



Founded 1870 – Voluntary Aided

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Dear Parents/Carers

NEWSLETTER

School Kitchen

We are pleased to advise that our application to the Department for Education for funds to renovate our school kitchen has been successful and we have been awarded £86,000 to carry out the work. This will mean that the kitchen can be upgraded to a “production” kitchen where food can be prepared from scratch. We believe that this will improve the standard and variety of the food we will be able to provide for the children. We are hoping that the work will be carried out in the Autumn term. However, because we are Voluntary Aided school and the building is owned by the Diocese, we as a school have to provide a 10% contribution to the overall sum i.e. £8,600.

As the school budget does not have the funds to cover this contribution, we have asked the PTA, Helping Hands and the Governing Body to donate what they can to the help. Although they have all been extremely generous, we have still to reach the total needed. School will therefore be arranging a **Fundraising Ball & Auction on Saturday 11th November at Ramsbottom Civic Hall**. The event will be similar to our previously very successful Black & White Ball and tickets will go on sale once we return in September. In the meantime, we ask that you put the date in your diaries. We will also be on the look-out for auction lots, so if you are able to donate anything you think may be suitable, please let Mrs Boardman know. Your support with this event would be greatly appreciated!

School Meals

If you would like your child to change from school meals to packed lunches, or vice versa in September, then please could you let Mrs Boardman know before the end of term. Also, we should point out that all children currently in Year 2 will no longer be eligible for Infant Free School Meals when they move into Year 3. I can confirm that the cost will continue the same as this year at £2.30 per day/£11.50 per week. Thank you.

Milk

If your child would like milk in the Autumn term. The cost will continue at 16p per day, which means the cost up to Christmas will be £11.36. Cheques should be made payable to Bury Council. If you miss the order for September then you will not be able to start milk until October, so please let Mrs Boardman know your requirements on or before this Wednesday. Thank you.

Talent Show

Children who wish to take part in the Talent Show on Wednesday morning should fill in an entry form (available in school) and pass it to Mrs Woodward. If your child needs music for their performance, please could you let Mrs Boardman have it prior to the morning of the show. Thank you.



Celebration Booklet

The Celebration Booklet has now been printed and I would like to thank Mrs Clark and Geoff Johnson for their hard work in putting together this lovely keepsake. Every child will receive a complimentary copy, which will be sent home later this week. However, if you would like to purchase an additional copy of the booklet, they are on sale from Mrs Boardman at a cost of £2.00.

Toy Day

The last day of term will be Toy Day. Children can bring games and toys from home into school for the day. However, we do ask that children do not bring electronic devices such as ipads, tablets, PSPs etc.

Leavers' Service

Our Leavers' Service will be held in church at 9.10am on **Thursday 20th July**. Parents, family and friends are welcome to join us in this celebration.

Balloon Release

We will be holding the annual balloon release on the The Rec at 3.00pm on **Thursday 20th July**. If you are able to help with the preparations for this, please see Mrs Boardman. Thank you.

End of Term

Please note that school will finish for the Summer holidays at 3.15pm on Thursday 20th July 2017 and will re-open on Tuesday 5th September 2017.

Enjoy a lovely Summer!

Kind regards,

**Mrs Woodward
Head Teacher**