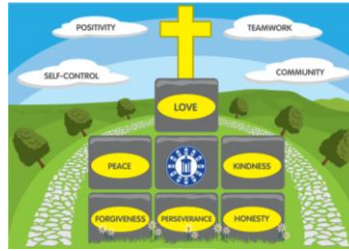




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Newsletter - w/b 15/07/2019

Dear Parents and Carers

This will be my last newsletter for 2018/19 academic year! May I take this opportunity to thank all of the pupils, staff, parents and governors for the warm welcome I have received at Higham since starting at the school in September. I have had a wonderfully busy, varied and exciting year. The children have been amazing and I thank the staff team for all of their hard work. I am excited about what the future holds with a new permanent staff team now in place for September 2019 plus a new Reverend in our parish to walk with us on our journey. We will bid a fond farewell to some long-serving members of staff and wish them all the best for the future. Everyone is now looking forward to a well-earned break and I wish each and every one of you a wonderful summer holiday. ☺

Autumn Term begins on Tuesday 3rd September 2019 - see you all then! ☺

Reverence Lesley Hinchcliffe

As many of you will be aware, Reverend Lesley is officially the new Reverend for Higham & Fence parishes and we wish her a very warm welcome. We have met today in school to put some dates in the diary for the Autumn Term both for Lesley to visit school and for the school to visit our church. We are so fortunate to have the church on our doorstep and are looking forward to building stronger links going forward. Reverend Lesley will be leading her first worship in school for the children on Friday 6th September 2019. We also have some new and exciting events planned (details to follow in September).

Sports Clubs in September

Our after school sports clubs will start again as of Monday 9th September 2019. Please note: clubs will run on MONDAY and THURSDAY after school next academic year. It is following feedback from parents that Thursday would be preferable to Friday after school. You will be able to book the clubs for September in the first week back after the holidays. Our clubs begin as follows:

MONDAY 9th September (6 weeks): Football (all ages)

THURSDAY 12th September (6 weeks): Handball (all ages)

Extended Services:

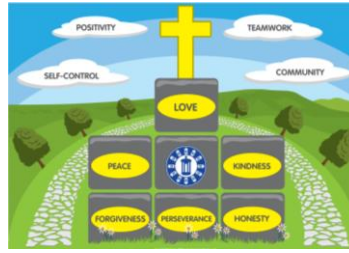
I am pleased to confirm that we have successfully filled our vacant posts for our after school club therefore in September, the full service each day from 3:30pm - 6pm will resume. If you have any queries regarding places in our breakfast or after school club for September, please contact Annette Jackson in the office.

P.E. kits etc.

Please can you remind children to take all P.E. kits, water bottles, coats etc. home over the summer to be washed. Thank you.



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Spare uniform

If you have any spare second hand 'good as new' uniform, please consider donating this to the school office. We wish to offer parents the option to buy second hand items for 50p to support them with the cost of uniform and raise a little money for the school fund. Many thanks.

Key reminders for September

- Children should arrive between 8:45am and 8:55am and enter via the school yard (or class 1 gate if in class 1)
- The school day ends at 3:30pm; children collected late will be put into after school club for which there will be a charge
- At the end of the school day, please collect your child from:
 - Class 1 (Class 1 gate)
 - Classes 2 and 3 (main school yard)
 - Classes 4 and 5 (door next to Class 4 classroom)
- Does your child have a P.E. kit ready to wear including suitable footwear?
- Is all of your child's uniform labelled?
- If your child is moving into Year 3, have you made arrangements to pay for their school dinners next year? (Universal Infant Free School Meals end after Year 2)
- Holidays during term time are not permitted and will not be authorised. From September, school may issue fines in accordance with the Lancashire Attendance policy

Secondary School applications for 2020 entry

For parents whose children are entering Year 6, please be aware that the deadline for applications to be completed online is the end of October. You will receive information on how this process works directly from the Local Authority. The following **open evening dates** have been sent through to school so far (sorry - no times have been shared as yet so please contact individual schools for further information):

School	Date
SS John Fisher & Thomas More	Thursday 17 October
Marsden Heights Community College	Wednesday 9 October
Park High School	Thursday 10 October
Pendle Vale College	Wednesday 2 October
Colne Primet Academy	Thursday 3 October
West Craven	Tuesday 8 October

School will be hosting a meeting for parents of children in Year 5 and 6 regarding secondary school applications on **Tuesday 10th September at 6pm.** This will be led by members of the admissions team from the Local Authority.