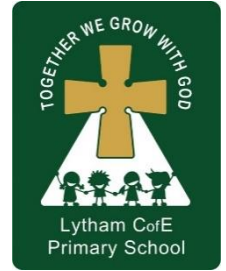




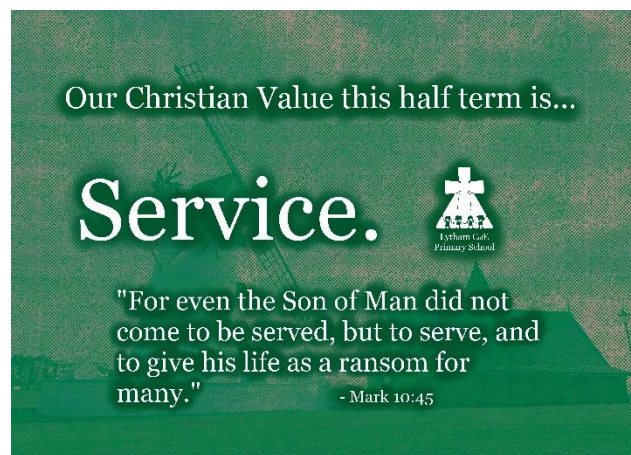
LYTHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

*Together We Grow With God*



8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## ***Our Christian Value this half term is Service***



### **Headteacher's Message:**

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school after the summer holidays. The children have had an excellent attitude towards learning and have had warm smiles to accompany the very warm weather we have enjoyed this week. Well done to our new children in Reception and other classes too who have started their school journey with us with such enthusiasm.

Good luck to Mrs Lumby who is taking part in the Great North Run this weekend. We're looking forward to hearing about it next week!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher or myself. I'm on the gate nearly every morning and evening so please do come and chat to me if you have a worry. I can also be contacted via Dojo and email. We are always willing to help.


Have a lovely weekend with your children

*Mrs Wooldridge*



## Our Stars of the Week - week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> September



Reception	Awards will begin next week	
Year One	Betsy Mc	
Year Two	Wallis	
Year Three	Teddy	
Year Four	Reggie	
Year Five	Joseph	
Year Six	All of Y6	

## Our Christian Values Superstars

(W/B 4 <sup>th</sup> September)	Hattie	Finn	Imogen
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*You will recall from previous newsletters that the focus for each half term changes for our Parable of the Talents certificate. It was agreed that the focus this half term for the Parable of the Talents would be for those children who demonstrate an exceptionally 'positive attitude towards their learning'.*

<i>Positive attitudes towards learning</i> - week beginning 4 <sup>th</sup> September	
Reception	Awards will begin next week
Year One	William
Year Two	Bluebelle
Year Three	Ronan
Year Four	Charlie C
Year Five	Olivia M
Year Six	Elena

### Staffing Updates

Mrs Bailey is currently absent from school so Mrs Lumby has taken on the role of Acting Assistant Headteacher and Mrs Taylor is Acting Key Stage Two leader.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Karen Ready as our new SENCO, Mrs Rebecca Rothney as our new Year five teacher and Miss Emma Phillips who is teaching Year four during Mrs Bailey's absence.

## Snippets from the classrooms

Our nursery children have settled in beautifully this week. They have all played so well together, using their manners, taking turns and listening to each other. Wow! We are so impressed!

Reception - We are so proud of all our new children that have started school for the first time this week. They have been absolutely amazing! We have had a super week making new friends and exploring all the areas of learning in our Reception classroom. We are now excited for next week, especially staying for lunch!

Year 1 have had a great first week back at school! In English we have been looking at the book 'Cave Baby'. We started by discussing and writing all the things that we could see on the front cover, and then we made predictions about what we think the book is about. The children also enjoyed their PE lesson this week where we recapped some skills that they learnt last year.

Year 2 have made a fantastic start to the year. In English we have been reading a version of Goldilocks and we have decided that Goldilocks really isn't a very good character. In Maths we have been developing our place value skills and in Geography we have started to investigate the environment in Antarctica.

In Year 3, the week got off to a magical start as we were issued with circus tickets to enter our classroom 'big top'. We were wowed by trapeze artists, acrobats and stilt-walkers, and now we can't wait to find out what all of this has to do with our new English text, *Leon and the Place Between*. We are also enjoying our guided reading poem about the jackdaw - it is quite the tongue-twister! In geography, we have been introduced to our new topic about earthquakes. By looking at photographs and reading first-hand accounts, we have already learned a lot about the New Zealand earthquake of 2011. Mrs Patterson and Mrs Taylor are so proud of how well we have settled into the juniors!

The children in Year 4 have worked so hard this week and have made a brilliant start to the new school year. In English, they have written some fantastic poems linked to freedom and performed them together as a whole class.

Y5 - What a great first week for Year 5! In English, we started the week as detectives when some mystery items appeared in our class. We discovered Philippe Petit and have spent the rest of the week helping him conquer his tightrope walk across the Twin Towers. In Art, we have begun to experiment with different way to present a self-portrait, and in RE we are discussing what Christians use the Bible for, and who wrote it. We are really proud of how welcoming Year 5 have been to our newest member, Olivia.

Y6 - This has been a great week for Y6. We loved jujitsu training and many of the children are enthusiastic to start lessons with Sensei Silvio. In Geography, we really took advantage of the heatwave and created an experiment to find out how the greenhouse effect is affecting climate change. Finally, in Art we experimented with a variety of different media in

our sketchbooks, inspired by Mexican artist Diego Rivera and by Mayan designs - messy, but great fun!

### **School Meals – Reminder from the School Office**

With effect from Sep 2023 the price of a school meal will increase from £2.40 to £2.50 per meal.

### **End of the Day**

Please ensure that you leave school promptly at the end of the day so that the gates can be locked. Thank you.

### **Breakfast Club**

Please be aware that from September 2023, the price of Breakfast Club has increased to £5 per session.



### *Autumn 1 2023 'at a glance'*

Date	Event	Notes
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> September 10.15am	Education Sunday Service at St Cuthbert's Church	All welcome ☺
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 3.40pm	Y2 Meet the Teacher	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 3.40pm	Y3 Meet the Teacher	
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 3.40pm	Y6 Meet the Teacher	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September 3.40pm	Y4 Meet the Teacher	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September 10am-12pm and 1-3pm	Bikeability for Y6 children	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September 3.40pm	Y5 Meet the Teacher	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 3.40pm	Y1 Meet the Teacher	
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September 6.30pm	Reading Meeting for Reception families	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 10am-12pm and 1-3pm	Bikeability for Y6 children	
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> September 10.15am	Harvest at St John's Church	<b>Y6 children will now be leading this and Y3 will lead a service later in the year.</b>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2.45pm	Archdeacon David Picken to visit school	David to tour school, speak with Worship Leaders and lead Worship.
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Scholastic Book Fair arrives in school	
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 6pm	PTA AGM in School	All welcome ☺
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September 1.30pm-2.30pm	Open Afternoon for new families	Please spread the word ☺
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 9am	Macmillan Coffee Morning	Details to follow
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Scholastic Book Fair to be collected	
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 10-11.30am	Open Morning for new families	Please spread the word ☺
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 3.30pm	School closes for Half term	

***Children return to school on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November***