



# Fulwood & Cadley Autumn B Newsletter

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## Great Start to the Autumn Term

We have had a wonderful start to the Autumn term, so many children returned to school eager to get back to work and excited about their new class team. As we enter into the second half of the Autumn term our children are very settled, have managed the transition brilliantly and are engaging well in their learning. A special mention for our new reception children who have been wonderful, making a positive start to their learning journey and becoming a new member of our school family.



## PTA Events

We have enjoyed our first two PTA events, the Fun Thursday and Halloween disco, raising just over **£1000** we would like to thank everyone who supported and attended the events. The money raised from this event will go towards purchasing some new reading books for the home reading scheme in classes 4-11.

The next big event will be our Christmas Bingo, where chocolate hampers full of wonderful treats will be up for grabs. To prepare for this and other events planned for this year the next PTA meeting will be on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov at 9am**, everyone is welcome.

If you would like to get involved in the PTA either hands on with events or from a distance doing fliers etc, please email Mrs Margerison at [jmargerison@fulwoodcadley.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:jmargerison@fulwoodcadley.lancs.sch.uk). Your support no matter how small is always appreciated.

## Parental Opportunities

Parents had the chance to meet their new class team with both welcome meetings and parents evening already this term, thank you to all those who attended we hope we found them useful.

Classes will be inviting parents in throughout the year, so you have a chance to celebrate the topics being explored in class and get involved in the life of our amazing school.

There will also be other opportunities to pop in from the Christmas Bingo, parent workshops to the much-loved EYFS and KSI Christmas Show.

## Borwick Hall Adventure Day

What an incredible time all the children from class 3-11 had on their Borwick Hall adventure day. The children loved the chance to enjoy the great outdoors in a beautiful part of Lancashire. Testing their adventurous abilities with indoor caving, team challenges and canoeing to name but a few.

The children were impeccable as always and a real credit to the school and their families. Outdoor adventure activities are an area within PE we want to explore this year in order to engage more children in physical activity and enjoy the amazing benefits of the great outdoors, supporting both our mental and physical health. A special thankyou to Mrs True for organising it all- Star!!



## Children in Need

On Fri 17<sup>th</sup> November we will be getting involved with the fundraising and celebrations of this national event. The theme this year is 'Spotacular,' so we are asking everyone in school to wear something spotty.

Families can make a voluntary donation of their choice and the children will take part in some fun activities in class on Friday afternoon as a real treat. All money raised will be donated to Children in Need.



## Fulwood & Cadley Christmas Appeal

Whilst we are fully aware of the plight many families are facing across the country in relation to the cost of living, we are also very aware that this plight is directly affecting many of our families across school. At Fulwood and Cadley we are passionate about helping others, conveying the message of kindness in everything we do. So this year we will once again be pulling together to ensure none of our children go without this Christmas. We will be popping a Christmas tree in the reception area near the school office, with gift labels on. If you are able to, please take a label and buy an extra gift to make someone's Christmas.

## Kindness in our Community

Once again, this year we will be supporting the older generations within our local community bringing some festive cheer and best wishes from everyone at Fulwood and Cadley.

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec local retirement and care homes will be given the opportunity to come into school for tea and cakes and enjoy the Christmas show.

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec Mrs Murphy and her amazing school choir will bring some festive cheer and I am sure the odd tear, as they sing in a number of local care home.

The entire school will be part of the Cards for Kindness campaign, where every child will create a beautiful Christmas card with a special message for residents of all our local care homes this year.



## Improving Lines of Communications

This was an area for improvement identified within the parental questionnaire and also raised by school staff.

We have sourced a new school APP and will in coming weeks be sending parents some information regarding the new line of communication and how you can support us in trialling the product initially before purchasing fully. We want to know how parents feel and would appreciate your involvement and support. The APP is crucial in allowing parents and staff to create one point of reference, with the hope of moving away from email and text messages, the APP should make life easier for everyone.



## Attendance

We have worked hard this term to improve attendance across the school, supporting both children and families where this may be difficult. We are pleased to say our attendance up to now is % where last year our overall attendance was 93.9%. After COVID attendance has fallen nationally, with school being judged on our attendance rate we are determined to get as close as we can to the National and Lancashire target of 96%. In the summer term we had 88 children who achieved 100%, During Aut A we had 161 children achieve this, which is incredible.

We have improved punctuality from 98 hrs of missed learning to 60hrs, although room for improvement, this is a step in the right direction.

Congratulations to Jake and Ariana who won the cinema vouchers for super punctuality, enjoy the film.

*If you are struggling in anyway with attendance please contact our Children & Family Support worker Gemma or Mrs France.*

Attendance Matters



## Here to Hear!

Many thanks to the parents who took the time to attend the first ever Here to Hear, an opportunity to meet and discuss key aspects of school with the senior leadership team. Parents and senior leaders explored the outcomes of the parental questionnaire, discussing the actions that will be taken to address areas for improvement.

We are hoping to offer another Here to Hear session where a different focus will be explored. Everyone is welcome and more information about the next meeting will be shared very soon.



## Parental Workshops

We were very excited about the opportunities for parents to enhance their knowledge and skills, embarking on some learning of their own, with accredited courses this year, however we have been unable to fill the courses as well as many other workshops and they have had to be cancelled. We will continue to offer the opportunity to come in and attend the sessions run by Lancashire Adult Learning, a separate flier will be sent out in the Spring term.



## Considerate Parking

We continue to receive complaints from members of the local community as result of inconsiderate parking.

Residents of houses in the locality have made school aware that despite requests to move, as they have been unable to get off their own drive with a vehicle, they have received verbal abuse. This is clearly unacceptable and brings our schools reputation into disrepute. We know how busy it is in the morning, but with a rolling start to the day from 8:40am please try and leave enough time to park safely and considerately.

## Safeguarding

In the interest of safety a detailed letter has been sent out providing parents and families with information about the new automated gates which have been installed on the main drive. As we utilise every available space in school for teaching and learning it is essential that children in the Forest School and Garden area are safe.

If you wish to share any concerns about a child the safeguarding leads in school are:

			
<b>Mrs France</b> Head Teacher Designated Safeguarding Lead	<b>Mrs Livesey</b> Curriculum Leader Deputy DSL	<b>Mr Holding</b> Key Stage 2 Leader Deputy DSL	<b>Mrs Gill</b> EYFS/KSI Leader SEND leader Deputy DSL

## WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD

If you have any concerns about a child please call the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000 or Children's Social Care on 0300 123 6720 or out of hours 0300 123 6722, if you feel a child is at risk of immediate harm call 999.



## Up and Coming Events for the rest of the Autumn Term

November		December	
02.11.23	PTA: Halloween Disco: dress up	07.12.23	PTA: Christmas Bingo – families welcome
w/c 6.11.23	Parent Consultation Week	07.12.23	Christmas Lunch
17.11.23	Child in Need: "Spotacular" Day	07.12.23	Christmas Bingo 6pm
17.11.23	PTA Meeting 9am McMullen Centre	11.12.23	Christmas Craft Workshop
23.11.23	Open Day 1:30-3pm and 6-7:00pm	13 & 14.12.23	Early Years & KSI Christmas Show – 1:30pm and 6pm
24.11.23	PTA: Non-uniform day – chocolate donations for Christmas Bingo	18.12.23	Christmas Carol Service @ St. Cuthbert's 10:30am – families welcome
		18.12.23	Early Years Team Christmas Party: Class 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 - 1:30-3:00pm
		19.12.22	Middle School Christmas Party: Class 6, 7, 8 1:30-3:00pm
		20.12.22	Upper School Christmas Party: Class 9, 10, 11 1:30-3:00pm
		21.12.22	Father Christmas Present Drop – Class 1-11
		21.12.23	End of Autumn term 1:15-1:30pm classes staggered
		22.12.23	SCHOOL CLOSURE - INSET 3

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