



# LYTHAM CHURCH of ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear families

What a wonderful start to the new year it has been. The children have all looked very smart in their uniform and have been fully engaged in their learning.

It has been lovely to welcome new families to our Lytham CE family and our children in Nursery and Reception have all settled in well. We have also welcomed children in other classes and we are delighted that they are now a part of our wonderful school community.

We have welcomed Miss Davies as our new Deputy Headteacher, Miss Townley as our new Y4 teacher and Mrs Shaw as a new teaching assistant in Y1.

The classrooms have been buzzing with the sounds of learning and it has been a joy to drop in to all of the classrooms to see the learning taking place. My heart is full of joy at the fantastic start we have had to our new academic year.

As ever, if you have any queries or concerns please do get in touch with me via the Office, Dojo or my email address [head@lytham.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@lytham.lancs.sch.uk) and I will get back to you.

We're looking forward to a wonderful year working in partnership with you. Together We Grow With God.

*Amanda Wooldridge*

Week beginning 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024		
Our Christian Value Superstars		
Riley, Olivia H, Jared		
	Star of the Week	Parable of the Talents – avid writers
Reception	All of our Reception children have settled in and worked hard this week.	
Year 1	Bonnie	Charlie
Year 2	All of Y2	Noah
Year 3	Bluebelle	Frankie
Year 4	Alice	Isla-Mae
Year 5	William	Reggie
Year 6	Toby	Annabel



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## Meet the Teacher

Class Teachers have been holding Welcome Meetings for Parents and these will continue into next week too. These are an excellent opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and teaching assistant and find out about the year ahead.

Monday 9th September 9am Year 3

Tuesday 10th September 9am Year 4

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 9am Year 2

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 9am Year 5

Whilst you are meeting with the staff, I am enjoying the opportunity to talk to the class about our British Value for this half term which is The Rule of Law. We have also been talking about how to promote good physical and mental health.

If you are unable to make the meeting, copies of the slides will be posted to class pages on the school website.

## Education Sunday

Next Sunday (15<sup>th</sup> September) we will be celebrating Education Sunday at St Cuthbert's Church. Please do come along as we pray for our school community and also hear from some of our children about school life and how they play their part in our school community.

The service will last for approximately one hour and there will be the opportunity for school bags to be blessed for this coming year.



**Education Sunday Service – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September**  
**10.15am at St. Cuthbert's Church**

 The theme for this year is "Learning together: education in our community"

It is a national day of prayer and celebration for everyone involved in the world of education

All children are invited to join us at our special service where you can have your new school bag and/or lunch bag blessed.

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## Personal Development

We are always keen to hear about our children's achievements outside of school. It is always lovely to celebrate a swimming badge, a brownie badge or a local award for making a difference in the community. Please do encourage your children to bring their new badges in so that we can find out more about their achievements.

## **Website including calendar**

As you will have seen on previous communication, the calendar on the website has been updated to include the main events for the academic year. More is being added but I think it's going to be a game changer having everything in one place!

Our website has also been updated with lots of new information so please do have a look at this. If you require paper copies of any information on the website, please ask at the school office and this can be arranged for you.

## **Extra curricular clubs**

Our extra curricular clubs will be beginning again in the next couple of weeks so please do book your child on if a particular club is of interest to them. Due to a very low uptake, Nippon UK will not be running Ju-jitsu this term but it is hoped that this will recommence in the Spring term.

If your child has a good idea for a club, please ask them to speak to Mrs Davies and if we can run it..... we will!

## **Safety**

Following the tragic events in Southport during the summer, we have looked again at our safety and security to ensure that our procedures are as tight as possible to ensure that our children, families and staff can be kept safe.

With this in mind, the gate to Breakfast and After School Club will be kept locked at all times. Families will need to ring the bell and one of the staff will come out to open it and then relock it after you have signed your child in or out.

At the end of the day, Miss Davies and Mrs Lumby will be locking the gates promptly at 3:40pm to ensure that any clubs can run safely on the playgrounds.

Thank you for your support with this.

## **Survey**

You will have seen on School Story that we are keen to seek your views on our distinctiveness as a Church School.

We would really appreciate it if you could spare five minutes to complete this survey.

## **Supporting Behaviour Policy**

Way back, last term, we started to talk to the children about our behaviour systems in school. For a school to be really successful, there has to be consistency across the school and for everybody to be singing from the same hymn sheet (so to speak). Our policies and procedures also have to work for our children and staff and be understood by all. Following whole school staff training, we devised a new behaviour strategy (Our Behaviour Beanstalk) and wrote a new supporting behaviour and relationships policy, with a strong focus on praise and how we celebrate everything that we do well. A copy of this policy will be sent out to you via email and is also available on the website. We will be completing further training on the principles of the policy in October and will make any tweaks as necessary. If you have any questions please do get in touch with me.

## High School Applications

If you have a child in Year 6 you will need to apply for a high school place by 31st October. Applications need to be completed with Lancashire County Council.

[Starting secondary school \(Year 7\) - Lancashire County Council](#)

## Primary School Applications

If you have a child in Nursery, you will need to apply for a primary school place by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Please do promote our open mornings to your friends and family.

[Starting primary school \(reception\) - Lancashire County Council](#)



Our Mission Statement is:

*To inspire everyone in our school family to be the best they can be within our caring Christian Community*

Our strap line is, '*Together We Grow With God*'.

Our Vision

- 1. To equip our children, staff and governors to fulfil their individual potential and come together as a hardworking and happy school community.*
- 2. To continue to develop a dynamic, child-centred sequential curriculum which celebrates our community, children and local area.*
- 3. To empower all children with Christian Values to enable them to have the personal resilience and desire to make a positive contribution to society.*

Our Christian Narrative

*Our Bible verse is 'Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ' 2 Peter 3:18*