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Dear Parents

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On Monday 5 March 2018, a new building programme will begin on our existing all-weather pitch at the back of the school. The pitch will be re-covered in tarmac and completely surrounded by new fencing.

In the long term, this area will be used for ball games at break and lunchtime and for PE lessons during the rest of the day.

As a result of this programme, there will be limited parking at the front of the school and lots of movement from lorries on and off site, between 9.15 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. and from 3.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

(For the duration of the building programme, pupils will be re-directed to certain areas of the school at break and lunchtimes and these details will be given to them via assemblies).

Please could we take this opportunity to remind parents dropping off their children in the morning **NOT** to drive beyond the turning circle unless they have express permission to do so.

The building programme is due to take around 9 weeks and it is scheduled to be completed before the start of the written exams on 14 May 2018.

Is Your Child Eligible for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium?

There is now a new Free School Meal / Pupil Premium form for parents to complete. If you think you may be eligible please complete the attached form and return it to the school or direct to: Pupil Access Team South, Level 1, Christ Church Precinct, County Hall, Preston, PR1 8XJ.

Mobile Phones

Reminder of the change to the Mobile Phone Policy, which came into force on Monday 15 January 2018. From that date any pupil using the mobile phone in school will have the phone removed, the phone will be taken to the School Office from where the pupil can collect it at the end of the day but the punishment for this will now be an automatic Friday Night Detention.

This is to help parents who have, in the past, had to come into school to collect the mobile phone once it had been removed. We are very proud of our pupils and the sensible way in which the vast majority of them comply with the school rules about mobile phones. In short, pupils are not allowed to use mobile phones during school hours, anyone doing so will have the phone removed. Thank you for your continued support in this area.



"Growing together in the spirit of Christ's love"

STEM Fortnight: 5 March – 16 March 2018

During the fortnight there are a number of activities and trips taking place to promote the STEM subjects and the career options that they can provide. 10 Year 7 pupils will be taking part in the EEP LEGO Robotics Challenge, 75 pupils are attending the trip to the Big Bang Fair in Birmingham, 8 pupils will be attending the local Rotary Competition and there are up to 40 spaces for pupils to take part in an online chat (Monday 12 March 2018 at 3.20 p.m. with a range of young engineers working in industries related to satellites. As an extension of this there is also the opportunity for parents to also take part in a separate general engineering chat. Please see the information below:

Evening online chat with scientists and engineers – Thursday 15 March 2018, 7.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.

This term, some of our students have been meeting and chatting with real scientists or engineers in their lessons using the I'm a Scientist and I'm an Engineer websites. In this online activity, they have conversations about what it's like to work in STEM. Families are invited to join their children as they talk with the scientists and engineers from home in this moderated chat.

We hope you'll enjoy making use of this exciting opportunity. Students need login cards (see

Mrs Caw if interested); go to imascientist.org.uk or imanengineer.org.uk to join in.

Watch out for competitions and other events taking place during the fortnight.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Year 10 Participants

The dates for the expedition phase can now be confirmed as follows:

Practice Expeditions

Group One 23 and 24 March 2018.

Group Two 25 and 26 March 2018.

Qualifying Expeditions

Group One 8 and 9 June 2018.

Group Two will take place on either 12 and 13 June or 13 and 14 June 2018 depending on circumstances beyond our control. This will be confirmed as soon as possible.

The final date for participant registration will be Friday 23 February 2018. After this date the groups will be confirmed and after-school sessions will begin.

Many thanks for your patience with what has turned out to be our greatest ever number of participants and therefore most complex to organise.

PTFA Spring Ball

As you are aware, we are hosting our annual Spring Ball on 24 March 2018 at Preston North End football ground. With tickets on sale at just £35 a head, it would be lovely to see as many people supporting this wonderful evening. This year we will have casino tables and a few other little surprises through the night – it really is going to be a great night out.

If you are able to donate a raffle prize for the Spring Ball we would be most grateful – please contact Karen Trafford, Chairperson of the PTFA on 07957 659230 or by e-mail ktrafford2@gmail.com

A date for your diary is 27 April 2018 when we will be hosting a Quiz Night with Hot Pot Supper – more details to follow nearer the time – but it is an event for all ages!

South Ribble Trampolining Competition

Well done to the following pupils who competed in the South Ribble Trampolining Competition before the half term break. All pupils performed exceptionally well.

The team consisted of:

Oliver Blackledge, Jenny Briscoe, Hollie Cook, Eva Jeens, Melissa Whittle, Amy Pickering,

Hannah Gray and Freya Abrams.

The above 8 pupils from Years 8-11 competed in various different categories and performed two 10 bounce routines.

Well done to Hannah Gray – 3rd in the Year 10 & Year 11 Intermediate section.

Oliver Blackledge – 3rd in the Year 8 & Year 9 Elite competition.

Massive congratulations to Amy Pickering achieving 1st place in the Year 10 & Year 11 Elite girls section.

School Meals

Menus for the week commencing Monday 26 February 2018. Soup 82p, Salads £1.79 – £2.55, Potatoes 66p, Baked Beans 66p.

Monday: Homemade Meatballs in a Rich Tomato Sauce served with Pasta & Garlic

Bread £1.99. Oven Baked Breaded Chicken Fillet in a Bap with Salad £1.73. Quorn Meatballs in a Rich Tomato Sauce served with Pasta & Garlic Bread

£1.99.

Salad: Ham & Pickle £1.79. **Soup:** Tomato & Basil 82p.

Tuesday: Chicken Tikka Masala served with Steamed Rice & Naan Bread £1.99. Beef

Chilli Burrito served with Salad £1.73. Indian Spiced Chickpea & Lentil Dahl

served with Naan Bread £1.99.

Salad: Sweet Chilli Chicken £1.79.

Soup: Carrot & Coriander 82p.

Wednesday: Homemade Minced Steak & Vegetable Pie served with Mashed Potato and

Vegetables £1.99. Roast Chicken Wrap served with Coleslaw & Salad £1.73.

Butter Pie served with Baked Beans £1.58.

Salad: Feta Cheese and Olives £1.79.

Soup: Mushroom 82p.

Thursday: Traditional Steak & Kidney Pudding served with Chips, Vegetables & Gravy

£1.99. Cajun Butterflied Chicken Breast served with Chips & Vegetables £1.99. Mac 'n' Cheese £1.58. **CHIPS 73p (May only be purchased with**

another product).

Salad: Prawns with a Marie-Rose Sauce £2.55.

Soup: Chicken & Sweetcorn 82p.

Friday: Battered Fish served with Wedges & Vegetables £1.99. Sweet & Sour

Chicken served with Noodles £1.99. Tomato & Basil Pasta Bake £1.58.

Salad: Tuna Nicoise £1.79. **Soup:** Vegetable 82p.

Each day a selection of freshly prepared Sandwiches, Wraps, Hot & Cold Paninis, Salads, Jacket Potatoes, Pasta Pots & Pizza will be available. For any special requests, please see a member of our highly trained Catering Team.

(All items are subject to availability)

FOOD ALLERGIES AND INTOLERANCES

IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS, PLEASE SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF OUR CATERING TEAM. ALSO, PLEASE BE AWARE ALL OUR FOOD PRODUCTS MAY CONTAIN TRACES OF NUTS.

Yours sincerely

Mr C J Riding Headteacher