

Your Weekly Newsletter



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Two pages this week

Lunch Menu This Week

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Diary Dates

Mon 17 th Dec	Years 2 + 3 Christmas Party	1.15-3.15pm
Tues 18 th Dec	Foundation Stage to Panto at Blackpool Tower	11.00-2.00pm
Tues 18 th Dec	Years 1 + 4 Christmas Party	1.15-3.15pm
Wed 19 th Dec	Year 3 to Panto at Blackpool Tower	11.00-2.00pm
Wed 19 th Dec	Year 5 + Reception Christmas Party	1.15-3.15pm
Wed 19 th Dec	Carol Service at Rossall Chapel	6.30pm
Thur 20 th Dec	Year 6 Christmas Party	1.15-3.15pm
Thur 20 th Dec	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	3.15pm
Thur 3 rd Jan 2019	SCHOOL RE-OPENS	8.50am

Parent Governor Appointed – Congratulations to Mrs Lucy Breakwell, who has been appointed as a Parent Governor. We are very pleased that she is joining the team, as she has a range of skills and experiences that will certainly enhance our work at school.

Equipment Tampering in Public Parks

Can I first reiterate that this is not a local problem but is something that happened in Aughton near Ormskirk. In a public park there, some vandals had deliberately tampered with the play equipment in such a way that it would cause serious harm to children including creating **very sharp edges on handrails**. As stated above, this has not happened locally but we have been asked to inform parents to be vigilant when using equipment in any public parks. What a very sad state of affairs.

Christmas Festivities now in Full Swing!!



Party Time – You will see from the dates above that next week the children will be having their Christmas parties. To help you and avoid clothes being lost or mixed up, **on the day of their party, the children can wear their party clothes all day**.



Christmas Movie – I always remember the treat of a Christmas Movie at school. We are going to echo that treat this year by showing the children one of two Christmas Films KS 2 “Christmas Chronicles” (PG) and KS1 and Foundation “Arthur Christmas” (U). If your child is in KS 2 and you have any objection to them watching a PG, please let their class teacher know and they will be able to watch “Arthur Christmas” instead.



Family Carol Service – We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us at the Family Carol Service at Rossall Chapel on Wednesday 19th December. Please note the **service starts at 6.30 pm** but I recommend you **get there just after 6.00 pm** to get parked and get a good seat. Please use the **south driveway** to access the car park.

Busy Singers and Musicians – Christmas time is always a busy one for our singers and musicians and this week has been a particularly busy one. Class 5 went to entertain a very appreciative crowd at Anchorsholme Library. Our Choir and many of our musicians took part in the massed choir and orchestra event at the Winter Gardens and our Year 3 and 4 choir members sang with Park Band at Cavendish Road church. Well done children. You have all been wonderful. Next week is even busier!!!

Lovely Christmassy Assembly – Congratulations to the children of Class 5 who presented a lovely Christmas themed class assembly on Thursday. They told us about some amazing Christmas traditions from around the world. Thanks to the parents and family members who came along to support them. Thanks also to the Class 5 staff team for preparing the children for such a fabulous assembly.



Year 5 had a wonderful time at Coniston – The Year 5 children who went to the Waterpark Outdoor Adventure centre this week had a wonderful time. Mr Hurley and Miss Pitt (who supported both visits) said the children’s behaviour and attitude was fantastic. Well done children! Huge thanks to Mrs Bartholomew, Mrs Greenaway, Miss Wilson, Miss Alladice, Miss Eckersley, Miss Carr, Miss Pitt and Mr Hurley who took the children. 24 hour a day responsibility is a huge one and they have all done a wonderful job.

Your help and support with these would be most appreciated.

End of day collection arrangements – We are getting an increasing amount of phone calls mid-afternoon asking for messages to be sent to the classes with updated collection arrangements. Please can parents ensure that their children are aware of any collection arrangements in the morning to avoid disruption of classes by the office staff. Whilst we realise that sometimes there are emergencies, we would ask all parents to please try to plan in advance to avoid this. Thank you.

Missing Children – Linked to the above, we have had a couple of incidents recently when families have not been aware of collection arrangements. Parents have arrived at the school office to report that their child is missing only to discover that another family member or friend has collected them. As you can imagine this causes extreme upset both for the child’s parent but also the staff members. On two occasions recently, staff have been combing the streets to find a child who has actually gone home with someone else. Please could we ask that collecting parents or carers ensure that all parties are aware of the collection arrangements?

Late arrivals – If you arrive late with your child, please could you ensure that you deliver them into the school office and do not leave them at the gate to make their own way in. This is a matter of safeguarding, as until the child is signed in at the office you are responsible for them. You will need to give their name and class to the receptionist and if it is after 9.30am, you will need to sign them in electronically to update the register. The safety of all our children is very important to us and we are grateful for your continued support with this.

Be on time at 10 to nine! - A polite reminder that children should actually be going into their classroom at ten to nine. Sadly, I regularly see some children arriving well past this time. Lateness is not a good habit to develop. Imagine them growing up to be 5 minutes late for their plane or train or job interview!

Rough Play Before School – I have been approached by a number of parents who are concerned that a number of children are involved in rough play when they are in the care of their parents, particularly on the Year 1 and 2 playground. Please could I ask that parents ensure their children are not involved in rough play when waiting to go into school in the morning. It is upsetting other children and parents too. Thank you.

Service Children in School – if your child has a parent who is a serving member of the armed forces, please could you let school know, there is some additional funding available which may mean that we can further support your child in school if necessary. Please let the school office know or telephone 01253 855215. Thanks

Attend today, achieve for a lifetime!

Attendance -----to w/e 13/12/18-----

Our minimum weekly target is 95% and our weekly challenge target is 97.6%

Whole School Attendance this week is --- 96.7 %

The winning class this week is

Class 16 ---- 100% - Fantastic

Well Done, Enjoy your extra break

Year	Class	%	Class	%	Class	%
EYFS	Red	96.9	Yellow	94.6	Blue	98.5
1	1	99.3	2	97.3	3	98.3
2	4	97.9	5	94.3	6	95.5
3	7	93.7	8	95.3	9	97.6
4	10	94.1	11	95.2	12	99
5	13	95.6	14	97	15	96.3
6	16	100	17	96.6	18	97.3

Chinese Characters of the Week
Just one this week as the children
are all involved in Mandarin
assessments

圣诞节快乐 Shèngdàn jié kuàilè
Which translates to Merry Christmas
 To Find out more about these characters please
 visit this website
<https://dictionary.writtenchinese.com/>

Well done class 16!!!!!!

Please, please, please can I urge you to read this Anchornews each week. Remember you can also read all other Anchornews on our school website www.anchorholme.co.uk

