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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

Stars of the week - Tommy, Lyla B, Amelia, Betsy S, Rupert J, Eli, Cameron, Holly

Prayer & Praise -this week has been given to Edward.

Football - Sam W, Solomon **Accrington Stanley Multi-Skills** - Paige

Sports leader choices - Tommy, Rupert A, Courtney **Gardening** - Samuel C

Next week - menu 2

Mothers Day/Easter Raffle -Mother's Day/Easter raffle tickets are now on sale for £1. We have combined the 2 occasions as they are close together. Prizes are: a small hamper containing , a bottle of pink prosecco; a Lady Million body lotion and a large Toblerone; a beach wrap/scarf; a handmade travel jewellery holder; a box of McVities biscuits; a good selection of Easter Eggs.

This will be drawn on Friday 28th March and all proceeds will go to School Funds. Thank you

Easter Lunch - will be on Wednesday 2nd April. This is free for infants under the infant free meal scheme. **Junior meals are £2.70**, if your child does not normally have a meal and you would like them to join this lunch, please let us know. Thank you.

Bikeability - Letters have gone home to Year 5-6 parents regarding Bikeability, which is being held on 21st & 22nd May. Please follow the link on the QR code to complete your Childs information.

This must be completed before Monday 24th March.

All pupils are included, even none riders, as they will be taught to ride a bike.

Holidays in term time - We are sure you have seen in the news that rules for unauthorised absence in term time have now been changed. Please keep this in mind when booking holidays.

If the absence is for 10 session or above (5 days), it will be unauthorised and we will have to pass this to the local authority for a fine, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Lent Services - Well done to our Year 3-4 pupils for leading the service this week and thank you to all who attended. Our Lent services are held in church from 9am

27th March - this service will be led by our Year 5-6 pupils

3rd April - The final Lent Service will be led by Open the Book, this will be held in school.

Please take your child directly to church where a member of staff will be at the church gate from 8:50am. Please stay and watch these services if you are able to.

If your child comes to Breakfast Club, they will be walked to Church by staff.



ParentPay - As we are approaching the end of the financial year, wherever possible please bring your ParentPay balances up to date. Thank you.

Outdoor play area - If anyone is getting rid of any items that would be suitable for an outdoor play area, we would love to take them off your hands!

Swimming - From 25th April, all junior pupils will start swimming at Accrington Academy in the morning; they will be back in time for lunch. Please note all pupils will need to wear a swim cap. These can be bought at the Academy for £3 each, or you can source your own. Thank you.

Dates for your diary

Monday 31st March - Parent's Evening letters have gone home this week, the letters will be returned next week, with your allocated time on it.

Thursday 27th March - Lent Services in Church. The final Lent service will in school on **April 3rd** with the Open the Book Team, please come & watch if you are able

Wednesday 2nd April - Easter Lunch, please let us know if your child wants to have this, if they do not normally stay for a school lunch.

Friday 4th April - School closes for the Easter break. We will **reopen on Tuesday 22nd April**.

PE Kits - Please ensure your child has an indoor PE kit in school at all times.

Sports clubs

Monday - Dance & Performing Arts until 4.30pm.

Tuesday - Football Years 2/3 until 4:30pm and Yrs. 4/5/6 until 5pm.

Thursday - Multi Sports until 4:30pm

If you have not yet joined please support us - **for just £4.34 per month (direct debit) you have a chance of winning our weekly prize of approximately £20 (dependant on number of supporters) and the chance to win a national weekly prize of £25000 every week.**

Our school lottery is open to everyone so please encourage your family and friends to join. This has been a fantastic fundraiser for our school and since the launch has now raised **£10,265.30**

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs CA Woods
Headteacher