

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PENALTIES FOR HOLIDAYS TAKEN IN TERM-TIME:

Lancashire County Council are currently trialling a new system for dealing with unauthorised holidays and breaks taken during term-time. This involves an increase in the financial penalty to parents to up to £1,000 per parent per child rather than the current Fixed-Penalty Notice. In the circumstances where this fine is applied the parents would also receive a criminal record. This system is still at the pilot stage and is not yet applicable to all schools, but please be aware that this may come into effect at some stage. We will keep you updated on this.

PARENTS' EVENING APPOINTMENTS

Please return your request for an appointment with your oldest child by Tuesday 27th November. Confirmed appointment times will be sent home on Wednesday 28th November.

Please do not stop your car on the zig-zag lines outside school. This is illegal but more importantly puts the lives of children and other parents at risk.

TRIAL USE OF BANK TRANSFERS TO PAY FOR SCHOOL MEALS

A letter was sent home this week explaining how you can pay your child's dinner money directly to the school from your mobile banking app. If you would like to use this method to pay for your child's school meals, instructions will be available from the school office on Wednesday 28th November. The trial period will start from the week commencing Monday 3rd December and will run until February half-term. If it proves to be successful it will be adopted as a permanent method of payment.

Whatever the method of payment that you wish to use, payments for meals must be paid in advance. Parents will no longer be able to run up large amounts of arrears which are then paid off in a lump sum.

Some parents may prefer to pay for several weeks in advance rather than weekly. Lump sum payments (in cash, by cheque or by bank transfer) are possible but only if they are payments made **before** any meals are taken by your child. Any unserved meals due to absence will be credited to your child's account.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Tickets are still available for the P.T.A. Christmas Market taking place from 6.30 p.m. on Thursday 29th November. Tickets bought in advance cost £1. Entry on the night without a ticket will be £2 per person.

