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Newsletter No. 3

Dear Parents,



<u>Sporting Events – Well done to the Football Team</u> on reaching the finals of the Jubilee Shield. The match took place on Tuesday with team members: Zach Ashton, Frankie Fardella, Calum Martin, Louis Martin, James Toase, Dillon Topping, Zayd Vaid, Adam Veevers, Owen Walton. Two matches were won and two lost, although unfortunately we didn't qualify for the final four, we had a great night.

On Monday 10th October the Cross Country Teams ran and were well placed. All the children ran extremely well showing both speed and stamina. Boys' Team: Calum Martin, Louis Martin, James Toase, Frankie Fardella, Dillon Topping, Aariz Jeffrey. Girls' Team: Aasiyah Hasan, Tayah Hudson, Maseeha Gadatya, Libby Frazer, Aliyah Hasan, Lacey Nelson.

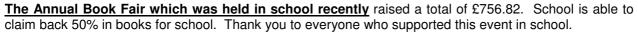


<u>A huge well done to Year 1</u> who led our Harvest worship on Friday 21st October. This was a very moving occasion with readings and drama from the children. Well done to all! Huge thanks to all Y1 parents and families, who attended and to families across school who sent in cans for Foodbank – we have been overwhelmed – raising a staggering 309.20 kg!!



<u>Keeping Safe Week</u> – During our annual 'safety week' before half term the children took part in various aspects of first aid which was delivered by St. John's Ambulance and school staff. All classes discussed the 'Pocket Book Guide to School with the junior children taking home a copy. This is also available on our website under School Life – Guide to School. Many thanks to the Friends for funding this first aid programme.

<u>Primary School Applications – September 2017</u> –The deadline date for applications is 15th January. Parents are encouraged to apply online at www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions.





<u>Lancashire Nasal Flu Vaccination Programme – "DROP IN SESSION"</u> – IntraHealth are pleased to offer a "Drop in"

Session at their Ramber Bridge Office Suite 3a-3c Bibble House Meanwate Ramber Bridge



Session at their Bamber Bridge Office, Suite 3a-3c Ribble House, Meanygate, Bamber Bridge, PRESTON, PR5 6UP (tel. 07414 919528) on Thursday 17th November 2016 between 3.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. Parents/guardians of **Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 pupils** are able to bring along their child/children if they missed the School's vaccination date due to illness or absence or if they have now decided that they

would like their child/children to be vaccinated.

<u>Children in Need on Friday 18th November – The Big Spotacular!</u> – Non-uniform day with spots and stripes as the theme. All donations of money will go to Children in Need.

Regular Activities After School

Monday Ukulele Group 3.30 – 4.15 p.m. – ongoing

Y2 Handwriting Group – 3.30 – 4.15 p.m. ongoing

Netball Practice - Y6/Y5 girls - 3.30 - 4.30 p.m. - ongoing

Tuesday Gym Club – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing Wednesday Orchestra Practice 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing Y6 Maths Club – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. - ongoing

Thursday Choir Practice for Juniors – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing

Y5 Maths Club - 3.30 - 4.30 p.m. - ongoing

Friday Absolute Sports (Various) – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing

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Christmas Celebrations



Posada Nativity figures will be sent out week beginning 28th November. This is a lovely Mexican tradition whereby your child will receive a figure from the nativity tableau to take home for the evening, along with a special book to write your special thoughts or prayers. Please take special care of the figures you receive as you welcome the true meaning of Christmas into your home.



Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be performing 'Away in a Manger' on: Wednesday 14th, Thursday 15th and Friday 16th December at 2.15 p.m. Mince pies and coffee will be served by the Friends. A separate infant class letter will be sent home with more details.



The Junior Children, Choir and Orchestra will be leading our Candlelit Carol Service on Tuesday 20th December at 7.00 p.m. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are not required to attend. Those wishing to bring Infant children may do so, but must sit together in the main congregation. This is an extra special occasion, full of Christmas cheer and excitement. We warmly invite all parents, friends and families to join us. The service will last under an hour. It is an important service, and it is anticipated that all Junior children will attend. It is hugely disappointing, to all those involved, when children do not attend key school events. Please ensure you return the slip below in the unfortunate event that your child is unable to attend.



'TROLLS' Big screen show Monday 19th December, £3 contribution includes a choc ice for the interval!



Pocket Money Stall, Tuesday 20th December - afternoon. This is a magical event. Please support the Friends and come and 'wrap' if you are able! Please contact the office if you are able to help.



Party Day - Wednesday 21st will combine our special Christmas lunch with the Junior talent show (always a favourite with staff) and a special visitor for the infants! This is a non-uniform day - party clothes instead.

Dates for Diaries/Activities in School

Thurs 17th Nov Full Governors' Meeting – 5.00 p.m.

Fri 18th Children in Need - Non-Uniform Day - Spots and Stripes Theme

Mon 21st **School closed for Staff Training**

Thurs 24th Governors' Finance Committee Meeting – 4.00 p.m. Tues 29th Friends' A.G.M. – 7.00 p.m. in School – everyone welcome

Fri 2nd **Dec** Wed 7th Choir to sing in Blackburn Cathedral - Lunchtime Carols - all choir members

Choir to sing at The Fire and Rescue Christmas Carol Service at 7.30 p.m. - all choir members

Sat 10th Choir to sing at Christmas Spectacular – Y5 and Y6 members only

Mon 12th - Tues 13th Life Education Van in School Wed 14th Infant Nativity - 2.15 p.m. Thurs 15th Infant Nativity - 2.15 p.m. Fri 16th

Infant Nativity – 2.15 p.m. Community Cinema in School – 'Trolls' – afternoon Mon 19th

Tues 20th Pocket Money Stall

Service in Church - 7.00 p.m. Wed 21st Special Christmas lunch in school

> Party Day - Non Uniform Junior Talent Show

Thurs 22nd School closes for the Christmas holidays

Mon 9th **January** 2017 School re-opens

B. Haigh Headteacher	
	Junior Carol Service
Child's Name:	Class:
My child is unable to attend the Carol Service	e on Tuesday 20 th December at 7.00 p.m.
Signed:	
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Please return this slip to your child's class teacher or direct to the school office.