

Update

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'Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know. Remember the Lord in everything you do, and he will show you the right way.' Proverbs 3 v 5 & 6

I am looking forward to our upcoming events next week – more information below. Our annual Football Festival is close upon us; hopefully the weather will stay bright for us. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year so please come and join in the fun! Dave

1. TESCO Token Scheme: WE NEED YOUR HELP! We applied to be one of the schools to receive the 'blue tokens' for fundraising in our area in May and June. *Please, please, please* remember to drop tokens in when you shop! You only have to make a small purchase to get a token. The money that we receive from this will help develop the outdoor area to landscape between forest school and the new all weather surface. *Every little helps* 😊

2. Dates For Your Diary: We have a busy week ahead of us next week! **Wednesday 16th May** Y1-Y4 will be in All Saints Church for the Pentecost Service at 9.45am. All welcome! **Friday 18th May** for Christian Aid week, the School Council are having a 'Big Brekkie' from 7.30am – 9.00am in the school hall. If you would like to either grab a take-away or come and sit and eat please email the school office so that we can get an idea of numbers! **Saturday 19th May** is our annual Football Festival. Please come and support us, as the money raised goes towards the whole school. The helpers rota is up in the front office – so if you can spare half an hour to an hour to volunteer please pop in and sign up - that would be FANTASTIC!

3. School Attendance: It is important that attendance of our pupils remains high so that we can continue our excellent, stable learning environment. You will appreciate the teacher's time, effort and extensive planning that goes into our lessons. Unfortunately, we have dropped below our 97.5% attendance target. A number of our children are below 90%. For your information, schools have to report those whose absence drops below 90% to the Educational Welfare Officer. We have had a noticeable increase of absences around our half term breaks/bank holiday weekends. Friday 4th May 2018 our attendance dropped to 92.7% across KS1 & KS2. We would ask again that you **do not** take your child out of school during term time (however 'short' this absence may be).

4. Lunches, Pre-School Fees and Clubs: Just to reiterate some information from our last Update, 19th April (emailed directly to parents and it was uploaded onto our website): **"5. Time to pay for Lunches and Pre-School Fees:** We ask very politely, that parents pay for lunches, fees etc. at the beginning of each half term. Please do not get agitated when we call or email to prompt late payments. We only send out invoices for Little Saints sessions. Parents must take responsibility for calculating their lunch/club/Pre-school session fees.

This half term as follows:

	Years 3 & 4 Lunches	Pre-School Lunches 3+	Pre-School Lunches Rising 3's
Mondays	£9.20	£17.20	£20.20
Tuesdays	£13.80	£25.80	£30.30
Wednesdays	£13.80	£25.80	£30.30
Thursdays	£13.80	£25.80	£30.30
Fridays	£13.80	£25.80	£30.30
Everyday	£64.40	£120.40	£141.40

Pre-School fees are also due: 3+ £12.15 per am/pm session. Rising 3's - please come in to the front office to arrange payments for lunches and fees."

5. Moving Up Day & Meet The Teacher: This year County has changed the dates previously advertised on our Diary Dates. Y4's now have two days - these are now 4th & 5th July 2018 where the children will spend those two days at their new middle schools. All other year groups will have their moving up day on 5th July 2018. On the evening of the 5th, there will be an 'Open Evening/Meet the Teacher' – where you can go and see your child's current class teacher and meet their 'new' teacher where applicable. There will be Key Stage talks being held in the school hall for children changing Key Stages i.e. PS – YR, YR – Y1 or Y2 – Y3. However all are welcome to come along. The times will be advertised in due course.

6. Beautiful British Weather: Please can you make sure that your child has suitable clothing for the weather, including sun hats, sunscreen and raincoats! The day may start out sunny. . . .

7. Lunch Choice Change: If you would like to change your child's lunch arrangement next half term (all year groups), please send in your request in writing to the front office by 9.00am Friday 18th May 2018. The menu is available on the school website.

8. Further Fundraising: If you are yet to book your summer break and would like to help raise funds for school, please click on the following link to book your ideal break!
<https://pit.notjusttravel.com/pulford-lower-school/>

9. GDPR: In line with new legislation we have uploaded our guideline/information onto our website. This explains how we handle your child's data. If you have any questions please speak to Mr Webb who is our allocated Data Protection Officer (DPO).