



# St Lawrence Church of England Primary School

## Newsletter 2 – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023



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## OUR VALUE FOR THE TERM IS SERVICE

### Diary Dates

Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Broughton High school open day - 9.30am
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Meet the Teacher Parents Evening 17:00 to 18:30 Garstang High School Open Evening
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Harvest Gifts may be brought to school
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Harvest Festival - see details below
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Nasal flu vaccinations - Whole school - see below
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Language day - Whole school - more details to follow
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Library bus
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	The Big quiz night-Barton Village Hall-Doors open 7pm
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Library bus
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School re-opens
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Library bus
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Library bus

If you are concerned about any aspect of school life, we want to know about it as soon as possible. Don't delay, call today! Tel 01772 862664



**Star of the week** - Harry Ducker and Sidney Carleton in Nursery, Archie Gallacher, Lola Leatherbarrow and Layla Connell in Reception, Hiba Bangi and Zachariyah Noormohamed in Year 1, Adam Patel and Nicole Comsa in Year 2, Alba Alexander, Jude Crick and Amara Pilling in Year 3, Yusuf Mal and Jenny Lonsdale in Year 4, Eisa Mal and Olivia Boland Quine in Year 5, Zahra Noor and Robyn Vichi-Hindle in Year 6

**Headteachers Awards** - Fred Hartford, Evie O'Neill, Ayaanah Amiji, Mariam Moslih,

**MEET THE TEACHER PARENTS' EVENING** - Our Autumn Term Parents' Evening is on **Thursday 21st September**. This initial Open Evening of the year is primarily a chance for you to get to meet your child's class teacher and be more informed about their new class routines, The topics being covered and the curriculum content. It is not a progress meeting as it is too early in the term for any assessments to have taken place. A more formal Parents Evening will take place in the Spring Term. During the evening, there will be a presentation from each class teacher as follows:

CLASS	TEACHER	AVAILABILITY	PRENTATION
EYFS	Ms Lonsdale	17:00 - 18.15	18:00
YEAR 1	Mrs Woodvine	16:30 - 17.30	18:00
YEAR 2	Mr Crook	17:30 - 18.30	18:15
YEAR 3	Mrs Pilling	17:30 - 18.30	18:15
YEAR 4	Mr McKnight	17:30 - 18.45	17:45
YEAR 5	Mr Davis	17:00 - 18:30	17:45
YEAR 6	Mrs Sharp	17:00 - 18:30	17:15

You are welcome to visit your child's class during their availability slot to chat with them and view the resources that are on display. You should find the evening informative and you will have the opportunity to wander around school to look at other

classes and meet other members of staff. This is particularly useful if your child has a different teacher for phonics or mental maths.

**CAREERS WEEK** - Over the week commencing the 16<sup>th</sup> October, we are going to hold a Career's Week in school for children in Years 5 and 6. This will be an opportunity to be inspired by adults in our community! If you would be at all interested in speaking to Year 5 and 6 about your career path, or a career you had in the past, or are now pursuing, please contact the office with your availability in that week.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL** - A traditional Harvest Festival in St Lawrence Church on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 10:00 to 10:50. This year children in Years 4 and 5 will take part in the service with a short presentation and prayers. The whole school is welcome to attend the service and to bring gifts of tins or packets of food. The Rose King and his retinue will be in attendance and will help to receive gifts of food items from the children as they present them at the front of church. The food is then taken to the local food bank.

**HARVEST GIFTS** - Children who are unable to attend the Harvest Service are welcome to bring their harvest gifts to school on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September**. Classes will be able to visit church during the afternoon to present their gifts.

**SCHOOL VALUES** - This term we are exploring the value of service. We are also looking at the [British Value](#) of democracy.

**YOUNG VOICES CONCERT** - This concert is held annually, and Mrs Sharp is looking for 30 children to join her at the arena in Manchester on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024. This is open to children in Year 4, 5 & 6 but limited spaces so book now to avoid disappointment - this can be done on Parentpay. Rehearsals will take place each morning at 8am from Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September. This is an incredible experience for those involved. Please see the attached parental flyer. Parents and family members/ friends will be able to purchase tickets to attend the concert at the AO arena. Every child will need a Young Voices t shirt which will be available for purchase (further info on tickets and t shirts to follow) <https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/for-parents>



**NASAL FLU VACCINATIONS** - Please complete the flu immunisation consent form by clicking the link below. Whether you are consenting or refusing this immunisation, you will need to complete your child's details on the form. <https://nhsImms.azurewebsites.net/session/15cc187c>

Please complete this as soon as possible. The link will close on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September and the flu immunisations will take place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September. If your child has their immunisation at the GP or any details change after form completion, please contact us. For any queries please contact Intrahealth on 0333 358 3397, Option 2 - Option 1.

**NUTS AND GRAPES** - This is a reminder that children should **not bring any nuts and grapes** in to school and if your child is bringing cherry tomatoes, then these **must be cut in half lengthways** as they are a choking hazard.

**COATS** - Please be reminded that coats **MUST be green or black**.

**BIRTHDAYS** - A reminder that children may wear non-uniform on their birthday (or the nearest day to it). This enables everyone in school to make a fuss of them on their big day! We also know children love to bring in treats for their class on their birthday and we will be able to allow this again this year however, we must insist that treats are small and individually wrapped (no birthday cake). Children can then take this home and it is the parent's decision if and when they have this.



**PARENTPAY** - How to set up automated email alerts on ParentPay. Log into your child's account as per your username and password then: Select - **COMMUNICATION - ALERT SETTINGS** to select how you receive any alerts. The newsletter can then go directly to your email account, along with any trip, or other information posted on ParentPay as soon as it is made live.

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE** - A reminder that after school activities cannot be relied upon for childcare. These clubs are often run by staff or volunteers and are sometimes cancelled at short-notice. If you know that you will require childcare after school, you should contact Mrs Greenhalgh in Stay and Play Club (Tel 01772 864953) to secure a place. The after school club list will be issued next week and places can be booked on ParentPay.

**COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOL** - If you are concerned about any aspect of school life, please get in touch with us as soon as possible. This will help to alleviate your worries and will also give the school a chance to sort things out before they escalate. Small concerns or queries can be dealt with in person with a member of staff on duty in a morning or with your child's class teacher at the end of the school day. Children can also hand a quick note or give a verbal message to their class teacher when they arrive in class. If you would like to make an appointment for a meeting with a member of staff, either face-to-face

or by telephone, please drop a note to the class teacher or contact the school office and Louise will be happy to arrange that for you.

**THE BIG QUIZ NIGHT** - Barton village hall are holding a quiz night for adults on Friday 6th October. Tickets are on sale for £1 per person and are available from Helen Lees 01772 864946, Ian Plant 01772 862691, Melissa Thorpe 07894262320 or Louise Higham. Bring your own drinks and nibbles etc. Doors open at 7pm and the event starts at 8pm. Teams of no more than 8 allowed.

**SCHOOL SPIDER APP** -In order to receive communications from us, you must download the app and **stay logged in**. You must also accept push notifications in order to be notified when you receive a new communication. Your username is your first name and surname with no spaces e.g louisehigham. When logging on for the first time please click Forgotten password or follow the link on the separate email sent to you. **Please note where we have two parents/carers details each person will be allocated their own login details. Please do not struggle with this, just pop in to see Louise in the office!**



**ONE HUNDRED CLUB - Please help us!** As a church school, the governors have to fund 10% of the cost of any maintenance or building projects. We also have to pay VAT. These are additional costs that community schools do not need to find. Without it we cannot complete any building or development works. The Governor's 100 Club helps to raise these funds. Subscription costs just £15 per year per member. A draw is made each month creating four winners - £5, £10, £15 and £25. An additional draw of £35 is made each quarter. If you would like to become a member and have the chance of winning a cash prize whilst helping the school, tickets can be purchased on ParentPay. You've got to be in it to win it!

**PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2023** - If your child has his or her 4<sup>th</sup> birthday between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 and 31 August 2023, you must apply for a primary school place before 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023. **You must apply for a place through Lancashire County Council even if you have already completed our own internal form.**

**Closing date for Secondary applications 31.10.23**

**Closing date for Primary applications 15.01.2024**

Online admissions are now open at [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)