



March Newsletter 2021

Virtual Easter Service of Praise

The Easter Service will be virtual this year and will be posted onto the school website before we break up for Easter. The video can be found within the More Tab, under the Church School Partnership section.

School Fund

Most of our fund raising activities have not been able to take place this year due to Covid 19.

The School Fund allows us to provide toast for free to all children every morning.

You can continue to support us by using the Recycle4School clothing and shoes bin on the school carpark and supporting our non-uniform days.



Non Uniform Day

Wear something **BRIGHT** on Wednesday 31st March and donate a £1 for the school fund.

ParentMail

If you make changes to contact information (email address and mobile numbers) as well as notifying school so we can update our records you should also update your information within the ParentMail app or ParentMail online portal. Changes made by the school will revert back unless they are approved by the parent within 7 days. <https://www.parentmail.co.uk/login/>

Money Raised

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| Comic Relief | £125.00 |
| Clothes Recycling | £79.10 |



Our Christian Values

Our Christian value for Summer Term 1 will be *Hope*.

Attendance

The government has stated that it is vital for all children to return to school to minimise the longer-term impact of the pandemic on children's education, wellbeing and wider development. School attendance is now mandatory. Therefore the usual rules on school attendance apply.

WhatsApp

Please be aware that the age restriction for WhatsApp is 16 therefore the children should not be using this platform unsupervised.

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?



Polling Day – School Open

School will be used as a Polling Station for the Local Elections all day on Thursday 6th May 2021. School will remain **OPEN** as normal.

Communication with School

Can we please remind all parents that during the normal school week and whilst your child is in school (or if isolating individually) communication should be made through the usual channels of the school office. This will allow us to deal with queries/concerns promptly.

During a bubble closure, teachers will communicate with parents and children via Seesaw and the class email account.

Outside of bubble closures, teachers will only check Seesaw for homework purposes a couple of times a week and the email account will not be accessed.

Reporting Absences

Please ensure that you report your child's absence on the first day of non-attendance, before 8.50am. This should be done by telephone by leaving their name, class and specific reason for absence and the exact illness. Due to the current climate, we will need to know if your child is absent due to a Covid related illness, or another reason.

If you receive a Covid test result over the weekend please email school immediately at enquiries@admin.bickershaw.wigan.sch.uk so that we can make arrangements for the following week.

Track and Trace over the holidays

You must let school know, by emailing enquiries@admin.bickershaw.wigan.sch.uk, if your child tests positive for Covid-19 and the date of the onset of symptoms up to and including Good Friday. School will be monitoring this email and will then be able to inform those who need to self-isolate. Do not use any other emails to let school know as these will not be monitored during the Easter break.

Citizenship Awards

Well done to the pupils who have received the Citizenship Award so far this half term. Citizenship Awards are given for displaying Christian/British values in and around school.

School Closes

School will close for Easter on **Wednesday, 31st March** at the usual times and will re-open on **Monday 19th April 2021**.

