

EDGWORTH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



What we've been up to!

Friday 29th September 23

Welcome to the first full newsletter of the academic year. You'll be delighted to hear that all of the children including our new Reception pupils have settled in amazingly well; we're all so incredibly proud of every single one of them.

Our peripatetic music lessons have re-started for junior children, as have many of our after school clubs. We have a wide variety of after school clubs for differing ages and clubs, please do keep an eye out for the emails. Some clubs are run by school staff and others are run by Club Tekkerz or Flex Dance. Chess Club with Mr Clissold re-started on Thursday 28th September and is open to any pupil from Y2 upwards who knows the basic moves of chess. This is a free club and runs from 3.30-4.30pm in the Y4 classroom. If your child is interested, please call into the school office to complete a consent form.

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Open Day—Friday 10th November 2023

We are delighted to once again hold our Open Day for any new prospective families: Reception Sept 2024 admissions onwards and/or families considering changing their child's current school on Friday 10th November. We will be opening the school between 09.30 and 11.30am, again after lunch from 1.15 and 3.00pm and from 4.00 to 6.30pm. We have attached a flyer and would be very grateful if you could you please share this with as many new families as possible.

Harvest Worship & Harvest Appeal

On Monday 2nd October, the whole school will take part in Harvest Worship Assembly led by the team from Urban Outreach. We are again delighted to support this brilliant local charity with whom we have a long standing connection to. Attached, you will see a list of the things they are most in need of and we are asking our families to support this cause with any donations you feel you can make. We are collecting donations today—Friday 29th September and Monday 2nd October. Please send your donations into class with your child on either of these days. The donations will be taken away on Monday after worship has ended. Thank you, as always, for your charitable donations and unrelenting support.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair this week. We're delighted to report that the total sales were an amazing £600 which allows us to spend the commission on replenishing books for our libraries. Thank you for your support as always.

Admissions September 2024

The Application process for applying for places to Primary and Secondary Schools for September 2024 has begun—please see the attached key dates and flyer. Please also refer to Blackburn with Darwen Local Authority website for more information: <https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/admissions>

School Meals

Just a quick catch up about School Lunches. As many of you will have probably heard from the children, our amazing catering team and the children have been trailing some new ideas for our menus. These small changes will be on our menus after the half term. We are a self-managed kitchen which means that we run our own catering. This enables us to spend money on quality, healthy ingredients and allows us to serve good sized portions. Even with the increased cost of living, our portion sizes haven't changed. Mrs Appleton loves to come out of the kitchen and go into the classroom to get the children involved in cooking, baking and healthy eating lessons—children are even involved in our menu making decisions!

Mrs Appleton and the Catering Team are putting on their spectacular **Bonfire Lunch on Friday 3rd November**. The lunch is open to all children and those already on school meals will automatically receive this. If your child usually brings a packed lunch but would like to join in for one day only, please send an email to Mrs Page in the school office to book on before 30th October. Thank you so much for all your support

General Information

Nut free school —as allergies are becoming more and more common, we kindly ask that nuts or products containing nuts are not brought into school or put into children's lunch boxes. Thank you

Car Parking— Please do try to walk, cycle or scoot to school where possible or if you do drive, then please park considerately at all times and completely avoiding the School Patrol Crossing, side road and school car park.

PE Kit—The children are looking extremely smart in their new PE kits. Please do name them so that any lost items (black tops) can be quickly returned back to the child's peg. Thank you

Individual & Sibling Photographs

The school photographer is due to visit us on Monday 16th October for individual and sibling photographs. School aged pupils who are in school on this day will have their photo taken individually and again with any younger/older siblings. However, if you would like your child/ren to have their photo taken with any pre-school siblings, this can be arranged and will take place between 08.30 and 08.55am on the day. All you need to do is take your children at 08.30am and enter school through the main school entrance where a member of staff will greet you. Photographs will be taken and families can exit school via the same door ready for your child to line up on the playground.

Photograph proofs will be sent home shortly after this with details of how to order online; these make great little Christmas presents and of course, make lovely memories.

Personalised Christmas Cards

Every year the children get the chance to make their own personalised Christmas cards, which they're very proud of. These can be reproduced professionally and make lovely memories to send to your loved ones; they can also be made into gift tags, wrapping paper or mugs. Your child's Christmas card should be coming home week commencing Monday 9th October with details on the reverse of it of how to place an order online. We will send an email nearer the time with more information and ordering date deadline, etc. so please keep a look out for this.

Parents' Evening

This week, Mrs Page has sent an email to all families inviting you to book your appointment for Parents' Evening on Thursday 19th October. Please do reply early so that you can get the time you wish. We will be operating a creche as normal in the hall. Thank you

Flu Immunisations

These will take place on Monday 2nd October to those children who have been given consent by the team from IntraHealth.

Calendar of Events

Fri 29 th Sept & Mon 2 nd Oct	All day	Whole school	Harvest donations being collected for Urban Outreach
Mon 2 nd Oct	All day	Whole school - for those with consent	Nasal Flu Immunisations
Tues 10 th Oct	2.00-3.00pm	Y1 Parents	Y1 Parents session
Wed 11 th Oct	09.00-10.00am	Y1 Parents	Y1 Parents session
Fri 13 th Oct	3.30-4.30pm	Infants	PTFA Autumn Disco Optional Fancy Dress
Fri 13 th Oct	4.45-5.45pm	Juniors & past Year 7's	PTFA Autumn Disco Optional Fancy Dress
Mon 16 th Oct	Morning	Whole school	School Photographer for individual & siblings
Thurs 19 th Oct	3.45-7.50pm	Whole school	Parents' Evening with creche
Fri 20 th Oct	3.30pm	Whole school	Finish for the half term break
Autumn Half Term Break Monday 23 rd to Friday 27 th October 2023 (inclusive)			

The complete school calendar of events can be found on the school website, under the Parents tab, Term Dates and will be the version that is kept updated. If there are any changes or new additions to the calendar, we will highlight these in amber for your ease. Paper copies can also be collected from the school office.

PTFA News

PTFA Autumn Fancy Dress Disco—Friday 13th October—Our wonderful PTFA are once again holding the Autumn Fancy Dress Disco on Friday 13th October. Entry is £5 per child, which includes a soft drink. Tickets can now be purchased via your child's ParentPay account, or you may also pay on the door (cash or card).

The Infant Disco will be at 3.30-4.30pm and children who are attending should come to school in their school uniform or PE kit (if they have PE on a Friday) and bring their disco clothes & shoes with them in a named bag. They will then get changed at school in the afternoon. We will make sure their school uniform goes into their bags so they can bring it home with them at the end of the disco.

The Junior Disco will be at 4.45-5.45pm and as is tradition, we are inviting our last year's Year 6 leavers to attend if they wish. Year 7's attending should pay on the door. There will be a DJ, the famous 'Tuck Shop', hotdogs, tattoos and other autumn themed stalls with all proceeds going to the PTFA which in turn helps the school to pay for additional resources to provide the best opportunities for our children. Thank you for your support.

PTFA Summer Fun Day & Football Tournament (G.O.A.T) - we are delighted to tell you that we raised the amazing total of nearly £1500 which was very kindly match funded by Vital Energy—huge thanks to everyone who helped on the day and to those who came along and of course massive thanks once again to Vital Energy.

If anyone would like to join the PTFA or has a great idea for an event, please send an email to:

edgworthprimaryptfa@gmail.com

Thank you once again, PTFA

Wishing you all a peaceful and relaxing weekend. Don't forget to check out our Facebook page to see more amazing pictures of our school in action! (via the new school website www.turtonandedgworthprimary.co.uk)

Mr Wheatley