

## **KWPS ~ YELLOW PAGES 29TH SEPTEMBER 2017**

### **Respect**

We have been continuing to look at the value 'Respect' in assembly this week and mentioned that there is a competition for children to design their own Respect posters. Please note this is a voluntary activity not homework. The closing date if your child wishes to take part is this Monday 2nd October and some posters will be selected to display around school. Our respect quote for this week is.....

*Be careful with your words ~ once they are said they cannot be taken back.*

*Remember to 'Think Before You Speak'*

### **Rugby Tournament**

Congratulations to the boys and girls who represented our school so well on Tuesday afternoon in the Inter-school Tag Rugby tournament. They played very well indeed and I know they thoroughly enjoyed themselves too. Good luck to our football and netball teams who play their first matches next week.

### **Parking on the Zig Zags**

We had an unexpected visit from two policemen before school on Tuesday morning who were monitoring the zig zag lines and issuing fines to anybody who stopped or parked on them. They have said that they will continue to call in and monitor the zig zag lines both at the front of school and across the alley on a regular basis. So please do remember not to park for however short a time on the zig zags, not only do you risk a fine but you could also be risking children's lives.

Please could I also remind you that since a child was hit by a car (which fortunately was being driven extremely slowly) in Woodlands Avenue last year, we have asked whenever possible for parents to park on Mellor Road and walk the last section to avoid having to do a 3 point turn in such a tight space. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Could this help you?**

#### **Entitlement to Free School Meals and other discounts in school**

**Do you think your child may be entitled to Free School Meals? It is not just available if you are unemployed.**

**Even if your child prefers packed lunches or is in the Infants it is still advantageous to apply as you will also benefit from financial support for residential trips in Y5 and 6 and discounts on music lessons.** No one will know that you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

In addition if you register before **the end of September extra funding** will be included in the schools' budget which could be used to buy more resources such as computers or pay towards additional staffing for our children.

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you are in receipt of one of the following:

- ◆ Income Support
- ◆ Income based job seekers allowance
- ◆ Child Tax credit (only if you do not get Working Tax Credit) and only if your annual income is less than £16,190

If you think you may qualify all you have to do is ring **Lancashire County Council Pupil Access Team on 01524 581207** with your National Insurance number and date of birth or pop into the school office if you need further support.

Please turn over as there is more information on the back including exciting information about our Environmental Garden

### Staffing Update

Unfortunately Mrs Culshaw has suffered a sudden family bereavement and is currently absent from school. There is no impact to our Reception class as Mrs Chandler is covering Mrs Culshaw's days to ensure continuity for the children. I will be acting as SENCO during this time so please feel free to contact myself if you needed to get in touch with Mrs Culshaw about an SEN issue. Mrs Culshaw and her family are very much in our thoughts at this sad time.

### Do you have a child who turns 4 between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018?

If you do, they are due to start school in September 2018. However your child will not automatically be allocated a place at our school unless you apply online at [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools) before **January 15th 2018**. As we are not a church school, it is Lancashire Education Authority who allocate places and although they will always give priority to children who already have a sibling attending the school ~ this only applies if the application is submitted on time.

Please note we have been heavily oversubscribed for a number of years and children with siblings already at school have missed out on a place as they didn't apply before the closing date. We are trying to remind parents when we know there is a sibling of pre-school age however we can't guarantee we will speak to everybody. If you need any support with the online process please just ask at the office.

### Letter from The PTFA

A letter from the PTFA will be sent home on Monday giving key dates for this term, in particular the forthcoming informal AGM which will be held in school on **Thursday 12th October at 7.30pm**. All parents/grandparents are invited. I very much value the role played by the PTFA who organise special events for our pupils, as well as raising valuable funds and I know the children enjoy it when their parents get involved. So do please come and join us and find out more about what we do.

### Environmental Garden ~ Can you Help?

I was very proud of our ECO Committee last Friday morning when they met with some parents, Governors and a designer to discuss plans to improve our Environmental Garden. They had lots of super ideas which they put forward and discussed very well. The designer has gone away with their suggestions to draw up a provisional plan and our eco-committee are going to be talking to their peers about it too.

We are hoping that we will have £10,000 to spend if our Lottery Grant bid is successful as there is a lot to do including resurfacing. The parents and Governors at the meeting suggested that we should ask if there are any parents who are happy to be involved with preparing the site ready for work to start as this would mean more of the £10,000 could go on installing new features rather than the labour for clearing.

If this is something that you may be interested in getting involved in please could you return the slip below indicating which day/time would be best for you and we will go with the majority. I am aware that there may be parents with specific skills who wish to help, please indicate this on the slip if this is the case, but most of the work simply involves removing shrubbery etc which even I can manage despite my lack of handyman or woman skills! The more the merrier and I am sure your child would love you to be involved too!

Name of parent \_\_\_\_\_ Name of child \_\_\_\_\_

I would be interested in finding out more about helping prepare the environmental garden area.

I am available to come and help on a:

Friday morning

Friday afternoon

Saturday morning

Saturday afternoon

Sunday afternoon

Thank you so much for your support.