date for Primary School Admissions (September 2017)</i>
1 st February	Year 5 Hockey Training at Longridge High School
10th February	School closes for Half Term
20th February	School re-opens
27 th February – 3 rd March	Wyre Class Residential Trip to Lockerbie Manor



Fairtrade Friday – Afternoon break

Carton of Juice / Hot Chocolate = 30p

Biscuit = 20p

Friday 13th January

Friday 3rd February

Friday 3rd March