

## What we've been up to!

Friday 20th October 2023

Thank you to everyone who donated items for our Harvest Appeal. These were collected by a local charity called Urban Outreach with whom we have long standing links. We had a fantastic array of items, all of which are very much appreciated.

The school photographer visited us recently and proofs have been sent home with your child should you wish to place an order.

Last night we held our Parents' Evening which was very well attended by families. Thank you to everyone who came along.

Families should have already received their child's personalised Christmas cards and the deadline for placing orders is midnight 23rd October. Late orders can still be made but will incur a postage charge. The commission raised from this project will be put straight back into school.

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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 please share this with as many new families as possible.

## School Closure due to bad weather

In the last couple of years, we have extensively reviewed our 'extreme weather' procedures and stress to all our families that I will always make every effort to open school in cases of bad weather but only if I can guarantee it is safe to do so. **"Safe" is not always referring to the ground conditions and often refers to the ratio of adults and children I can offer.** I would ask for everyone's understanding that there MAY be instances when the weather conditions around school do not seem severe at all but, as many staff travel long distances to Edgworth, I may be unable to safely open school due to the number of staff who can make it in. The procedure for informing families remains the same in that, **only if the school is to be closed or delayed start**, we will send a text message and email to all parents, staff, governors and external agencies at 7am and a note will be added to the school website to advise of the plans for the day. Please do not use any other form of communication (e.g. Facebook) or hearsay as a basis for a decision about school opening as this has led to confusion in the past.

It is possible that in extreme weather we may have a delayed start, but this would be communicated in the official 7am message. If the weather takes an extreme turn for the worse during the day, we will contact all parents to arrange collection of children. Children will not be released unless we have made contact with parents.

Please ensure the number we have as your emergency contact is one that can be reached during the day. On occasion, we have tried to ring an emergency number only to find it is to a phone that must be switched off during the working day and so, as such, is not an appropriate emergency contact number. Thank you in advance of your support on this challenging issue.

## School Meals

Just a reminder of Mrs Appleton's famous Bonfire Lunch—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. Dinner money for the next half term is £98.80 or £13 per week. Updated menus are attached and can also be found on the school website.

## PTFA News

**PTFA Autumn Fancy Dress Disco—Friday 13th October**—goodness me, we have some amazing disco dancers in our children (and staff) and some fabulous fancy dress outfits. We all had a superb time at the disco and managed to raise a whopping £1060. Huge thanks to everyone who came along.

Our next big fundraising event will be the Christmas fairs which are held in school during the school day.

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

## General Information

**Club Attendance**— If your child attends an after school club such as Chess Club or Football Club, please always inform the school office in advance if they are not planning on attending for safeguarding reasons. Thank you

**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

**Headlice and Threadworm** – Please use this half term break to check your child for headlice and /or threadworm and treat as necessary. Thank you

Wishing you all a peaceful and relaxing half term break and we're looking forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 30th October. 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](http://www.turtonandedgworthprimary.co.uk))

Mr Wheatley

## Poppy Appeal

Poppies will be on sale in school from Wednesday 1st November. Our Year 6 pupils will take the poppies round each class every day until 10<sup>th</sup> November. We have a selection of stick on poppies or button hole poppies (no pins will be given out) and we recommend a maximum cash donation of 50p for children if they wish to buy one.



## Admissions September 2024

Just a reminder that the cut off date for applying to secondary schools is 31st October 2023. Please refer to Blackburn with Darwen Local Authority website for more information: <https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/admissions>

## Kids Zone Cadge

If anyone has any good quality tablets (Apple/Samsung) that they no longer use, or their business is replacing, please could you consider Kids Zone? Thank you!

# Calendar of Events

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.

Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3.30pm	Whole school	Finish for the half term break
Autumn Half Term Break Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 (inclusive)			
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	08.55am	Whole school	School starts
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	12.00	School Meals	Bonfire Lunch for pupils on school meals
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	All day	New parents	Open Day for prospective families
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	All day	Year 6	Bike-Ability
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	3.30pm	All parents	PTFA Hot chocolate & Cake Sale
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	3.30pm	All parents	Uniform Pre-loved Shop (free)
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	All day	Year 6	Bike-Ability
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	All day	Year 4	Trip to Eureka - pupils to arrive 08.30am
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	All day	Whole school	PTFA Christmas jumper day (£1 donation)
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.45-3.30pm	Infants	Infant Christmas Performance for parents
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12-1.00pm	School Meals	Christmas Lunch for those on school meals
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.45-3.30pm	Infants	Infant Christmas Performance for parents
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	5.30-6.15pm	Infants	Infant Christmas Performance for parents
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	All day	Whole school	PTFA Christmas jumper day and chocolate donations for Christmas Fair
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	09.45-10.30am	Infants	Infant Christmas Performance for Seniors
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.00-3.00pm	Infants	Infant Christmas Party
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am	Whole school	Panto visiting school - Sleeping Beauty
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.00-3.00pm	Years 5 & 6	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12.30-2.30pm	Year 2	Turton Tower - A Victorian Christmas
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.00-3.00pm	Years 3 & 4	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.00-10.00am	Rec Parents	Reception parents craft session
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.30-7.30pm	Whole school	Christmas Carol Service St. Anne's
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.00-10.00am	Rec Parents	Reception parents craft session
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	All day	Whole school	PTFA Christmas jumper - no donation req'd
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00-11.00am	Infants	PTFA Christmas Fair
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.00-3.00pm	Juniors	PTFA Christmas Fair
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.45pm	Rock Steady pupils	Rock Steady Concert for parents
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.30pm	Whole school	Special Visitor!
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3.30pm	Whole school	Finish for Christmas break
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	All day	Whole school	Staff Training Day - Closed to pupils
Christmas Break Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December to Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 (inclusive)			