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Our Christian Value for this half term is - Humility

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the last half of our first term of the academic year and the run up to Christmas. We have many activities planned for the coming weeks so please check the newsletters, web page and Facebook for details.

Thank you to all the parents who came along to our Parents Evenings this week. I hope you found them informative and helpful. I would like to say a big thank you to all our Year 6 Ambassadors for helping the evenings run so smoothly. I have received many complimentary remarks about their attitude and behaviour.

ACE

During the half-term holiday I travelled to Tanzania to visit our sponsored school - Arise Community School. It was a truly wonderful experience and I have brought back many photos and videos that I will be sharing with the children and staff over the next few weeks. I presented the cheque to Sue & Ron from our Harvest Collection - they were overwhelmed and have asked me to express their sincere thanks for our on-going support. I was able to see just how our donations are spent to support the children. Our visit photos will be on the ACE website over the next few weeks. We will also add more photos to our Facebook page and website in the coming weeks.

Mid-Day Supervisor

We have a vacancy for a Mid-Day Supervisor for 1 hour per day / 5 days per week, term time only. Anyone interested or if you know anybody who would be interested please contact Mrs Felton.

Shoebox Appeal - Blytheswood Care

Thank you for the boxes we have received already. We have managed to defer our collection with Blytheswood to Monday 7th November. If you have made a shoebox for our Shoebox Appeal please make sure it is returned by 9:00am Monday morning at the latest. Please remember this is entirely voluntary please do not feel obliged to take part. Thank you, Mrs King.

Well done!

Last month Milly & Maddie Morris (Year 3) raised over a staggering £500 For Macmillan and then donated their hair to The Little Princess Trust. To raise such an incredible amount and then to bravely donate their hair as well is just remarkable. Well done girls you should be proud of yourselves - we are very proud of you! We apologise for not including this in the newsletter earlier girl.

We are very fortunate to have such caring children in our school raising money for so many worthy charities. Well done!

Nursery - 30 Hours Eligibility - Important Information

Every three months parents are required to reconfirm their eligibility for 30 hours Tax-Free Childcare. If your details have not changed you only need to tick a box on your childcare service account to confirm your details have not changed. **If you don't reconfirm you may lose your 30-hour childcare provision.** Once you have reconfirmed your eligibility please complete the parental declaration again so that we know who has done it, and we can carry out our checks. You only need to complete the child's details, the details of who made the declaration and make sure you sign the form.

I would also like to inform parents that the small number of temporary codes that were given (beginning with '11') will expire approximately 3 months after they were issued. These parents should have been advised by the childcare services helpline that they will need to complete the full on-line application via the childcare service to continue to access a 30-hour place and also apply for Tax Free Childcare. Again failure to do so may result in losing the 30-hour childcare provision.

Absence Reporting

If your child is absent parents must:

- Contact school as soon as possible on the first day of absence; to provide a reason for non attendance. To phone to report your child's absence, please choose Option 1 and leave a message.
- Update the school on the third day of non attendance if the absence is expected to continue.
- Send a note in on the first day they return with an explanation of the absence - you must do this even if you have already telephoned us. Please remember to state the dates of absence in your letter.

If your child will be collected during the school day to attend appointments please send a note into your child's class teacher to advise them. We can then have your child ready for collection.

After school Clubs

Payment - there are still some payments outstanding for clubs. Please can you arrange payment via ParentPay as soon as possible.

Dance - The children need to bring their costumes in on Wednesday please for a rehearsal.

Jujitsu - starts Thursday 9th November.

Year 6

Robinwood - If your child is interested in securing a place for our Robinwood trip we are asking for deposits as soon as possible via ParentPay.

Poppies

We are now selling poppies and lots of other items on behalf of the Royal British Legion. If your child would like to buy a poppy we are asking for a minimum donation of 50p per poppy. Each afternoon, children from Year 6 will go to each class to sell the poppies and other items. Please note there is a price list for all items other than the poppies, set by the British Legion. Please note when buying items we only have the collection tins - we do not hold change. Thank you.

Congratulations

To the Maclean family (Evie in Year 6) family on the recent birth of their new baby boy Paul.

Young Voices - Important Notice for All Choir Members

The concert is on Monday 22nd January 2018 at the Manchester Arena. At the moment we have only had 3 responses for tickets. If we don't receive any more we won't be able to take part. If you would like tickets please send your request into school on Monday.

Class Worships

All class Worships start at 9:05am in the school hall. Parents from each class are invited to attend their child's worship and stay for a cup of tea or coffee afterwards.

Year 5 - this will take place on Wednesday 29th November.

Please note Key Stage 2 and Ethos Group Worship will take place on Monday 6th November at 9:05 in the school hall. Parents are invited to attend.

Can you Help?

We are still looking for any type of gift bags. If you have any to spare, either used or not, we would be very grateful for them.

Celebrating our Patron Saints

Our team colours are linked to our 4 Patron Saints and the country they represent:

Blue team will represent St Andrew (Scotland), Red will represent St George (England), Yellow will represent St David (Wales) and Green will represent St Patrick (Ireland).

On their Saint's Day the specific colour team can come into school wearing non uniform in their team colours. The first of these will be Blue Team representing St Andrew's Day on Thursday 30th November.

Friends of Cronton

Please note all parents are automatically part of the Friends of Cronton - we love to see new friends as well as our old friends!

News - Our AGM will be held at 7:00pm on Wednesday 8th November in the school hall. All parents are invited to attend.

Facebook - Please note we have a Facebook page called Friends of Cronton CoE Primary, keeping parents up to date with events organised by the Friends. Have a look and give us a 'like' or a message.

Contact - if you wish to speak to any of the committee please leave a note in the school office and we will get back to you.

National School Meals Week (13-17th November).

On Monday 13th November we will be having a special Italian lunch part of National School Meals Week. The children had a choice of types of meals to choose from ranging from Chinese, Greek, Indian, etc but overwhelmingly chose to have the Italian meal. The lunch will consist of Margarita Pizza with Garlic Bread or Jacket potatoes. Pudding will be Ice Cream & wafer.

The lunch on that day will cost just £1 and all the children are invited to stay. Infant children do not pay as they are already covered under the Universal School Meals.

Facebook

Please make sure when you request to join our school Facebook group you answer the questions. We have been advised NOT to allow any persons who have not answered the questions. We will try to put reminders and new items on as much as possible, but please note this is for school news only. Please note no children will be accepted to join the group.

Don't forget we also have a Twitter account for all you Twitters. Thanks.

Website / Online Safety

Key Stage 2 children have taken part in a series of lessons on online safety. Resources used were the new 'Play, Like, Share' resources from CEOP/ThinkUKnow (Year 4 - Year 6) and The Adventures of Captain Kara, Winston and the SMART Crew from Childnet International (Year 3). The children are very knowledgeable and many of them feel that they know more about online safety than their parents. If you would like them to 'teach' you more about online safety, I have put a link to the

resources we have used on our online safety blog - <http://www.crontonce.co.uk/blogs/category/Online%20Safety%20-%20Children> .
Also on the website this week - our online safety newsletter for November.

Christmas (52 sleeps)

Christmas Fair - Friday 24th November 5:00-7:00pm.

If you have any questions or suggestions for our fair please speak to Miss Roberts, Mrs Jones, Mrs Allison, Mrs Felton or Mrs Clark.

Raffle Tickets - We will be selling raffle tickets on the night of the fair. However if you know you are unable to come along to the fair from Monday we are now selling raffle tickets from the school office if you would like to purchase any. Tickets cost £1 per strip.

If you have any left-over party bag favours, unwanted Halloween treats or anything else that we could use for children's prizes we would be most grateful, thank you.

Non Uniform Days - Thank you for all the fabulous chocolate donations we received today. Please remember if your child wishes to take part but forgets its non uniform day, I ask that parents/carers let the children come into school and wherever possible go and bring the uniform back so the children can get changed here in school. This way they will not receive a late mark. The next non-uniform day 'fines' will be as follows:

Friday 10th November

new and unused Tombola Items

Friday 17th November

bottles- these can be anything from lemonade to ketchup to shampoo to Champagne (!) but please ensure they are unopened and in date.

Friday 24th November

the day of the fair, the 'fine' will be cakes, games, toys and DVDs (no videos or books please). For this non uniform day we are asking where possible if the children have any Christmas items; jumper, t-shirt, bobbles, socks, ties etc they wear them - only whatever they have, please do not buy anything especially. But please note appropriate footwear should be worn, no heels please.

Please remember that these are **voluntary** donations and we ask that it is one per child or per family - the choice is yours. If your child does not wish to participate that is absolutely fine, they just come to school in their uniform.

Christmas Card Competition - a reminder of our 'Design a Christmas Card' competition. There will be one winner from each area - Foundation Stage (Reception & Nursery), Infants (Years 1 & 2), Lower Juniors (Years 3 & 4) and Upper Juniors (Years 5 & 6). These winning designs will be made into cards for our school to send out.

From these 4, one overall winning design will be used for the programme for the Ecumenical Carol Service. This child will also be invited as VIP guest at the Tree lighting Service in the village. The closing date for the competition is next Friday - 10th November. The design should be within the lines of the template and please ensure the children only use **crayons, pencils or paints**. Do not use any other materials as we need to photocopy the winning design. Although they look lovely, **we cannot choose any card that has things glued or glittered on**. If your child needs a template please collect one from the school office.

All entries should be handed into your child's class Teaching Assistant. Please make sure your child's name and class is on the back of their entry. We really do want the children's work for this so please try to let them do the card themselves as far as possible.

Prizes - We are looking for any kind donations for our Christmas Fair and the raffle from any local businesses. If you know someone that you think could possibly donate a prize especially from any local small company or business you could ask or persuade to be kind enough to donate a prize we would be most grateful. We will happily accept anything from a meal voucher to a Spa Day to a household service / car wash. Any business donating will receive free publicity in the following week's Newsletter and on our blog. We will also happily advertise any donating businesses with their cards / leaflets on the night.

Santa's Little Helpers - We are looking for volunteers who could spare us some time to 'man' a stall for us, even if just for an hour we would be very grateful. Please complete the slip at the end of this newsletter if you are able to help us.

Stall Bookings - We have started taking bookings from private businesses to have a stall at our Christmas Fair. If you would like to hire a stall please get a booking form from the school office as soon as possible or email the school and one can be emailed to you. Spaces cannot be reserved until a non refundable payment of £20 per table (reduced to £15 with a raffle prize donation up to the value of £5) has been received. Please note we cannot guarantee exclusivity for a certain type of stall. The private stalls will be mixed in with the school stalls. You can also advertise your business through cards / leaflets on the night.

Dinner Money (£9.50 per week / £1.90 per day)

If you have lost your log in details please speak to Mrs Hooks in the school office. If you have any problems logging in please click on the 'help & support' section on the main page of the website. When we return to school after the holidays we will have 7 weeks and 4 days up to the end of the term. However on Monday 13th November we will be having a special Italian lunch (chosen by the children) as part of National School Meals Week (13-17th November). The meal on that day will cost £1. This means that Lunches will cost £63.70. If you know that your child will be absent during this period you should deduct £1.90 for each day's absence.

Please remember if your child wishes to stay for school lunch they must stay for the week; they are unable to alternate between school dinners and packed lunches in the same week.

Little Angels Club

If you have or look after a child under 3 years old bring them along to our Little Angels Club held in our Nursery every Wednesday from 9:30 - 10:30am, where they can enjoy exploring all areas of our nursery. Please see ask in Nursery for more details.

After School Clubs

Please do not include payments for any after school clubs in Parentpay

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<u>Fit and Fun</u> 8:15am - 8:45am Years 3 - 6 <u>(spaces available)</u>	<u>Choir</u> 3:20pm - 4:20pm Years 3-6 <u>(spaces available)</u>	<u>Dance Club</u> 3:20pm 4:30pm Juniors <u>(this club is FULL)</u>	<u>Jujitsu</u> 3:20pm 4:20pm Years 3-5 <u>Starts 9/11/17</u> <u>(spaces available)</u>	
<u>Football</u> 3.20pm - 4.20pm Years 5 & 6 <u>(this club is FULL)</u>	<u>Football</u> 3:20pm - 4:30pm Years 3 & 4 Starts 31/10/17 <u>(this club is FULL)</u>			<u>Football</u> 3:20pm - 4:30pm Year 2 Starts 3/11/17 <u>(this club is FULL)</u>

Reception Admissions - September 2018

Parents / carers must complete the application form from the council in which they live regardless of which school they wish to apply to. We recommend that parents you can apply on-line.

If you live in any other borough, i.e. Halton, you will need to contact that relevant council direct.

This means:

- **Knowsley Residents** - If you live in the borough of Knowsley you must only complete a Knowsley application form. You can apply direct online at www.knowsley.gov.uk/schooladmissions. Parents need to list the schools they wish to be considered for in order of preference on the application form. If you complete a paper application form please return the application form to the school office.
- **Halton & other Borough Residents** - If you live in Halton or any other Borough to Knowsley you must only complete an application form and return it to your home Borough Council, or go online and complete a form there. Parents need to list the schools they wish to be considered for in order of preference. If you wish to apply for your child to attend this school please name our school in your list of preferences.

The closing date for applications is **Monday 15th January 2018.**

Ninja Readers

The children have really taken on our new home reading award scheme - Ninja Readers. If a child reads 25 times at home they receive a white belt, for 50 reads a yellow belt, 75 reads for an orange belt etc until they reach their black belt for 225 reads over the year.

We have lots more white belt winners again this week:

Year 1 - Emily Evans, Arabella Maher, Gabriella Iddon, Jessica Hargreaves, Ava Reynolds, Isaac Walker, Jack Rostance, Ethan Molyneux

Year 2 - Kiera Seed, William Halsall, Alex Birtwistle, Mia Cox, Morgan Silk

Year 4 - Zak Lucas

Year 5 - Daniel Cammish, Andrew Jenkins, Megan Roberts, Liam Schulz, Matthew Sharkey, Louis West, Jemma Needham

Year 6 - Harrison Morris

We also have our first Yellow Belt winners this week:

Year 1 - Jacob Sidwell

Year 2 - Emma Rutter

Year 4 - Amy Rutter, Alice Davies, Louis Simcott

Year 5 - Joseph Turner

Year 6 - Megan Kay

Wow - well done everyone. Who will join them and be our Ninja Readers next week?

Star Badge Awards and Reader / Writer of the week

Well done to all the children who received Star Badge Awards or Reader / Writer of the Week this week:

CLASS	STAR BADGE WINNERS		READER / WRITER OF THE WEEK
Year 6	Cameron Williamson	Jessica Davies	Megan Kay
Year 5	Tia Glynn	Erin Jones	Liam Schulz
Year 4	Grace Bodell	Heidi McGlynn	
Year 3	Jacob Kelly	Mai Woodward	Ruby Fairclough
Year 2	Rachael Almond	Natasha Owen	Zac Morris
Year 1	Jack Rostance	Lucas Wright	Holly Jenkins
Reception	Oliver Williams	Oliver McWean	

Lunchtime Awards:

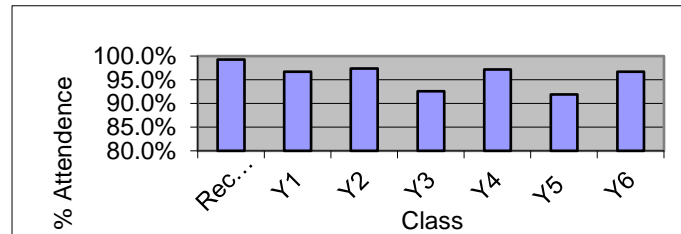
This week's winners are:

Reception - Theodore Madigan
Year 1 - Esmee Shone
Year 2 - Beauden Rimmer

Year 3 - Finlay Naylor
Year 4 - Joshua Aney
Year 5 - Lois Smith
Year 6 - Daniel Matthews

Attendance

Every week we publish a chart of individual class attendance. The winners for week ending 27th October - 1st place - Reception with 99.3%, 2nd place - Year 2 with 97.4%, 3rd place Year 4 with 97.2%. Well done everyone.



Please try to ensure your child is in school as much as is possible, unless of course they are ill. A reminder that if your child is going to be absent from school you must ring school at 8:30 on the first morning they are absent, and this must be followed up with a letter explaining the absence on their return to school.

Next Week / Future Up and Coming Events

Please note other events may be going ahead in individual classes - your child's Class Teacher will inform you directly of these:

Week 30th October - 3rd November

- Monday 6th** - Key Stage 2 & Ethos Group Worship and Communion with Rev Lyn
- Year 5/6 Athletics competition at Prescot School leaving at 3:00pm
- Tuesday 7th** - Year 3 swimming Tuesday to Friday - 2nd week
- Wednesday 8th** - Friends of Cronton AGM at 7:00pm in the school hall
- Thursday 9th** - Jujitsu starts 3:20pm 4:20pm for Years 3-5
- Friday 10th** - Non - Uniform day - New and Unused Tombola Items
- Sunday 12th** - Remembrance Day Service - 10:30 at the Cenotaph

Church News

Every year a number of adults from Widnes are confirmed. If you are interested and would like to know more please phone the Parish Office. 0151 423 4311.

Services here at the Mission will be at 10:30am unless otherwise stated below.

Families are always welcome to come to church in the school on the dates listed below. Please note there is a service of Morning Prayer every first Sunday of the Month

Services during November

- 5th - Morning Prayer
- 12th - Ecumenical Remembrance Service. We will meet at the Village Cenotaph at 10:30am followed by a short service at the Methodist Chapel.
- 19th - No service
- 26th - Holy Communion
- Rev Lyn and Lay Reader Lesley Wright are available each Monday afternoon between 1:00 - 4:00pm if you would like to meet with them.
- Any enquiries about Baptisms or Pastoral Care please contact the East Widnes Team Administrator on 0151 423 4311

Best Wishes
Mrs S Thomson
Headteacher



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Parental Comment Slip

I wish to make the following comment(s)

Signed: (Optional) _____ Date _____



Cronton C. E. Primary School
Christmas Fair - 24th November 2017

Child's name: _____ Class _____

I will be able to help at the School Christmas Fair on Friday 24th November for the following

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| _____ Setting up from 3:30pm | _____ Helping on a stall 5 - 7pm |
| _____ Helping on a stall 5 - 6pm | _____ Helping on a stall 6 - 7pm |
| _____ Clearing away from 7:00pm | |

Parents Name: _____