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We Love Reading!

In school, we are always working hard to ensure children have a love of books and reading and we are so appreciative of the vital role you play at home when listening to your children read (and also reading to them).

Reading is crucial in so many ways; reading for pleasure is more important for the cognitive development of your child than your own level of education! 16-year-olds who choose to read books for pleasure outside school are more likely to secure professional jobs later in life (so all the more important to get the foundations right in primary school) and children who read books often at age 10 and more than once a week at age 16 gain higher results in maths, vocabulary and spelling tests at age 16 than those who read less regularly. Not only that, but reading, at all ages, is good for mental health and wellbeing.

To give your child the best opportunities, reading at least 4 times a week will provide them with quality time to read, enjoy and promote a life-long love of reading. If you'd like further support in helping your child to do this visit our website; <https://www.clayton-le-woods.lancs.sch.uk/curriculum/supporting-my-childs-progress>

Bakers in the Making

Holly class concluded their Design and Technology food project this week by baking the biscuits they had designed.



School Meals

Many children are enjoying choosing a jacket potato for their school meal choice – I'm just about to have one myself! Lisa and Gemma are really pleased that the pre-ordering system is working well – children are assured of their meal choice and we have cut down on waste too!

If you would like your child to have a hot school meal, especially in the winter, please sign up on School Gateway – if you haven't already just sign up for the app – details below.

Remember that if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 they are entitled to a free school meal every day.



1. Register

Register using the same email address and mobile number held by the school



2. Four digit PIN

School Gateway will send you a text with your PIN



3. Login

Login, you are ready to go



Have you thought about joining the Governor's 100 Club?

We re-launched this last term and are looking for new recruits to commit to paying £5.00 per month (or £60 annually through your bank.)

This is a steady fund raiser for school but also a chance to win great prizes every month!

First prize is 30% of the total income - £150 if we have 100 members,

Second prize is 15% of the total income - £75 if we have 100 members,

Third prize is 5% of the total income - £25 if we have 100 members.

The remaining 50% is used to boost school funds.

Anyone can be a member of the 100 Club: parents, carers, wider family members, neighbours, staff or governors – spread the word!

Please email Mrs Seers:

bursar@clayton-le-woods.lancs.sch.uk to sign up.

Good luck!

Lancashire County Council have asked us to share the link below. The survey is for parents and families who are currently using a childminder, nursery, holiday, breakfast or after school provision. If using a mobile device the QR code will take parents directly to the survey and shouldn't take more than 5 minutes to complete, all submissions are anonymous.

Parents and Carers,
tell us about your
experience of using
childcare in Lancashire



Scan the QR code or visit:
lancashire.gov.uk/childcare

lancashire.gov.uk/childcare



PTFA Update

Thank you very much to everyone who supported our **January Jumble** – we raised just short of £150 which is a fantastic amount.

Also, a big thank you to everyone who came to the PTFA meeting on Monday. It was great to have some new faces join us. We celebrated the success of the Christmas Fair and noted some improvements needed to make it even better next year.

We are now busy planning our next event

Well-being Wednesday

This is an evening for adults, on Wednesday 1st March from 7pm to 9pm, where you can try or buy a range of products and get pampered. Entry will be £5 and include mocktails and nibbles.

Worship

This week we thought about Jesus' life: from being a very special baby born in Bethlehem, to his death on a cross and the amazing events of the first Easter.... Christians believe that all through his life, Jesus brought peace to the people he met. We are thinking about how we can bring peace wherever we are – at home or in school.

We are also thinking about our Christian value of Thankfulness. Our Indian folktale, The Monkey and the Crocodile, reminded us how it is always best to tell the truth.

Dates For Your Diary

January	
Thursday 19 th	Special Chinese New Year School Lunch . Order school meals on School Comms Gateway
Thursday 19 th	Year 3 and 4 Athletics event – at Holy Cross High School
Thursday 26 th	Y6 parents/carers SATs meeting 3.30pm
Monday 30 th	Reception parents/carers Reading and Phonics Workshop 3.30pm
February	
Friday 10 th	School closes at normal time for the half term break
Monday 20 th	School re-opens
Thursday 23 rd	Year 5 start weekly swimming lessons
March	
Wednesday 1 st	Wellbeing Wednesday – PTFA event for parents/carers.
Friday 10 th	Fairtrade Big Family Breakfast – from 8.00am in the hall – all welcome. Followed by Reading Morning – 9.00 – 9.30am – parents/carers invited to read with their children in school. Siblings can be collected to read together.

And now, just as you accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.'



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FIND Newsletter

Please click below to access the most recent special educational needs and disability (SEND) newsletter for Lancashire families.

If you would like to receive a free copy of FIND by post or email 4 times a year, please sign up to the FIND database on their website.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/getting-help/family-information-network-directory/>

Our Vision

Together we inspire one another to live life to all its fullness, rooted and built up in Christ, so that every member of our school community can learn, develop and flourish, to live in the world as the unique individuals God created us to be.