



# Newsletter 16 – 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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

This half-term's value is 'Compassion' (Colossians 3:12)

## School Newsletters

Now that we have email addresses for all parents and carers, a reminder that from this week we will be emailing the weekly newsletter to parents instead of sending out paper copies.

## Attendance

At the end of the autumn term I sent out text messages to the parents and carers of children whose attendance was at or above our school target. In the texts I thanked these parents for helping their children to make the best possible progress in their learning last term. Each day really matters – just missing one day can create gaps in children's learning that can have real consequences later on.

## Staffing News

I am pleased to welcome Mrs Riding to the staff team. Mrs Riding is our new 'Pupil and Family Wellbeing Lead' and will be working with families to ensure that all children are safe and happy and therefore able to make the best possible progress.

I would also like to welcome Miss Imtiaz who will be teaching our Blue Carpet Robins, covering Miss Galvin's maternity leave.

## Term Dates

This term we have our half term break from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February and the last day of term is Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Please bear this in mind when booking holidays and trips abroad to avoid your children missing any valuable learning time.

## Admission to Reception – September 2023

A reminder that if you have a child due to start school in September 2024 (born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020) please go to [www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions) for information about primary schools and how to apply for a place online.



**The deadline to complete this form is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – that's just a few days away!** Please make sure you do this as a matter of urgency to secure a school place for your child.

## Autumn Term Progress Certificates

This Friday we will be holding our 'Golden Envelope Assembly' for progress made during the autumn term. If your child is receiving a certificate in this assembly, you will have received a text this morning to let you know. Parents and carers of children receiving a certificate are very welcome to join us at 8.45am.

## Class Newsletters

Your child will soon be bringing home a class newsletter for the spring term with important information about homework, PE days etc. Please read this carefully. Class newsletters are also available on the class pages on our school website.

### Contact Telephone Numbers

Please make sure that we have your up-to-date mobile phone numbers – this is critical in case of emergencies. It also means you will receive important messages (e.g. school closures, club cancellations, notifications that your child will be receiving a certificate in assembly) via text message.



### Online Safety Newsletter

January's online safety newsletter is now available on the school website (Parents/Online Safety). It includes information about WhatsApp, LEGO Fortnite, YouTube and much more.

Best wishes

Julian Rogers  
Headteacher

### Recent Reading Badges

**Doves:** Umar Farooq Chothia & Malik Hasan – Emerald  
Ebraheem Sadiq- Pearl  
Amanah Harnekar- Sapphire  
Aisha Kousar- Topaz

### Attendance for the last week of the Autumn Term:

	Best attendance	Best punctuality
Infants	Woodpeckers	Woodpeckers & Kingfishers
Juniors	Kestrels	Hawks