



Our school value this half term is: "Thankfulness"

'Always be thankful'

Thessalonians 5.16

Dates for your diary

Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th October—School Photographs

Thursday 21st October—Y3 to Tatton Park

Friday 22nd October—INSET Day

Monday 25th to Friday 29th October—Half Term

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

Thursday 11th November—Y6 Visit to Liverpool

Tuesday 16th November— Y6 WWII Artefact Day

Notices

Secondary School Admissions

Year 6 parents please note the following:-

All applicants can apply now by clicking [here](#) or by calling 01772 532109 for more information.

The statutory closing date is 31st October 2021 at 23:59.

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

Open Opportunities for Prospective Parents

If your child will be starting primary school in September 2022, we welcome prospective parents to come and view school on the dates listed below. Booking is essential so please contact the school office on 01695 421391 to arrange this.

- Thursday 21st October 1:45pm-2:30pm
- Tuesday 16th November 10:45am-11:30am

Applications for primary schools must be made by 15th January 2022. More information can be found [here](#).

Nasal Flu Vaccine— Tuesday 9th November

If you would like your child to receive the nasal flu vaccine in school please click [here](#) to complete the online consent/decline form. **The link will close on Tuesday 2nd November.** Please ensure you complete either a **YES** or **NO** form for your child/ren. *If you have any problems accessing the link please telephone 0333 358 3397, option 3.*

Autumn Term 2 Lunch Menus

On Thursday 16th December we will be having Christmas dinner in school. If you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner, please tick the appropriate date on the Yummy Catering menu and return it to school as soon as possible in order to secure a meal on the day. For Juniors, please provide £2.40 payment with your menu (Infants are free but still require a menu). As our caterer must be given numbers in advance, we are unable to accept any orders on the day. Thank you.

School Photographs

Tempest Photography will be visiting school on **Monday 18th October** to take individual and family group photographs and **Tuesday 19th October** to take class photographs. Photograph proofs and reference numbers will be sent home with the children. Details of how to order photograph packages (online only) will be included with the proofs.

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Urgent Online Safety Notice

There has been much in the news this week about a show called **Squid Game**, which is primarily on Netflix but is also accessible through online platforms such as ticktock. The content of this show is disturbing and not appropriate for children in any way.

It has been concerning to hear that some children in school have been using terminology linked to this programme and playing using actions which may reflect it. Whilst it is not always clear where children pick up terminology and vocabulary from, as a school we would like to remind all parents that this material is unsuitable for children. I would also like to stress that **T.V programmes** and **games** with a certificate of 15 are not in any way appropriate for primary aged children. Indeed, children should be safeguarded from material that is not age appropriate. As a school we will be monitoring this carefully and ask as parents you support all of our children by being very aware of the material they are viewing on TV, online or in gaming capacity. We will not be allowing any games or language in school that replicates or is connected to this material.

Thank you.

Class Dojo and communication

We are delighted that we have ClassDojo as a communication platform for teachers and families. I would like to remind all of our parents that this may **not be checked in the school day** by your child's class teacher whilst they are teaching and if you have a concern about something or need to get a message to school about illness, absence or collection arrangements please contact the school office or email school at: bursar@aughtonchristchurch.lacncs.sch.uk

Half Term

Please note that school will finish for the half term break at the normal time of **3:30pm on Thursday 21st October**. School will reopen at 8:45am on Monday 1st November.