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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I wish you all the very best for 2019. On behalf of everyone here, thank you so much for the warm wishes, cards and gifts you gave at Christmas. Your support, as always, is so very much appreciated. Here's to another great year.

Bronze Awards

Congratulations to our Bronze Award winners. **Olivia Richmond, Scarlett Cain, Gemma Balshaw, Siena Harrison, Bex Cayzer, Rebecca Bell, Caitlin Edge, Matilda Richards, Charlotte Pitblado, James Robb, Bailey Bullock, William Prowse, Alfie Coates, Nathan Parker, Heidi Cooper, Charlotte Rothwell, Harriet Richards, Madeleine White, Eleanor Deacon, Lewis Chambers, Kaelyn Hann and Luke Parker** were all presented with their certificates in Celebration Worship this morning.

Baby News!

Congratulations to Miss Lewis, who had a baby girl between Christmas and New Year. Welcome to the world **Anna Florence** and we wish Kirstin, Gary and Zach the loveliest time with their new addition. We can't wait to meet her!

Welcome Mrs King

We welcomed Mrs Hayley King to our school family this week. Mrs King is working in Y4 on a Monday and Tuesday, alongside Mrs MacDonald (Wednesday to Friday) covering Miss Lewis' maternity leave. I know everyone has made her feel at home already!

Christmas 2018

We certainly celebrated Christmas in style. Thank you to everyone involved in making Christmas so special. What with the Nativity performances, Christingle, Grandparents coffee morning, library singing, Christmas Fair, panto trip and festive sing-a-long, it really was one to remember. We hope you enjoyed being part of it too.

Bags

Please try to ensure your child brings in to school with them as small a bag as possible. Book bag sizes are ideal and, especially in the infants, easy for staff to manage when changing books, adding letters, etc. There really is no need for rucksacks/backpacks. As your child gets older, they may need something slightly bigger if needing to bring sports kits, etc. but please keep these to the minimum as we don't have a lot of space in the corridors. Thank you for your co-operation.

New Lunchtimes

This week saw some slight changes to the timetable. The main reason for this was to allow the children more space, and invariably even better supervision, at lunchtimes. We now stagger these, meaning that although the children have some time outside together, both the infants and juniors benefit from having more room to play. Feedback so far has been great, from everyone. Thank you to the staff and children for all embracing the changes so positively!

Fairtrade Tuckshop - next Friday, 18th January

Cath Greenlees from Fairtrade will be back in school next Friday, spending time with our Junior classes leading workshops. At morning break our school council will help her to run another Fairtrade Tuckshop for our children. This is optional and there will be items for sale, including healthy snacks, for 50p and £1. The School Council, along with Mrs Wiles, have been working hard on obtaining the Fairtrade Award for our school and are nearly there!

Education City

You will all receive a letter next week about Education City. This is an online resource that we have bought into for a while, but now we have extended this further to home use. Staff may set homework on this from time to time but it is also there to help your child with any aspects you feel may benefit them. Each child will have their own login details. Hopefully all will be clear but please do not hesitate to ask if you would like any additional details, once you've had time to login and explore.

Parents Evenings

Advanced notice - our Parents Evenings will take place on **Monday 4th** and **Tuesday 5th March**. A letter will come home nearer the time for you to make an appointment. These meetings will take place in your child's classroom and you will also have the opportunity to come along earlier and have a look at the work they have been doing this year so far.

Tennis Sessions

All children from Reception to Y3 will be having a 4 week programme of tennis coaching in school, starting next week. The sessions will be led by John Chatterley, through Chorley Tennis Club.

PTFA Meeting - this Monday

Our PTFA meeting will be taking place in school on Monday, 14th January, at 7:30pm. You really are all very welcome to come along.

Forthcoming Date - Cinema Night!

Wednesday 23rd January - Cinema Night 5:45-7:45pm (film to be confirmed!)

Reception Balance Bikes

Our Reception children have been having fun this week on their balance bikes. The Chorley School Sports Partnership have been in school taking the children for sessions in small groups and they have all done really well. The children will be presented with their certificates in our Celebration Worship next Friday.

Good Luck!

Good luck to both of our Y3/4 and Y5/6 SportsHall Athletics teams, who are competing in the finals next Friday. Also, to our boys' football team, who are playing in the Preston North End Cup next Thursday afternoon. Brilliant - fingers crossed!

Admissions - Primary School Places

If you have a pre-school child due to start with us in September 2019, please remember to apply online via www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools by next Tuesday, **15th January 2019**. **This applies even if you already have a child at our school.** Supplementary faith forms must be handed in at each faith school you are applying to. Please do not hesitate to have a chat with me if you would like any additional information.

ParentPay

Reminders have been sent out this week for music lessons, milk, dinners and OSC. Please pay for these items through ParentPay as soon as possible. If you didn't receive a reminder for infant milk it means you don't owe any this term. Remember dinners are paid one week in advance. Thank you.

Runshaw College GCSE Functional Skills Courses

Runshaw College are offering FREE GCSE Functional Skills courses in English and Maths, starting February 2019. These are free of charge to adults who do not yet currently hold GCSE A*-C/Grade 9-4 and would like to further their educational or employment opportunities, or provide them with great self-confidence in every day social situations. If you have any questions please contact their team on 01772 642040 or email justask.runshaw.ac.uk for more information.

Chorley FC Soccer School

This is open to boys and girls aged 5-12 years during half term (19th-22nd February) 10am to 2pm and the cost is £30 for four days or a daily charge of £10. For more information please ring David Murgatroyd on 07804 145055 or email davidmurgatroyd5@gmail.com.

Leyland Football Development

If your child is interested in commencing a 12 week football course at Leyland St Mary's High School starting Thursday 31st January please contact Lee Galloway on 01772 428086 for more information.

And Finally....

Thank you to Oscar Steele-Moon from Year 1 for our joke this week:

Q. What happened when the lion ate a comedian?

A. He felt funny!

Thank you Oscar- brilliant! Please remember to send your jokes in to me, I need lots of new ones to choose from.

Take care,

Mr Nick Ward
Headteacher

In our Christian family, we all SHINE in the light of Jesus.

Wisdom Compassion Humility Friendship Peace Trust Forgiveness Hope