



Our school value this half term is: "Thankfulness"

'Always be thankful'

Thessalonians 5.16

Welcome back

I would like to say a huge welcome back and hope everyone has managed to find some family time over the summer break.

It has simply been a wonderful first few days in school. Watching the children come in on Thursday morning full of smiles and excitement was something that everyone in school really enjoyed being part of. We all feel so proud and happy to be back together as the children have returned and once again lit up our building with the buzz of learning. Perhaps the most wonderful moment of the first day was seeing all the children come together in the hall for worship once again after over 18 months of not being able to. I certainly felt a small tear of happiness as they came in and said 'Good Morning' altogether for the first time in over a year. We have really missed these opportunities as a school and are very much looking forward to being altogether in one place as the year progresses.

A special mention must go to our new Reception children who have enjoyed their first experiences of school this week. The children who have come in have shown great confidence and been absolutely amazing in every way as they have started their journey with us. I am really looking forward to seeing them grow and flourish as I know they will over the next 7 years.

As we start another school year, I feel full of excitement at the things that lie ahead. Our school value is **thankfulness** this term and I am certainly **thankful** for being part of our wonderful community and having the privilege to work with you and your amazing children.

Upon the return to school, we are still continuing to adjust to some new procedures and processes. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to let me know.

Over the coming weeks, we will also be letting you know about some school events and diary dates for the coming term. Planning for school events is still something we need to consider carefully and I hope everyone appreciates that we are just taking time to look at how extra-curricular events in school will look for us.

Finally, I want to wish you all well and say how much I am looking forward to this school year. I hope you and your children are too.

Mr Kennedy
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Thursday 16th September—Y4 to Martin Mere

Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th October—School Photographs
(Tempest Photography)

Friday 22nd October—INSET Day

Monday 25th to Friday 29th October—Half Term

Tuesday 9th November—Nasal Flu Vaccinations (Rec-Y6)

Notices

Mrs O'Loughlin Leaving

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs O'Loughlin today who has worked with many of our children over the last 11 years during their time in Learning Curves Nursery and at after school club. We wish all the best for the future.

Milk

Milk is available to all children in school at the subsidised rate of £14.30 for the autumn term. If you would like your child to receive daily milk, please return the completed form with payment by Wednesday 8th September. Consent forms are available from the school office or can be requested via email at: bursar@aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk.

Arriving at school and collections from school

Thank you to everyone for supporting our new drop off and collection arrangements.

These can be seen in our reopening guidance by clicking the link [here](#).

Please be reminded that children should enter and leave by the youngest siblings entrance and exit points. We understand initially that some of the procedures are slightly slower than we wish but we wish to monitor how these arrangements work for the safety and wellbeing of all the children and we will continue to evaluate these as we go along.

After evaluating procedures this week, we are now asking all Year 1 and Year 2 parents to please stand **ONLY** in the first two sections of the playground as they enter. The last section of the playground, nearest school, should be left free to line children up and ensure safe handover at the start and end of the day. To further support this procedure, we are asking for parents to wait in the following areas of the playground in the first two sections only:

Y2 parents—fence side of playground (by scout hut)

Y1 parents—field side of playground

Thank you for your support.