



Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### Headteacher News Letter

Welcome back to what we know will be a very busy spring term. I hope you all managed to relax over the Christmas holiday period and spend some quality time with your family. Just a few updates and reminders for all parents.

#### **Acorns Breakfast/After School Club:**

There are very limited places available for spring term for breakfast/after school club. If you have booked and returned the form to school then all your sessions will now show up on Parent Pay and your child is booked onto those sessions that have been requested. We politely ask that parents do not book sessions online, without filling in a booking form which must be returned promptly to the school office. Without a booking form, your child's place is not secured or guaranteed. All sessions booked must be paid for 4 weeks in advance please, and sessions cannot be changed without speaking to the school office. Most places for spring term 1 are full. If you require a one off session, please telephone school to speak to a member of staff.

From today, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January, the After School Club will close at 5.45pm.

We are currently without an office manager and this has been the case since late November, so please bear with us whilst we recruit a new one. Hopefully a temporary office manager will be in post from this week.

#### **Watches:**

We have seen an increase since after Christmas in the number of children wearing smart watches to school. The wearing of watches is encouraged in children as long as they are of an age and maturity where they can take responsibility for their own watch and ensure it does not become a distraction in lessons. The new smart watches are especially popular with children and parents alike with the reports they give on steps taken and time spent exercising, and this has obvious benefits to motivation and enjoyment. However we cannot allow the wearing of any smart watches that have a camera function or ones that can connect to the internet whilst in school. This is to ensure that all children are kept safe in school, and that no inappropriate content is accessed and shared. If you are unsure about the suitability of your child's watch, please speak to your child's teacher.

#### **Free school Meals:**

I have been asked by a few parents about the food shopping vouchers that were sent over the Christmas holidays to parents who can claim benefit related free school meals. These vouchers will also be sent out at February half term. If you think your child may be entitled to this, then click the link below and fill out the online form so that if you qualify, you will receive the vouchers in the future.

[https://lancashire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Free\\_school\\_meals\\_and\\_pupil\\_premium](https://lancashire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Free_school_meals_and_pupil_premium)



**Vandalism:**

Since October we have had a large number of incidents involving criminal damage to school. We have again had a lot of vandalism over the weekend, with damage to sheds, outdoor storage, outdoor planters and children's play equipment. These youths have also been on the school roof, and last week entered the school via the main door and set the fire alarm off. Before Christmas they caused a lot of damage on the roof too which was costly to repair. I am asking, if you do see anything then you report it to the police please.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Kay', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Headteacher