



Welcome to our latest newsletter.

We cannot predict how the situation regarding Coronavirus will develop. We are intending on keeping school open, however we are planning for the possibility of partial or full school closures. Up to date contact details are always important, but this seems an important time to double check we are using the most appropriate number for text messages and emails. An email and text message was sent on Friday to the priority contact. If you did not receive this message, please contact school to check / update our records. Please note if you have the Eduspot / teachers2parents app, you will not receive a text message, instead the message will go to the app. Please ensure notifications are turned on so you are aware of any messages being sent.

- **Please can we ask parents to inform us of any close family member who has returned from abroad within the last month.**
- **Please can all the children have a named drinks bottle in school – there will be no cup sharing**

To support the delay of the spread of the virus, the Department for Health and Social Care has asked anyone who shows certain symptoms to stay at home for 7 days, regardless of whether they have travelled to affected areas. This means people should stay at home and avoid all but essential contact with others for 7 days from the point of displaying mild symptoms, to slow the spread of infection.

**The symptoms are:**

- A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)
- A new, continuous cough

You do not need to call NHS 111 to stay at home. If your symptoms worsen during your stay at home period or are no better after 7 days contact NHS 111 online at [111.nhs.uk](http://111.nhs.uk). If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.

Current advice remains in place: no education or children’s social care setting should close in response to a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England.

The Chief Medical Officer has advised that the impact of closing schools on both children’s education and on the workforce will be substantial, but the benefit to public health may not be. Decisions on future advice to schools will be taken based on the latest and best scientific evidence, which at this stage suggests children are a lower risk group.

**To find out how to protect yourself and others from coronavirus visit [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus).**

**School Dinners / Before and After School Club**

As we approach the end of the financial year (31<sup>st</sup> March) please can any outstanding payments for school lunches and Before and After School Club be paid as soon as possible.

**Class photographs**



Photographer will be in school on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March to take class photographs of Reception and Year 6.

**Attendance For September 2019 – February 2020**

**Calder: 97.71% (Green)**

**Hodder: 97.05% (Green)**

**Ribble: 95.02% (Amber)**

**Wyre: 96.40% (Green)**



### **Mothering Sunday**

All welcome to the Mothering Sunday service at St Wilfrid's Church on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. The children attending will be asked to help and join in with the service, helping with hymn books, singing and reading. Please return the reply slip as soon as possible, so we know which children will be attending.

Please note on this occasion there will be no teaching staff attending the service to minimise risk.

### **Trashionshow**

At this time we intend to go ahead with the 'Trashionshow' on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. The children have been asked to design and make an outfit at home out of rubbish. To plan for the catwalk event we will be sending out an entry form this week – please return as soon as possible.

### **Field Day Float**

Advance notice: We will be entering a float for the Ribchester Field Day this year. The Field Day is celebrating 60 years this year so we are hoping to have a fantastic entry. Our theme will continue the rubbish/recycling theme started at the Trashion Show. Please keep an eye out for further information on how to get involved.

### **Morris Dancing for Field Day**



Morris Dancing starts on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April from 3.45-4.45pm on Ribchester Car Park. Open to all ages 6+. Contact Siobhan on 07964 185894 for more details.

### **Bag2School**



Next week we will be sending home collection bags for 'good quality' items for reuse. Bag2School collect

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

### **They do not accept**

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

Bag2School is a good way to dispose of unwanted clothing, raise money for school and provide a supply of affordable clothing. Bag2School is working with WRAP (Waste & Resources Action Programme) through the SCAP (Sustainable Clothing Action Plan) group for reuse and recycling and is a signatory to the 2020 commitment to reduce the environmental impact of clothing.

### **Headteacher Awards**



#### **Week ending 6 March 2020**

- Calder Class:** Ruby Turner  
**Hodder Class:** Willow R-W  
**Ribble Class:** Philip Taylor  
**Wyre Class:** N/A (Tower Wood)

#### **Week ending 13 March 2020**

- Calder Class:** Seth Caulkin  
**Hodder Class:** Joshua Flitcroft  
**Ribble Class:** George Moretta  
**Wyre Class:** Whole Class

## Diary of Dates:

- ~~17 March~~ — ~~Year 5 Hockey Tournament at LHS (AM)~~ - Cancelled
- 19 March            Reception and Year 6 Class photographs
- 22 March            Mothering Sunday Service at St Wilfrid's 10.30am
- 27 March            Ribble Class Sharing Assembly
- 30 March            Year 6 Safety Town at Longridge High School
- 2 April              Trashionshow – 6pm
- 3 April              School closes for Easter Holidays**
- 20 April             School re-opens**
- 24 April               Bag 2 School Collection
- 4 May                Year 6 Cricket Skills at Longridge High School
- 7 May                Year 5 Next Step Day at St Cecilia's
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May    School Closed - Bank Holiday

### Fairtrade Friday – Afternoon break first Friday of the month



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April    Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Carton of Juice = 35p Biscuit = 25p

**Please note price increase**



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