



Ribchester St. Wilfrid's C of E Primary School

NEWSLETTER 15 December 2017



PE Kit / Uniform

During winter along with the regular PE kit of a plain red t-shirt, navy blue shorts and black pumps, please can all children have warmer clothing for when taking part in PE and coaching sessions outside. Pupils can wear navy or black jogging bottoms, navy, black or red sweatshirts and trainers. Please can girls wearing tights have a spare pair of socks in school for PE and coaching sessions.

School uniform is sensible black shoes. This month a few children have been wearing trainers or trainer style shoes. We appreciate sometimes at the end of term it might be difficult to replace shoes, but please can everyone be wearing correct uniform when we return in the New Year.



Nativity

Congratulations to the children and staff for putting on such a wonderful performance of "Christmas with the Aliens". Many thanks to the parents and volunteers who helped walking the children to and fro for rehearsals.

PTFA Notices

Thank you to all the parents, staff and governors for organising and supporting our recent Christmas Fair. With your help we have raised a fantastic £508.

Our next event is the disco, which will be held in school on Wednesday 20 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.

The current PTFA committee have been running school fundraising events for the past 5 years, and are desperate for some new help. Many of their children will be leaving school soon, and we would hate the PTFA to stop running, as the children would miss out on a great many fun school social events the committee organises, and all the benefits they gain from the funds raised. If you feel you are able to help keep this vibrant committee running please contact one of the members, message us on Facebook or enquire at the school office.



Save the Children – Christmas Jumper Day

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



Christmas Lunch and Parties – Thursday 21 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 for KS2. Payment can be made by cash, cheque payable to LCC or via School Money. Please can any outstanding payments be made next week. Text messages are sent from the system on a Monday showing any overdue balance up to the Friday before. Please note school dinners are £2.20 per day.

Head lice

Unfortunately we are still getting reports of head lice being found on children in the school. Please continue to fine comb hair for detection and removal of lice.

Tower Wood

Wyre class will be going on their residential trip to Tower Wood at the end of February. Please contact Miss Bailey if need to confirm any outstanding balance.

After School Clubs starting in January (starting w/c 15th January – letters to follow)

Monday:	Drama with Ribcaged
Tuesday:	French Club with Mrs Sweeten-Dewhurst (Year 1 – 6)
Wednesday:	Dance Club with ProSport
Thursday:	Multi-skills with ProSport

Headteacher Awards



Week ending 8 December 2017

Calder Class: Florence Ives
Hodder Class: Samuel Wolfenden
Ribble Class: Alfie Packman
Wyre Class: Stefan Sabanovic

Week ending 15 December 2017

Calder Class: Whole Class
Hodder Class: Whole Class
Ribble Class: Whole Class
Wyre Class: Liam Greaves



Doing your Christmas shopping online? Don't forget to go via [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) to raise donations for school – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

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

Thank you to our supporters who've raised £25.07 of free donations in the last 30 days.

£520.94 RAISED IN TOTAL

Diary of Dates:

20 December	PTFA Disco FS/KS1 6.00-7.00pm KS2 7.00-8.00pm
21 December	Christmas Lunch and Parties
22 December	End of Term Christmas Service - 2PM at St Wilfrid's Church. Following the service school closes for Christmas Holidays
8 January (Monday)	School re-opens
15 January	<i>Closing date for Primary School Admissions (Sept 2018)</i>
16 January	Phonic/Spelling Workshop 6pm
9 February	Half Term – school closes at 3.30pm
19 February	INSET DAY
20 February (Tuesday)	School re-opens
28 February – 2 March	Wyre Class Residential to Tower Wood
6 March	Written Maths Workshop 6pm
7 March	Year 5 Hockey training – Longridge High School
12 March	Year 4 STEM Event – Longridge High School
21 March	Year 5 Hockey Tournament – Longridge High School
22 March	Tempest Class Photographs – Year 6 and Reception
23 March	Easter Holidays – School closes at 3.30pm



Fairtrade Friday – Afternoon break

Carton of Juice = 30p Hot Chocolate= 30p Biscuit = 20p

Friday 12 January

Friday 2 February

Friday 2 March

Friday 13 April



Staying Safe Online over the festive season - useful tips for Parents and Carers

As the festive season gets underway, many children and young people may receive gifts they can use to go online so it is a good opportunity to give some thought to how we can support them to stay safe whilst having fun.



Gifts such as **Tablets, Gaming Consoles or Smartphones** can all be used to go online so it is important to think ahead about what safety features are available and set them up in advance. Our colleagues at the UK Safer Internet Centre have some very useful checklists with



things to consider when choosing different devices: **Tablets** - http://bit.ly/uksic_tablets

Gaming Consoles - http://bit.ly/uksic_gaming **Smartphones** - http://bit.ly/uksic_phones

Tip: The Safer Internet Centre also has some excellent advice in their **Parents' Guide to Technology** and includes device-specific settings for different models:

www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-technology



Setting up **Parental Controls** on the home internet connection may seem a little daunting but the highly-regarded Internet Matters website has some really useful guidance from major broadband providers about setting up online filters.

internet
matters.org

Tip: Use the Interactive guide on the website at: www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/interactive-guide



Agreeing some **Behaviours and Expectations** before children receive devices can help to prevent some difficult conversations later. Additionally, our colleagues at Childnet have a handy **Family Agreement** which can be useful, especially for younger children – see: www.childnet.com/blog/family-agreement



Tip: Good agreements work both ways so if family-time involves no tech, this applies to adults too!



Not sure about *Snaps, Streaks or Insta*? The variety of **Apps and Social Media** tools can seem bewildering at first but the very-highly recommended NetAware resource from O2 and the NSPCC is an excellent way to find out more about the different apps and games your child may use – see: www.net-aware.org.uk



Tip: NetAware also has an app for your smartphone to stay in touch with the latest updates.



Games can be over-looked but remember most modern consoles connect online and often have in-built web browsers. Ensuring **appropriate gaming content** is also important so make sure to check what PEGI-rating different games have, including the descriptions such as Sex, Violence or Bad Language – see: www.pegi.info

Tip: Some games also offer in-game purchases for additional content – if so, **use vouchers** rather than credit cards to help save you from unexpected bills later.



Don't forget the Positives! Being aware of the potential risks the online world poses is very important but don't forget it also offers us immense opportunities and benefits. If you still aren't too sure, get involved and ask your child to teach you about their online

world and what they do (and don't) like.

Top Tip: The LSCB's 'Useful Tips for Parents and Carers' can be found at the top of the Parents and Carers section of the **LSCB Online Safety website** and also contains a variety of really useful information: www.lancshiresafeguarding.org.uk/online-safeguarding/parents-and-carers

