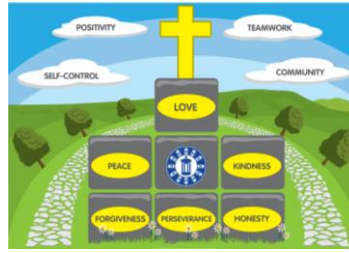




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Weekly Newsletter - w/b 16/09/2019

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you all received a copy of your child's class newsletter last week. There are already lots of exciting activities planned in every class. Thank you to those of you who were able to attend our drop-in session on Tuesday; I hope you enjoyed the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher, see their new classroom and have a glance at some of the hard work they have already been producing.

Contact and Medical Consent Forms:

Grateful thanks for sending your amended forms back to school in order for us to update our records. Please return any remaining forms as soon as possible to the school office.

Football Team:

Well done to the 8 children in Year 5 and 6 who represented the school on Wednesday as part of the annual inter-school competition. Thank you to Miss Lawson and Miss Briddon who accompanied our team. We will shortly be informed which league we are to play in and from there, we will receive the list of dates for any future matches which will then be shared with parents.

Music Tuition:

This year we are continuing to offer guitar, flute, clarinet and saxophone lessons. In addition, we are also offering fife lessons which are proving very popular!

We still have two key stage 2 places remaining for guitar lessons which take place on a Wednesday lunch time with Mr Waddington.

There is a charge for music tuition and parents are required to pay termly for lessons. Please speak to the school office for further information if you would like your child to be considered.

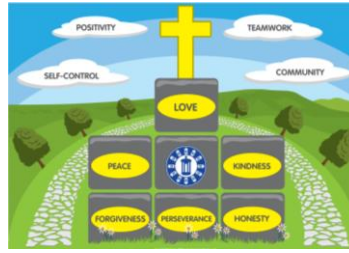
School Dinners:

Our school dinners always prove very popular and our new Reception children are doing really well with their lunchtime routines now. If your child has any food allergies for which a doctor's note can be supplied, Mrs Harrison, our school cook, is very happy to talk about your child's individual needs. Please speak to the school office if you would like further information.

Look out for our special bonfire menu posters which will be going up around school very soon!



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School Communication:

Our teaching staff will be on the school yard from 8:45am each day and again at 3:30pm to answer any urgent queries you may have. Should you wish to discuss any matters which may require a longer meeting, please contact the school office via telephone or email and we will be happy to make arrangements.

For office matters or to arrange a meeting please contact:

bursar@higham.lancs.sch.uk

For Breakfast Club or After School Club bookings, please use the booking forms provided by the office. Alternatively, for urgent queries or for our families who work shifts and therefore require flexibility in their booking pattern, or for all other queries regarding Extended Services provision, please contact:

e.s@higham.lancs.sch.uk

Please note: If your matter is urgent or is a safeguarding or medical emergency, please speak to a staff member in person or via telephone stating clearly the reason for your enquiry so that any issues can be prioritised.

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): Mrs Helen Shaw

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Kathryn Spence

Serenity Self Care and Wellbeing:

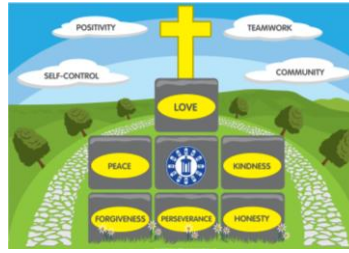
This year, we have engaged the services of Serenity Self Care as part of our commitment to providing support for our children's wellbeing. Leaflets will be available in the school entrance providing more information about the company. All clinicians working for Serenity are qualified and experienced in their field. For further information, please visit their website: <https://serenityselfcare.org.uk/>

Ethos Group:

This year, Mrs Lees is launching our new Ethos Group. 9 children have been chosen from across Key Stage 2 to support the school's vision and commitment to our six Christian Values and as our Mission Statement explains: "We aim to maintain a Christian ethos that fosters mutual respect for people of all faiths and cultures." Lots of exciting opportunities in the community are planned as well as the children playing a key role in developing our programme of worship.



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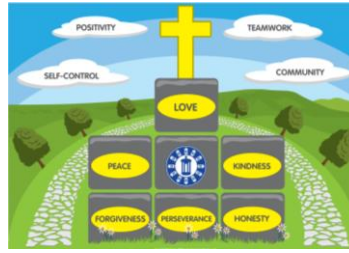
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Dates for your diary (please keep checking the newsletter as new events will be added):

Date / Time	Event
Wednesday 25 th September	The library bus visits school
Thursday 26 th September (pm)	Class 1 to visit Reverend Lesley at church and the village hall for the first of their 'Play and Praise' sessions
Wednesday 9 th October	Year 6: Resilience and mental well-being lesson (led by the Lancashire Emotional Health in Schools Team as part of transition)
Friday 11 th October	Individual school photos in school
Friday 11 th October	School harvest festival assembly in church (morning)
Tuesday 15 th October and Wednesday 16 th October 3:30-6pm	Parents' Evenings
Thursday 17 th October	Play and Praise session 2
Friday 18 th October	School closes for half-term
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
Monday 28 th October	Staff INSET: school closed the children
Tuesday 29 th October	School re-opens
Wednesday 30 th October 1:30pm - 3pm	Open afternoon for Reception 2020 intake
Thursday 31 st October	DEADLINE for secondary school applications
Week beginning 4 th November	UK Parliament Week Activities in classes all week linked to democracy and the rule of law in Britain
Monday 4 th November 3:30pm - 4:30pm	Sports Cool Tri-Golf sessions begin
Tuesday 5 th November	Reception cohort vision screening (please return any necessary consent forms)
Thursday 7 th November 3:30pm - 4:30pm	Sports Cool Kurling session begin
Week beginning 18 th November - Switch Off Fortnight begins	Join school in trying to save the planet by reducing the amount of energy we use during Switch Off Fortnight!
Thursday 21 st November	Play and Praise session 3
Tuesday 3 rd December	Community choir singing event (further information tbc)
Friday 6 th December from 2:30pm	Classes 1 and 2 attend church for Christingle service (parents invited to attend and accompany their child)
Tuesday 10 th December	1 x afternoon and 1 x evening performance of the Class 1 and 2 Nativity (further details including timings to follow)



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Thursday 12 th December 10am - 11am	Class 1 and 2 Grandparents' morning (Further details to follow)
Thursday 17 th December 2:30pm	Key Stage 2 carol service at the church
Friday 20 th December at 3:30pm	School closes for the Christmas holidays
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	
Monday 6 th January 2020	Staff INSET - school closed to children
Tuesday 7 th January 2020	School re-opens

Attendance

This year we will be celebrating our classes attendance in our Friday assembly. The class with the highest attendance will receive a certificate each week, which will be displayed on their classroom door.

Remember if your child is late to school this will affect their class attendance score.

Well done to Oak Class who have won our first attendance reward!

Class	Attendance
Elm	98.06%
Ash	99.11%
Birch	98.08%
Sycamore	99.38%
Oak	99.40%

Parent Pay

Please note: Parent Pay is being updated and the website is having periods of maintenance which is affecting a number of schools. Thank you for your patience whilst we and Parent Pay are updating records.

Best wishes

Helen Shaw
Headteacher