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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we start half term today I want to thank everyone again for ensuring the last 8 weeks in school have gone so well. We are all incredibly pleased to have kept all classes open at this time and our overall attendance of **97.78 %** this term is a real achievement. We always knew there would be challenges but together we will continue to work our way through them.

School photographs went really well this week and we hope you enjoy the opportunity to view and purchase your child's photograph should wish. If you have any concerns please let us know.

In addition, our Ugandan fundraising day has gone incredibly well and we are well on the way to reaching our total to support the children's education. Thank you all so much for the generous contributions made so far. The **just giving page** is remaining open so anyone still wishing to make a contribution can still do so via the link at the bottom of this page. The support we are giving to these children should not be underestimated. During my visit to Uganda in February 2019 I was able to see first hand how the power of a good education makes a real difference for so many people. We should all feel proud that we are making a real difference to these children's lives. It is my belief that through working together as a global community we can ensure all children gain the right to a proper education which will lead to a brighter future for everyone.

We are still working on **ClassDojo** and the majority of our families are now accessing this platform and replying well to work. We are using part of our **INSET** day to check everyone is connected and we will be contacting some families during the first week of next term who may be having difficulties. I really hope that as we begin next half term everyone will be fully connected to this platform so they will be confident using this if they need to remote learn.

The end of this first half term provides a good opportunity to reflect back and look forward. We are all delighted that all of our children have returned to their learning in the classroom successfully. This a fantastic achievement for our whole community. The children have been tremendous every day in school and we feel so proud of them all. As we move into the next half term, we will be approaching Christmas. We are very aware that we will not be able to celebrate Christmas in the usual ways with you all. However, we are now making preparations for how Christmas will be celebrated in school this year and look forward to informing you of this will look for your children after half term.

This week I have been working closely with our PHA who are supporting school in many ways including Christmas preparations. I look forward to keeping parents informed about these events and other things we will be doing as a school after half term.

Finally, would like to wish everyone a lovely half term break and hope you and your families stay safe and well

Mr D Kennedy

Head teacher

EduKid and Koch Goma Sponsorship

Yesterday we held a non-uniform fundraising day for our sponsor children in Uganda. It costs £2100 to support all 7 children for a full academic year and yesterday we raised **£543** of that amount. We look forward to keeping you all informed of how our fundraising is going as we move through the term. The PHA have agreed with us they will also be giving 30% of the money we raise together after half term to support our children. Thank you all so much for your support. Yesterday, all the children have been learning about the life of their child and talking about how funds can help them. We are asking families to make any donation to these children via our **just giving page** which can be reached on the link below.



<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/aughtonchristchurchprimaryschoolsupportsedukid>

<https://www.aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk/page/our-sponsored-children/61622>

<https://www.aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk/page/uganda/61621>

Black History Month

October is Black History Month in the UK. It is an annual event honouring the contributions and accomplishments of the Black Community. It celebrates both current and historical individuals and the positive impact they have made to our world.

Black History Month provides great opportunities to highlight key moments in Black History. It is important to celebrate the contributions of everyone to our society and support the multi-culturalism and diversity that helps shape our world-wide communities.

The children across school have had the opportunity to find out about important people and some moments throughout history including: Rosa Parks, Pablo Fanque, Martin Luther King, Barack Obama, Usain Bolt, Muhammad Ali, Will Smith and Mae Jemison. Education is a key theme and is encouraged throughout Black History Month.

School Photograph Ordering Deadline

All photograph proof viewing links should now have been sent to you from Tempest Photography. The deadline for ordering photographs online is **Tuesday 3rd November**.

Secondary School Admissions

Year 6 parents please note the following:-

Applicants can apply now at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools or call: 01772 532109 for more information.

Closing date is 31st October 2020 at 23:59

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

IntraHealth nurses will be visiting school on **Tuesday 10th November** to vaccinate children from Reception to Year 6. The **YES** and **NO** consent forms for our school can be completed and submitted at the link below:

<https://www.nhsimms.uk/FLU/information?id=119370&Type=FLU>

Please ensure you have returned a form for your child, even if it is to withhold consent. More information and answers to **FAQs** can be found by clicking [here](#). If you have any difficulty completing the online form, please contact the school office. **The consent form link will close on Thursday 5th November 2020.**

Christmas Cards

This year due to challenges in school, we are not creating Christmas cards via cauliflower cards as usual. However, Christmas cards can still be designed and created at home using Cauliflower Cards 'Individual Artwork Projects'. If you would like to sign up or would like more information please visit <https://www.cauliflowercards.co.uk/individual-project>. They can produce cards, mugs, wrapping paper and more with your designs.

Remote Learning Books

All children have now been sent home with an additional home learning book. This should be kept in a safe place at home as the children will be working in these if their class is asked to learn remotely at any point.

ClassDojo

Everyone has now been sent details of how to log onto this platform and nearly everyone has activated their account and returned the home school agreement for ClassDojo to school. Please check:

1. **You have a parents' account.**
2. **You have activated a child's account for your child (a message has been sent to the parents' account).**
3. **Your child has responded to all the tasks set for them.**

We are now checking any issues that have been emailed in and trying to ensure all families are correctly connected.

If you have any concerns please do get in touch by emailing into: **bursar@aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk**

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 26th to Friday 29th October—Half Term

Tuesday 10th November—Nasal Flu Vaccine



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Covid-19 Notices

Key Messages from Public Health

Lancashire has now been moved to tier 3 restrictions. Please click on the link below to find out more .

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates/coronavirus-restrictions-in-lancashire/>

Dr Sakthi Karunanithi, Director of Public Health, has outlined the key messages to all residents of Lancashire. Please click on the icon which is a link to watch a video of Dr Sakthi Karunanithi presenting advice on the guidance and see the guidance below.



Covid-19 Symptoms

To support the safety of all adults and children in school please adhere to Government guidance which states: (click on links to see further guidance).

Do not send your child to their nursery, childminder, school or college if:

- they are showing [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#)
- someone in their household is showing symptoms

[Arrange a test](#) if you or your child develops symptoms. Inform your nursery, childminder, school or college of the results.

If the test is positive, follow:

[guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#), and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.

It is really important that you help nurseries, childminders, schools and colleges to implement these actions by following the advice set out here and wider public health advice and guidance.

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline is available by phoning 0800 046 8687 .

Public Health England has produced a letter for schools and colleges to share with parents which explains when a child requires a coronavirus (COVID-19) test and what the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are. The letter can be accessed [here](#).

Social distancing drop off and collection of children

Everyone is well aware of our drop off and collection procedures now. They are working really well and we'd like to thank everyone for their support in these as they are a crucial part of our health and safety procedures to keep children, staff, parents and our wider community safe.

As infections rates rise, the social distancing element of these procedures is essential. We'd like to remind all parents of the following points:

1. Only one parent to drop off and pick up.
2. No dogs are allowed on the school site.
3. Parents must remain in the markers and social distance at all times
4. Parents should not approach staff at the start or end of the day. Any concerns should be sent in an email so a telephone consultation can be arranged.
5. Parents should not gather to hold conversations either on the exit route or around the school grounds.

Emotional and Mental Well-Being

We understand the challenges that the pandemic has created for everyone. Emotional and mental well being is important for us all, please click on the website below for support if you are worried about this within your family and do not hesitate to contact us with any concerns.

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/childrens-mental-health/>

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LOCAL COVID ALERT LEVEL

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Social Contact 1 household / bubble in most locations, indoors and outdoors. Rule of six applies in some outdoors settings like parks, public gardens and sports courts.	Weddings and Funerals Up to 15 guests for weddings and up to 30 guests for funerals. 15 for wakes and related ceremonies. Wedding receptions not permitted.	Overnight Stays Those in area advised against overnight stays in other parts of UK. People outside area advised against overnight stays in area.	Working from home guidance Work from home where possible.
Shopping and Retail Open.	Leisure and gyms Any closures or additional restrictions subject to consultation.	Hospitality Pubs and bars must close except where they operate as a restaurant, meaning they can only serve alcohol with a substantial meal. Further closures subject to consultation.	Entertainment and tourist attractions Any closures / additional restrictions subject to consultation. Nightclubs and adult entertainment remain closed.
Education Schools, FE colleges open. Universities must reflect wider restrictions with option to move to greater online provision.	Healthcare Services Open.	Residential Care Closed to external visitors other than in exceptional circumstances.	Travel and Transport May continue to travel to open venues, but reduce number of journeys where possible. Avoid travel where possible in or out of the affected area with exceptions including work and school.
Sporting Activity Organised sport / licensed physical activity allowed in outdoor settings. Indoor organised sport must follow social contact rules (other than youth or disabled sport).	Worship Open, subject to social contact rules.	Childcare Registered and wraparound childcare. Supervised activities permitted in private homes. Children's groups permitted. Childcare bubbles for under 14s.	Youth Clubs and Activities Permitted.

There are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each other:

- Wash hands** Keep washing your hands regularly
- Cover face** wear a face covering in enclosed spaces
- Make space** stay at least 2 metres apart - or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions

For more information and detailed guidance visit: [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)