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St Mary's and St Benedict's RC Primary School

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Community Larder – Please continue to support our local food bank. The Community Larder is situated at the back of St Aidan's Church Hall, on Station Road and provides food and support to individuals and families from Bamber Bridge, Clayton -le-Woods, Lostock Hall and Walton-le-Dale. It is open Monday – Friday 9:30am – 11:30am and is dependent upon the continuing food donations from the local Christian communities and schools. Thank you for your continued donations.

Car-parking Safety – May we remind you that you must not park at the front of the school building when dropping off or picking up your child/children. We have signs positioned there to remind you. Parents and carers who are doing this are causing disruption and are putting pedestrians' safety at risk, in particular those with prams as they have to walk on the road to pass.

The church very kindly let us use their car-park. Please use this and help us to keep our school community safe.

Children's Celebration Mass – This Sunday October 9th it is our monthly Children's Mass at **10:00am** in church, including the Sacramental programme. All children are welcome to come and take part and if so, when you arrive at church show your children where you will be sitting then send them to the back to join the other children. They will process in with the priest, sit at the front for the first part of Mass, going back to families after the homily. After Communion instead of going back to the bench with the family, they come to sit in the side chapels ready to process out at the end. Please come along and join us.



Open Days – We will be having two Open Days for prospective parents on Tuesday 18th October and Thursday 10th November 9:30 – 10:30am, 1:30 – 2:30pm and 3:30 – 5:30pm. If you are new to the school, please come along and view our wonderful school for yourself.

No Dogs Allowed – Please remember we do not allow dogs on our school premises, including the outside areas. Even small dogs can scare some children.

Pre-loved Uniform – We still have lots of good quality uniform which has been donated to school, in particular sweatshirts. Please contact school if you are interested in taking some.

School Uniform Rules - Full, smart uniform is an expectation as we believe it helps pupils to feel part of the school. Our uniform is a white polo shirt, red cardigan/jumper and blue skirt/trousers. School shoes (not trainers or boots) are essential please. Children who walk or cycle can change into school shoes at school. Children are only allowed to wear trainers on the days they come to school in their PE kit. On the days they wear their school uniform, trainers are not allowed to be worn, even for playtimes. If children come to school in trainers on these days, they will be given school pumps to wear.

For PE, it is a white T-shirt with red cardigan/jumper, to be worn with navy PE shorts. Black pumps to be worn in KS1 and trainers are allowed in KS2. KS2 pupils should continue to come to school in their PE kit on days that they will be doing PE please and unbranded, plain navy joggers can be worn.

We are giving notice that after half term we expect that all children will be wearing the correct uniform. If they are not, we will send a slip home reminding parents of our expectations.

There are still a number of children wearing earrings. Please can we remind families that we adhere to Lancashire County Council Health and Safety Policy and **do not allow any earrings**, as part of our school uniform policy. Children who have just had their ears pierced, or are worried about their ears healing up, should wear clear, rubber ear holders. If that isn't possible, they should be covered with plasters **provided from home**.

School Admissions 2023 - If your child is in their last year of pre-school/nursery or in Year 6, you can now apply for their school place at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools . It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application. You must apply even if you already have siblings in school. The closing date for primary applications for September 2023 is 23:59 on 15 January 2023. The closing date for secondary applications for September 2023 is 23:59 on 31 October 2022.

Supplementary Information Forms (SIF) must be returned to the school along with a copy of a Roman Catholic Baptism Certificate, if you want the school to consider your child Roman Catholic. Please let family and friends know if this applies to them.