



# Newsletter 5 – 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

*Knowledge begins with respect for God (Proverbs 1:7)*

**This half-term's value is 'Thankfulness' (Colossians 2:7)**

## Harvest Festival – Food Donations

As mentioned a couple of weeks ago, this year's Harvest Festival will be taking place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 8.45am here in school.

Our Owls' class will be leading this service and everyone is very welcome to join us. We will be supporting Blackburn Foodbank by donating harvest food.



This year the Foodbank are asking for the following items which you can start to send in now:

- Tinned fruit
- Noodles
- Pasta sauces
- Tinned hotdogs
- Tinned soup
- Breakfast cereals
- Rice pudding
- Tinned vegetables
- Pasta

**Many thanks in advance for your support.**

## Meet the Teacher

**A reminder that our Meet the Teacher sessions will be taking place tomorrow, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 3.00pm and 3.30pm.**

Please remember the following:

- All parents and carers will need to enter the school through the main entrance. This is for safeguarding reasons as the classroom doors will need to be locked.
- If you decide to come to the 3.00pm session, we understand that you might have to bring your children with you. You will be responsible for keeping them quiet during the session – please do this in fairness to the other parents who will have come along to listen.
- Some of our Year 6 children and School Councillors will be on hand to show you how to get to each classroom. Please ask one of these children if you need help.

## Ordering and Paying for School Meals

Mrs Rhodes in the office would like to remind you that school meals need to be ordered and paid for in advance using the Teachers 2 Parents app. This can be done up to the day before the meal is served.



We need to avoid any parents and carers getting into arrears – if this happens, you may be asked to send your child with a packed lunch.

## Parent Questionnaires

You will remember that I recently sent out a parent/carer questionnaire. The questions asked were the ones used on Ofsted's Parent View website. Here are the results:

		School positive	National positive
1	My child is happy at this school.	98	89
2	My child feels safe at this school.	98	90
3	The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	95	83
4	If my child has been bullied the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.	89	49
5	The school makes me aware of what my child will be learning during the year.	92	80
6	If I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.	98	75
7	My child has SEND and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.	95	66
8	The school has high expectations for my child.	91	82
9	My child does well at this school.	96	87
10	The school lets me know how well my child is doing.	96	83
11	There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	96	91
12	The school supports my child's wider personal development.	95	78
13	I would recommend this school to another parent.	100	84

Many thanks to all parents and carers who completed and returned their questionnaires.

## Recent Reading Badges

**Doves:** Fatima Geloo & Max Jackson- Emerald

**Owls:** Adam Ali- Bronze, Haniya Ali & Mariya Bismillah - Topaz

**Kestrels:** Maryam Ishtiaq - Gold, Shan Akhtar, Azaan Hussain & Fatima Diwan - Emerald, Hamza Khuram - Sapphire

**Falcons:** Zainab Khuram - Topaz, Sofia Bhamji - Sapphire

**Eagles:** Ayaan Hussain : Gold star

Best wishes



Julian Rogers  
Headteacher

## Last Week's Attendance

Robins	88.8%	Owls	98.1%	<b>Attendance for the year so far:</b>  <b>96.4%</b>
Woodpeckers	95.8%	Kestrels	97.3%	
Kingfishers	98.3%	Hawks	97.4%	
Swallows	93.3%	Falcons	90.6%	
Doves	97.6%	Eagles	96.9%	

## Household Support Fund

This fund can help you if you are struggling to make ends meet. You can get support with things like the cost of gas and electricity, household appliances, and energy efficiency improvements. You might still qualify for support even if you are in work.

You can be considered for the Household Support Fund if:

- Your total household income (including anyone who gets benefits) is below £26,057 gross pay (before tax and National Insurance) for one adult in work, or
- Your total household income (including anyone who gets benefits) is below £38,870 (before tax and National Insurance) for families with 2 or more adults in work

### Income based benefits

You can also be considered if your household gets income based benefits and meets a minimum of 1 of these criteria:

- A physical disability
- A learning disability, or Autism
- A long term health condition which is impacted by the cold
- A reliance on electrical equipment to support independent living
- Vulnerable adults or children in the home, who are supported by mental health services
- Vulnerable families who are supported by a social worker, or family support
- A vulnerable adult supported by a social worker or adult health and social care
- Children under 5
- Carers
- Refugees and asylum seekers
- Have recently come off benefits and entered employment
- Have recently left employment and are waiting for benefits
- Your Universal Credit claim is nil because you are an intermittent worker, on a zero hour contract, part of the gig economy or on a variable income



You can make 1 application per household during any 6 month period, including previous schemes. You must have less than £16,000 in savings.

## The types of support you can get

The scheme can provide you with practical help and advice to support you with the rising costs of food, energy and other household bills.

You might be able to get help with:

- gas and electricity costs. The person who applies must be the person who pays the bill, or be named in the application and be contactable. You can only make 1 application per household in any 6 month period
- water costs. This is a one off support
- boiler inspections and energy efficiency, if you are a homeowner
- a reduction in utility bill debt
- affordable food options
- white goods and children's beds (1 per household in any 6 month period)
- support to reduce your outgoings
- support to increase your income
- support to stay healthy and well

Applications are on line and take up to 20 days to process. A professional, friend or family member can help you with your online application.

Please visit the following website for more information and to access the application form:

<https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/cost-living-support/household-support-fund>

## Online Safety Information Session for Parents and Carers

October's online safety newsletter is now available on the school website (Parents/Online Safety).

A reminder that the virtual Parent/Carer information session will be held this Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023. It starts at 4.00pm and ends at 4.45pm. The link to the session is below (it would be easier to copy and paste this link from the newsletter on the school website):

[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_ODdiYzc3ZDktMjJmNS00YTEyLWJkM2QtZmI0NjZjZTFhOWY3%40thread.v2/0?context=%7B%22id%22%3A%22dcdb1ea5-3b10-49a2-bf8f-5fd59edcd762%22%2C%22oid%22%3A%225772fa8f-9814-4199-aef2-9195804f833e%22%2C%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3Atrue%22%2C%22role%22%3A%22a%22%7D&btpe=a&role=a](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ODdiYzc3ZDktMjJmNS00YTEyLWJkM2QtZmI0NjZjZTFhOWY3%40thread.v2/0?context=%7B%22id%22%3A%22dcdb1ea5-3b10-49a2-bf8f-5fd59edcd762%22%2C%22oid%22%3A%225772fa8f-9814-4199-aef2-9195804f833e%22%2C%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3Atrue%22%2C%22role%22%3A%22a%22%7D&btpe=a&role=a)

You do not need to register, simply click on the link at the above time to access the session. **Cameras and voice/audio will be switched off for all attendees.** Attendees can ask questions by typing in the Q&A box, but this will be explained during the session.

**The event will be streamed using Teams. Attendees can watch the live event in:**

- **Teams app—desktop (Windows or Mac) or mobile.** (The Teams app is free to download if attendees would like to do that beforehand).
- **If you don't have Teams they can access it via one of the following browsers - Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge or Firefox.**

This session will be recorded and shared afterwards so if you can't make the live session you will be able to watch it back at a time that is convenient to you.