

Our school value this half term is: "Friendship"

'Encourage one another and build each other up'

Thessalonians 5.11

## Walk To The Moon

We would like to say a huge thank you to all parents for supporting our 'Walk To The Moon' event. We walked/ran a combined total of 6200 miles and raised a fantastic £425 for the charity EduKid supporting children in Uganda.

If you would like to make a donation, please click the Just Giving logo below.

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## Infant Fun Day

We will be holding a fun day for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on **Thursday 1st July**. Children will be spending the day doing craft activities, sport activities, learning circus skills from children's entertainer Adrian Catch and enjoying a visit from an ice cream van! We ask that children arrive on the day wearing their PE kits. Letters with full details will be coming home next week.

## Year 4 and 5 Camping Visits

As a school we believe in outdoor education and organise many experiences for the children throughout school. These opportunities support the children's growth and development alongside their physical, mental and emotional wellbeing.



We were therefore delighted that we could take Year 4 and Year 5 camping over the last two Fridays. Both visits were incredibly successful and provided great learning opportunities and amazing memories for the children as we explored the outdoors and spent a wonderful night under canvas.

All the children who attended took part in an 8 mile walk and learnt about navigating, undertook orienteering, team building skills and den building. I would like to say how amazing Year 4 and 5 were on the camping expeditions showing fantastic attitudes in every aspect of the visit. All the children in our school shine in so many ways and once again Year 4 and Year 5 showed this on these visits. We were all very proud of them. On behalf of everyone at school I would like to say a huge thank you to the children.

Photos of these trips can be found on the '[Our News Items](#)' section of the school website.

## Notices

### Dates for your diary

Monday 28th June to Friday 2nd July—Y6 Tower Wood

Thursday 1st July—Infant Fun Day

Monday 5th July—Y4 to Martin Mere

Thursday 8th July—Y3 Roman Day

Friday 16th July—End of term

### Y6 to Tower Wood—28th June to 2nd July

Children in Y6 will be leaving school on Monday morning for their residential visit to Tower Wood. Mr Swift has sent Y6 parents a ClassDojo message regarding Monday morning arrangements.

### Learning Curves Nursery Open Day

Learning curves will be holding an open day from 9:30am—11:30am on **Saturday 26th June**. Please note this will be by appointment only. Please call 01695 420123 if you would like to attend.

### Year 4 Visit to Martin Mere

Children in Year 4 will be visiting Martin Mere on **Monday 5th July**. If it rains in the days leading up to this visit we would advise the children wear wellies.

### Save The Date

Sunday 4th July is the **First National Thank You Day**.



We all have someone to thank. What better way to do this than on Sunday 4th July.

Starting at 10:45am we are holding an outdoor service in the Ministry Centre Car park. Some seats will be provided, but we are encouraging everyone to bring their own deckchairs.

This will be an all age service and we very much hope that children from our school will send us pictures of people they want to thank or bring them on the day. We will also be handing our colourful ribbons so we can add them to the railings at Christ Church to say thank you to everyone in our community for their support during Covid-19.

For more information about the service please see page 4 and our website [christchurchaughton.org.uk](http://christchurchaughton.org.uk) or go to a church near you - Christ Church Aughton.

School will close for the summer holidays on **Friday 16th July**. Children should be collected at their usual times please.



Dear parents and guardians,

### **Update to parents on Covid-19 in Lancashire schools and colleges**

Firstly, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for all your support in keeping our children and young people in our schools and communities safe and adhering to national and local Covid guidance.

As you may be aware, in recent weeks, there has been an increase in the number of Covid-19 cases and outbreaks reported in education settings. There has been media attention recently on variants of concern, and the Lancashire County Council area is no exception. Therefore, it is important to do as much as possible to continue to keep our children and families safe and minimise the disruption to education.

This includes various areas of prevention and early intervention, such as:

#### **a) Vaccinations**

It is vital that everybody who is eligible for a vaccine books an appointment without delay. A recent study from Public Health England has shown that two doses of either the Pfizer or AstraZeneca vaccine offer high levels of protection against symptomatic disease and remains the most effective weapon in our fight against Covid.

#### **b) Whole school testing**

In the event of an outbreak we may advise that every pupil and member of staff undertake PCR testing. The delivery of this will differ from school to school. The purpose of whole school testing is to control the spread of the virus to prevent further disruption to education.

If the PCR test result is positive, pupils and their households must self-isolate from the day their symptoms started (or the day they had the test if they do not have symptoms) and the next 10 full days. If you are informed you are a close contact of a person who has tested positive for Covid-19, you must stay at home and self-isolate for 10 full days. Close contacts should also take a PCR test and continue to isolate even if the result is negative.

#### **c) Symptomatic testing**

If you or your child or young person has one or more of the three classic Covid-19 symptoms – a high temperature; a new continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell – you or they must isolate immediately and book a PCR test via the NHS. If you or your child or young person do not have any of the three classic symptoms, proceed through the questions and then tick the box that says: "My local council or health protection team has asked me to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms."

If the PCR test result is positive, pupils and their households must self-isolate from the day their symptoms started (or the day they had the test if they do not have symptoms) and the next 10 full days. You can get a PCR test here: <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/essential-worker>

#### **d) Close contacts testing**

Around 1 in 5 people who have been in close contact with a person with Covid-19 will go on to have Covid-19 themselves, and around 1 in 3 of those will have no symptoms but can still spread the virus. Getting a test when you are a contact helps to find if you are one of those people and, if so, ensures they self-isolate. This is how we break the chains of transmission.

If you are informed you are a close contact of a person who has tested positive for Covid-19, you must stay at home and self-isolate for 10 full days. People who have been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive with Covid-19 can now get a PCR test during their 10-day self-isolation period, whether or not they have symptoms. It is important to isolate for 10 days even if the PCR test is negative.

#### **e) Wider symptomatic testing**

If you or your child or young person has other new or unusual symptoms or if in doubt, you can still get a PCR test. However, you do not need to self-isolate for 10 days, unless you get a positive test result. If the PCR result is positive, everyone who lives in your household must self-isolate from the day your symptoms started and the next 10 full days. This is important as this will help prevent further spread into the community. If you require support during your isolation, contact your Local District Council who can provide advice on welfare and support available.

#### **f) Routine asymptomatic testing**

To continue to avoid disruption to education, it is important to undertake routine testing, which plays a pivotal role in allowing for normal life to resume and to detect asymptomatic cases. LFT kits are available for household testing. If you or your child or young person's LFT test result is positive, you and your close contacts will need to self-isolate immediately and book a confirmatory PCR test via the NHS as soon as possible.

#### **g) Face coverings**

Earlier this month, we advised all secondary school and college students and staff that they should continue to wear face coverings until 21 June, despite restrictions relaxing nationally. This recommendation came amid concerns about the spread across the region of the B.1.617.2 variant of concern first identified in India. Continuing to use face coverings in schools along with maintaining hand washing, social distancing, fresh air and regular testing will help to control the spread of Covid-19. The advice will be reviewed ahead of 21 June, the next milestone in the Government's roadmap.

I am extremely grateful for your support and patience during this difficult time. Thank you.

**Dr Sakthi Karunanithi**

Director of Public Health

Lancashire County Council

# You're invited




## WHAT'S ON:

A 'Big Thank You' get together.  
Outdoors at Christ Church  
Ministry Centre Car Park

## WHERE AND WHEN:

Sunday 4th July  
10:45am  
Doors open from 10:20am  
Bring your own chairs

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

We all have someone to thank let's do it together.  
This service will be all age and outside. Everyone is welcome 

The crisis has reminded us all that when it really matters, we're here for one another, and that's something to be grateful for.

Let's all join in on Sunday 4th July, and say a great big thank you, together.

Go to [thankyouday.org.uk](http://thankyouday.org.uk)

