



St Lawrence Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 3 – Friday 15th September 2023



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Diary Dates

Tues 26 th Sept	Nasal flu vaccinations - Whole school PTFA AGM in school 7.30 followed by meeting 8pm at Barton Manor
Wed 27 th Sept	Language afternoon - Whole school
Tues 3 rd Oct	Library bus
Wed 4 th Oct	Online safety virtual session for Parents & carers - more details to follow
Fri 6 th Oct	The Big quiz night-Barton Village Hall-Doors open 7pm
Fri 20 th Oct	School closes at 3.30pm for half term
Tues 24 th Oct	Library bus
Mon 30 th Oct	School re-opens
Sat 4 th Nov	Bonfire - Barton Village hall - details to follow
Tues 14 th Nov	Library bus
Sat 25 th Nov	Christmas fayre - Barton village hall
Tues 5 th Dec	Library bus

HARVEST FESTIVAL - Thank you to everyone who came to Church on Sunday it was a wonderful Harvest service and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. All the food donations will be delivered to the food bank this week.



PTFA AGM AND MEETING - TUESDAY 26th SEPTEMBER - The PTFA (Parents, Teachers and Friends Association) will hold its annual general meeting from 7.30pm on Tuesday in the school hall. Roles on the committee will be assigned for the year. All parents are welcome to attend and are eligible for any role. We will then go across to Barton Manor for the PTFA meeting where we will start to plan events for the coming year. We would be delighted to see new members.

LIBRARY BUS VISIT - The library bus will return on Tuesday 3rd October. For parents that are newer to the school, the Lancashire library community bus will visit school every 3 weeks and the children can loan a book for home. All they need is their own library card with them. If your child does not have one please go to your local library and register or pop in to see Louise in the office to complete a library card request slip. If your child will be visiting the bus on Tuesday and has any library books to return, please ensure they have them in school or hand them in to the office before Tuesday.



CAREERS WEEK - Over the week commencing the 16th 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.

PHOTOGRAPHS - Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Tuesday 3rd October**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

LANGUAGE AFTERNOON - All year groups will be taking part in a Language afternoon on Wednesday to celebrate European Day of Languages. EYFS and KS1 will learn colours in French. They will also be read the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar in French, before taking part in an interactive Lingotot online workshop. KS2 children will learn colours in French,

Spanish & German, as well as body parts in French. This will have a Pokémon theme and they will design and describe their own character!

LANCASHIRE PARENTLINE - From 18th September parents and carers of children aged 5-19 in our area can send a message, anonymously if they wish, to the School Nursing Team to get confidential help and advice about a range of health concerns, including health, sexual health, relationships, alcohol and drugs and bullying. This joins our ChatHealth text messaging service which is for young people aged 11-19 years. Further information about the service can be found at <https://lancsyoungpeoplefamilyservice.co.uk/school-nursing/> or go to www.chathealth.nhs.uk to start a chat with the local messaging service.

The messaging service will be available Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays from 9am to 5pm). When a message is sent to the dedicated number (07312263554) an automated reply confirms the message has been received. A trained healthcare professional will reply to the message during office hours within 24 working hours at most. This is not an emergency service. Urgent help should be sought from an NHS walk-in centre or by calling NHS 111. In an emergency, dial 999 or go to A&E. Please see attached leaflets for numbers and QR codes.

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 5th 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 28th 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>



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.

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 4th birthday between 1st September 2022 and 31 August 2023, you must apply for a primary school place before 15th 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

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