



Our school value this half term is: "Compassion"

'Noticing a need' (Mark 6.34)

Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon and a very big welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. We are delighted to have seen all the classes back in school this week and continue to be delighted with the children's attitudes towards school.

Next week will see our school promote **Children In Need**. This is always an important part of our school year and this year the focus of mental health and wellbeing is more important than ever. As we head into next week, we have also launched a new part of our website all about **well being**. This is a key priority for everyone in school and we are encouraging all of all families to explore this page and these resources that we have put together. As with any aspect of school or your children's or families' well being please do not hesitate to contact to discuss concerns. Please click on the link below to find out more.

<https://www.aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk/page/wellbeing/85630>

A real positive of returning to school has seen all children taking part in class initiatives on our running path. This facility is providing a really good opportunity for all children to engage in high levels of physical activity every day. This is really important for all the children's well being. We are delighted by how the children are responding to running in such a positive way.

I would like to wish you and all of your families a lovely weekend. I hope the weather remains a bit drier than it has been.

Take Care

Mr Kennedy

Headteacher.



### Children In Need—Friday 13th November

On **Friday 13th November** we will be supporting **BBC Children In Need**. This year, as part of the **Children in Need** fundraising appeal, Joe Wicks will attempt to work out for an incredible 24 hours for **Radio 2's BBC Children in Need Challenge 2020!** His challenge will start at 9.25am on Thursday 12 November and finish a day later.

To support this challenge, we would like all our children (and staff) to come to school in fun sportswear (the crazier the better) for a small donation that can be handed into the class teacher. Each class will be joining Joe Wicks for the final 20 minutes of his workout on Friday morning and participating in this live event alongside schools all across the UK.

To support children's mental health and well being, we will also be participating in **Children in Need's Five to Thrive** programme, which is a unique programme of wellbeing activities for the whole appeal week (9-13 Nov), led by Joe Wicks, Dr Radha and Blue Peter. Inspired by the 5 Ways to Wellbeing, each day we will be taking part in classroom activities designed to help children feel better about themselves – as well as helping others.

### Nasal Flu Vaccinations

IntraHealth nurses will be visiting school on **Tuesday 10th November** to vaccinate children from Reception to Year 6 who have completed the green consent form. Paper copies are available from the office. Please e-mail request to [bursar@aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk)

### Year 3 & Year 4 Heritage Learning Activity Days

Please ensure children in Years 3 & 4 are wearing plenty of warm and waterproof layers for their outdoor and heritage learning sessions next week. Further details have already been sent home with Year 3 and Year 4 this week about their activity days.

**Y4— Monday 9th November**

**Y3—Tuesday 10th November**

### Anti- Bullying Week

**Anti-Bullying Week 2020** will take place from **Monday 16th November - Friday 20th November 2020**. The theme is **United Against Bullying** and we will be holding **Odd Socks Day on Monday 16th November** and asking children and adults to wear odd socks to school to celebrate what makes us all unique. Each class will also be taking part in different activities throughout the week to tackle the issue of face to face bullying and bullying that takes place online and to support the Anti-Bullying Week 2020 manifesto for change:

**"This year, more than ever, we've witnessed the positive power that society can have when we come together to tackle a common challenge.**

**Anti-Bullying Week is no different. Bullying has a long lasting effect on those who experience and witness it. But by channelling our collective power, through shared efforts and shared ambitions, we can reduce bullying together. From parents and carers, to teachers and politicians, to children and young people, we all have a part to play in coming together to make a difference.**

**We're all a piece in the puzzle, and together, we're united against bullying."**

### 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.

### Break Time Snacks

We would like to remind all parents and carers to only send their child into school with **one healthy snack** for morning break time. Some of the children are coming into school with more than this and are consequently not eating as much of their lunch.

If children are bringing in grapes for their snack, we ask that you make sure that all grapes are cut in half vertically. We would also ask that as we are a healthy school, children do not bring in chocolate, sweets or crisps.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents that we are a 'nut free' school as we do have some children who have severe nut allergies.

### Dates For Your Diary

*Monday 9th November—Y4 Outdoor & Heritage Learning*

*Tuesday 10th November—Nasal Flu Vaccine*

*Tuesday 10th November—Y3 Outdoor & Heritage Learning*