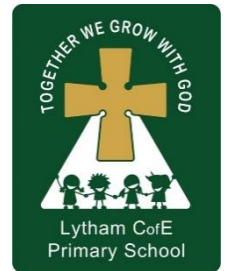




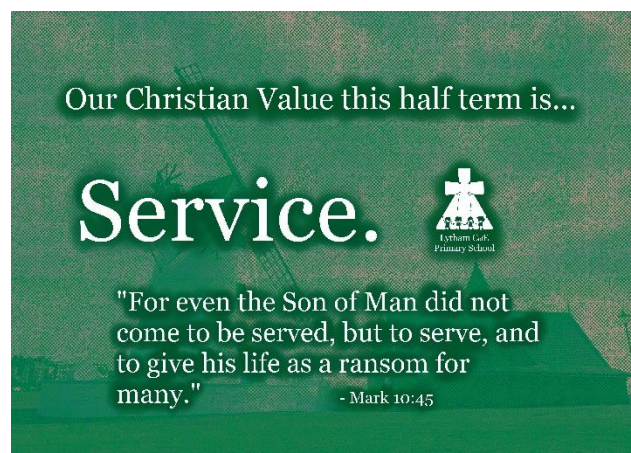
LYTHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

Together We Grow With God



20th October 2023

Our Christian Value this half term is Service



Headteacher's Message:

Goodness me – Autumn 1 passed us by in a flash! The children have worked incredibly hard this half term and have been an absolute credit to you. We have lots of exciting things taking place in Autumn 2 so please do make a note of these as the weeks fly by and the events are upon us before we know it.

You may have spotted on social media today that a group of Y5 children wrote a poem about our school today and their final line encapsulated what we aim for...

‘We are one big family and always will be.’

Your children are so very precious to us and we cherish them all.


Have a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 1st November.

Mrs Wooldridge



Our Stars of the Week - week beginning 9th October




Reception	Frank	
Year One	Oliver	
Year Two	Isabelle	
Year Three	Garrad	
Year Four	William	
Year Five	Eva Mc	
Year Six	Freddy B	



Our Stars of the Week - week beginning 16th October



Reception	Finn	
Year One	Chloe	
Year Two	Max	
Year Three	Hope	
Year Four	Louie	
Year Five	Riley	
Year Six	Arthur	

Our Christian Values Superstars

(W/B 9 th October)	Noah	Billy	Finley
(W/B 16 th October)	Fleur	Posie	Charlie

You will recall from previous newsletters that the focus for each half term changes for our Parable of the Talents certificate. It was agreed that the focus this half term for the Parable of the Talents would be for those children who demonstrate an exceptionally 'positive attitude towards their learning'.

Positive attitudes towards learning - week beginning 9th October

Reception	Zakki
Year One	Ben S
Year Two	Maisie
Year Three	Lou Lou
Year Four	Clark
Year Five	Ethan
Year Six	Hattie

<i>Positive attitudes towards learning</i> - week beginning 16th October	
Reception	Amelia
Year One	Elena
Year Two	Naya
Year Three	Theo
Year Four	Violet
Year Five	Ada
Year Six	Maisie

Snippets from the classrooms

This week in nursery we have been strengthening our arm muscles! We have been busy baking leaf shaped biscuits and scooping out the insides of pumpkins. All of this work is going to help us become writers one day! We have also been learning the nursery rhymes 'A Sailor went to Sea' and 'Baa, Baa Black Sheep'.

We can't believe we have now completed our very first half term at school. Miss Harter and Miss Wilkinson are so proud of how hard we have worked especially with our phonics. We have loved spending time with our Year 6 buddy's, making new friends, thinking of ideas, being creative and becoming independent. It has gone very fast but we are ready for a rest as all that work has tired us out!

In Art, Year 1 have been doing some observational drawing using techniques they have learnt over recent weeks. They all enjoyed drawing pieces of fruit. Last Tuesday was World Mental Health Day, and to mark this, we took part in some relaxing yoga. They all loved listening to peaceful music, and trying different stretches.

In Y2, as part of our Science work this half term we have been learning about healthy eating. This week we designed and made healthy wraps. We thought carefully about what healthy ingredients we would use and we worked carefully to use equipment safely to chop, grate and slice the ingredients.

Year 3 have been busy practising all the French vocabulary they have been learning during this half term. The children are gaining the confidence to share their greetings and questions with their friends. They have made puppets and have used these to perform a French rhyme. The children have impressed us with their writing based on the book "The First Drawing." They have used a range of different sentence types and have been showing off their use of inverted commas to punctuate speech. Well done Year 3. Have a well-deserved rest over half term.

Year 4 are busy preparing for the Dance Festival which is taking place in November; there are a lot of moves to remember! They have also been creating some wax resistant art patterns and pictures.

Year 5 have been feeling creative this week and have been writing poems and raps about our school and school life. Mrs Wooldridge is loving the constant stream of visitors to her door clutching notebooks and reciting poems, songs and raps!

This week Y6 have finished working on the Topic of 'Evolution and Inheritance'. It was fantastic to look back and realise how much we have learnt. Similarly, we have completed the Geography Topic of 'Climate Change' but are looking forward to a Zoolab enrichment visit which will enhance our learning. What a busy half term it has been. We are certainly looking forward to the second half of the Autumn Term.

School Sport

This week was our last week of league netball and football matches. The children have been fantastic! We are so proud of how the children have conducted themselves.

We are aiming to continue our netball and football practises throughout the whole of the Autumn and Spring term in preparation for the league starting up again in Spring term 2.

Huge thank you to Mr Gray, Mrs Reardon, Mrs Barras and Mrs Croughan for training and supporting our teams.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who bought a book at the Book Fair. We were awarded more than £300 in commission which we can use to buy new books for our children to enjoy. Thank you.

Disco

Children will have brought a letter home tonight regarding the PTFA Disco taking place on the 9th of November. Please follow the link to purchase tickets 😊

Winter Uniform - reminder

All children will be expected to return after the holidays wearing winter uniform.

The policy is on the website but the details of the uniform can be found below.

Uniform Requirements

- Dark green Jumper or Cardigan;
- White Shirt with school tie;
- Grey Trousers/Skirt or pinafore dresses;
- Grey socks, white socks or grey tights
- Flat black shoes with either Velcro or a buckle. Please avoid laces unless your child can tie these themselves.
- Dark green blazer (Y5 and Y6 children only)

PE Kit

All children should attend school in PE uniform on PE days. Your child will have the following options on the 2 days that they do PE to either:

- Wear the full tracksuit with school PE t-shirt.
- Wear the tracksuit top with school PE t-shirt and their own plain black jogging bottoms (no logos)

Trainers must be plain black or white with minimally sized logo (no neon colours)

School Meals

The new Autumn Winter menu will commence on Monday 6th November and this will be Week 2.

There will be a special promotional meal on 2nd November so please do pay via Parentpay if your child would like a meal on this day.

School Admissions

Lancashire County Council's school admissions for children starting primary school or moving to secondary school in September 2024 opens on Friday 1 September 2023.

Parents can apply online at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools - it's quick and easy!

The national closing dates for applications are:

- Tuesday 31 October 2023 for secondary applicants
- Monday 15 January 2024 for primary applicants.

It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application.

You must apply even if you already have siblings in school. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your online application.

For guidance on school transport see: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/school-transport/>.

Autumn 2 at a glance

Date	Event	Notes
Wednesday 1 st November	Children return to school	
Wednesday 1 st November	Parent Consultation Afternoon (online)	
Wednesday 1 st November	Parent Consultation Evening	
Thursday 2 nd November	Parent Consultation Evening	
Monday 6 th November	Tempest Class and Group Photos	
Thursday 9 th November	PTFA Disco	3.30pm-4.30pm – KS1 4.45pm-5.45pm – KS2
Monday 13 th November	Y4 to Wyre and Fylde Dance Festival	
Monday 13 th November	Zoolab for Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 Alternative enrichment opportunity for Nursery & Reception TBC	Payable on ParentPay
Tuesday 21 st November	10.45-11.30am – Open Morning	Please spread the word
Wednesday 29 th November	9.15am- Whole School Panto	No toast or swimming on this day
Sunday 3 rd December	Confirmation Service for Y5 children	Venue – St John's Church
Monday 4 th December	Elf Dash in aid of Trinity Hospice	Children may wear red and/or green clothes if they wish but don't feel the need to buy anything new.
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Dinner Day	No toast!
Friday 8 th December	9.15am – Nursery Nativity	
Friday 8 th December	Y2 & Y4 (separately) to St John's Church – Christmas through the Keyhole	
Sunday 10 th December	3pm – Christingle	St John's Church – all families welcome
Monday 11 th December	6pm – KS2 Carol Service at St Cuthbert's Church	Y3 to lead but ALL KS2 classes will be involved
Tuesday 12 th December	9.15am – Reception and KS1 Christmas Performance	
Wednesday 13 th December	9.15am – Reception and KS1 Christmas Performance	
Thursday 14 th December	9.15am – Reception and KS1 Christmas Performance	
Friday 15 th December	Party Day	
Monday 18 th December	End of term reports go home	
Tuesday 19 th December	PTFA Event – Christmas Café 2-4.30pm	Children can bring in £1 and buy a 'warm chocolate with marshmallows' in the afternoon or come in with parent after school
Wednesday 20 th December 2pm	School closes for Christmas holidays	

Children return to school on Thursday 4th January 2024

