



Lostock Gralam Church of England Primary School

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Date: Thursday 28th September 2023

Children are at the heart of everything we do and Christ is the light that guides us.

John 8:12

Weekly Message

We have had another great week in school! It was so lovely seeing the Girl's football team do so well on Tuesday and they were so excited coming back to school after their success – see Erica and Harriet's match report below!

This week, we have had it confirmed, that following a building survey, our school has **no RAAC present** which is good news; RAAC is the collapsible concrete material that has been affecting schools and public buildings and has been in the news recently.

Just a reminder that the school gates close at 8:45am in the morning as this is the time the registers are taken. Please bring your child to the main office after this time to sign them in as late. Thank you for your support with this.

School Photographs – Tuesday 3rd October

Kittle photography will be taking individual and sibling photographs on Tuesday 3rd October in school. If you would like any pre-school siblings to have their photograph taken, please arrive at school at 8.30 am. All children will have their picture taken on their own and with any siblings in school during the day.

Football Success!

Congratulations to our fantastic football team who competed in an inter schools' tournament this week and came second.

Match report by Erica and Harriet (Sports Captains)

On 26th September 2023, we went to Rudheath High school to play in a football tournament. We played 4 games, won 3 lost 1. The game we enjoyed the most was the last one because we won 7-0. Erica scored 4 goals, Lily scored 1, Jess scored 1 and Amber (Y5) the 7th goal. We came back buzzing with joy because we came second overall!



Book Swap Friday

Our school librarians are organising a Friday book swap. There will be a selection of children's books on the playground at the end of the day on Friday. If you would like to swap a book for one which you have finished with at home, you are welcome to come and have a look and make a swap.



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Harvest

We would like to warmly welcome you to join us in church to celebrate Harvest on **Monday 9th October**. **Our KS2 classes will have their worship at 9am followed by KS1 at 9:45am.**

This year, we would like to support the Mid Cheshire Food Bank with our Harvest donations. Our local branch is based in the Old School House on Manchester Road. The items that they would appreciate are listed in the poster below. If you would like to donate an item, please bring your donation into school. We will take them over to church for our Harvest services on Monday 9th October and then deliver them to the food bank. As always, we look forward to sharing our worship with you in church and thank you for your continued support.

PTA

Our PTA has got some fantastic plans coming up. Please keep a look on the school newsletter for more details to come. If you are interested in supporting our PTA, please speak to **Donna North** or a member of staff and we'll let Donna know that you're available to help! Thank you for your support!

Mid Cheshire foodbank **COLLECTION POINT**

Emergency supplies for local people in crisis

These are some of the items we currently are short of, please donate if you can.

Thank you for your generosity

SHOPPING LIST

- Tinned Meat
- Long Life Fruit Juice
- Condensed - products
- Rice pudding
- Tinned Fruit
- Jam / Honey
- Pasta Sauce
- Flourist Butter
- Pasta / Noodle / Snack Meals
- Tinned Fish
- Coffee / Hot Chocolate
- Biscuits
- Sauces
- Washing Detergent
- Stove / Kettle / Essentials
- Oil, Sauce, Stock Cubes

01606 590992
info@midcheshire.foodbank.org.uk

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Bag2School

www.bag2school.com

THURSDAY 5TH OCT
Get clearing out those closets!

PLEASE DROP AS MANY BAGS AS POSSIBLE TO LOSTOCK GRALAM PRIMARY SCHOOL
(Before 9am on 05.10.23)

Donations will be reused & recycled and the PTA will receive cash per KG!

'Bag to School' Fundraiser

Our PTA have arranged for a textiles collection. If you don't have an official bag, you can use a bin bag. Please have a clear out and donate as much as possible to raise funds for school! Drop bags to school before **9am on Thursday 5th October**. THANK YOU!



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Year 6 Open Evening Events

Thursday 5th October 2023

5.30pm - 8pm

Bexton Road, Knutsford WA16 0EA
01565 633294 / contact@knutsfordacademy.org.uk

Knutsford Academy Year 6 Open Evening



An opportunity for Year 6 students and parents to meet with teachers and students whilst discovering more about Knutsford Academy.
We look forward to welcoming you!



Headteacher presentations with Mrs Key are at **5.30pm, 6.10pm and 6.50pm.**
Tours available from **5.40pm.**



Please visit our website to book your presentation ticket.



Allow at least two hours.

Please bear in mind that parking is limited.



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Very Green Grocery Northwich (formally the Cheshire Food Hub)

Click [here](#) to follow on Facebook – it really is worth it as they offer an incredible service!

Here's some more information about what they offer:

*We're a not for profit organisation with **the primary aim of reducing food waste.***

Supermarkets and shops donate food that is just passed its best, but hasn't yet reached its use by date. The supermarkets can no longer sell it and it would otherwise go to landfill. It's still in great condition and absolutely fine to eat.

There is always a fantastic selection from each supermarket section – tinned foods, pasta, vegetables, fruit, salad, potatoes, meat, dairy, cereals, eggs, pastries, bread, toiletries.

*Regular food donations from Waitrose, Asda, Morrisons, Tesco, Aldi, Greggs, Lidl, Co-op. All of the money taken on the door goes straight back into the grocery. This means we can buy items in bulk. **Open to absolutely everybody, regardless of where you live or your financial situation.** So you can help save the planet at the same time as saving yourself some money.*

Just turn up on the day with £4 and your shopping bags.

Online Safety

To help keep your children as safe as possible online, please click [here](#) to access an interactive guide. It gives you practical instructions on how to set parental controls on the most common devices children use.



**Very Green Grocery
Northwich**
1.5K likes • 2.3K followers

**The Old School House,
Manchester Road,
Northwich,
01606 254090**



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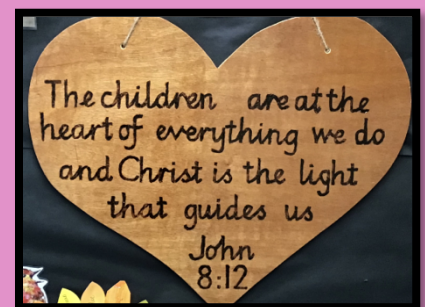
Diary Dates

This will be added to each week!

3rd October	School Photographer in school
12th October	Goldfinches Greek Workshop
17-18th October	Parents Evening – more details to follow on Friday. Slots will be available to book on Monday.
9th October	Harvest Festival in Church
30th October	Owls worship in Church led by Vicar Andrew – parents welcome to join
6th November	Years 5 & 6 worship in Church led by Vicar Andrew – parents welcome to join
13th November	Years 3 & 4 worship in Church led by Vicar Andrew – parents welcome to join
15th November	Robins trip to Beeston Castle
20th November	Years 1 & 2 worship in Church led by Vicar Andrew – parents welcome to join
21st November	Skylarks trip to Lion Salt Works
22nd November	Swallows trip to Titanic Museum
28-29th November	KS1 Christmas play
6-7th December	KS2 play
8th December	Christingle
13th December	Panto & PTA Christmas Fair
14th December	Christmas Carol concert & Christmas Lunch
10th January	Toucans trip to the Imperial War Museum
17th January 2024	Goldfinches trip to Chester Grosvenor Museum
8th May 2024	Skylarks Trip to Tatton Park
3-5th June 2024	Toucans Residential Petty Pool Centre

Worship

This week, we watched an 'Agent of Hope' bring joy and happiness to a pavement in America by drawing a circle with the words "Dance Here". We watched the reactions of passers-by. Some jumped straight in, as they did so, music played immediately and they began to dance! Others were unsure and watched from afar whilst some people gingerly put one foot inside the circle to see what would happen. The children discussed the courage that these people showed, the joy on their faces as they danced in the street and the happiness this circle had brought to many strangers that day.



*Fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
Isaiah 41:10*

Our Ethos group drew "Dance Here" circles in the playground later that day. It was wonderful to see children and staff dancing together and having fun.

Y2 "I was a bit nervous at first but watching my friend gave me courage and I enjoyed dancing in the circle with my friends."



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Praise children for fantastic work		
Owls (Reception)	Freya	For sharing your gentleness, your beautiful manners and kind words have helped your friends to feel stronger. Thank you for letting your light shine!
Starlings (Y1)	Penny	For bringing joy and kindness to our class each and every day. Penny, you are a ray of sunshine. Well done!
Swallows (Y2)	Grayson	For being a wonderful friend, bringing smiles into class each day and for always working to the best of his ability.
Robins (Y3)	John	For showing courage in how he readily gets on with all his work in class and for always aiming to achieve his best. Well done, John!
Goldfinches (Y4)	Joseph	For showing fantastic courage and perseverance with your handwriting. It is beautiful! Well done, Joseph.
Skylarks (Y5)	Amber	For showing such joy and enthusiasm in all that she does. Thank you for letting your light shine, Amber.
Toucans (Y6)	Harriet	For showing such kindness and care in your role as a talk partner. You should be so proud of how supportive you are to your classmates.

'Top Table' children for wonderful manners at lunchtime	
Owls (Reception)	Iona and Jaxx
Starlings (Y1)	Kayden and Sophia
Swallows (Y2)	Lily and Harriet
Robins (Y3)	Logan and Noah
Goldfinches (Y4)	Will and Arnold
Skylarks (Y5)	Archie and George
Toucans (Y6)	Lily and Esmae

Before & After school clubs – Autumn Term		
Name	Day/Time	Key Stage
Dodgeball	Monday 8-9am	Years 1-6
Girls Football	Monday 3.15-4.15pm	KS2
Hockey/Basketball	Wednesday 8-9am	Years 1-6
Football	Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm	Years 1,2,3
Gardening	Thursday 3.20-4pm until Oct half term	Years 5-6
Athletics/Benchball	Friday 8-9am	Years 1-6
Football	Friday 3.15-4.15pm	Years 4,5,6



Happy Birthday!

To Callum and Finn in Starlings, Alba in Swallows, Noah in Robins, Alexia in Skylarks, Taylor, Tilly and Hannah in Toucans.



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Lunch Menu – Week 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sausages served with mashed potato & seasonal vegetables & gravy	Pasta Bolognese served with garlic bread and seasonal vegetables	Roast Chicken with roast/mashed potato served with seasonal vegetables & gravy	'Theme Day Menu' Chicken or Vegetable burger in a bun with salad. Served with fries, beans or peas	Battered Fish served with Chips & Peas or Baked Beans
Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad	Or Sausage/ Quorn posh dog in a roll Served with fries, beans or peas	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad
Deli Choice of Breads with a filling choice of ham, cheese or tuna Served with a Side Salad	Deli Choice of Breads with a filling choice of cheese, ham or tuna Served with a Side Salad	Deli Choice of Breads with a filling choice of ham, cheese or tuna Served with a Side Salad	Deli Choice of Breads with a filling choice of ham, cheese or tuna Served with a Side Salad	Deli Choice of Breads with a filling choice of cheese or tuna Served with a Side Salad
Peach crumble slice & custard	Chocolate Shortbread finger	Fresh Fruit salad	Butterscotch Biscuit or fresh fruit salad	Melting Moment

Please note from the 1st September 2023 there will be a price increase for a school dinner to £2.68

TERM DATES September 2023/August 2024

	Date of Closing	Date of Re-Opening
Summer 2023	Thursday 20 th July – school finishes at 1 pm no Fun Foxes	Tuesday 5 th September
Autumn Half-Term 2023	Friday 20 th October	Monday 30 th October
Christmas 2023/2024	Friday 15 th December school finishes at 1 pm – No Fun Foxes	Tuesday 2 nd January
Spring Half-Term 2024	Friday 16 th February	Monday 26 th February
Spring Break 2024	Wednesday 27 th March	Monday 15 th April
May Day Weekend 2024	Friday 3 rd May	Tuesday 7 th May
Summer Half-Term 2024	Friday 24 th May	Monday 3 rd June
Summer break 2024	Friday 19 th July school finishes at 1 pm – No Fun Foxes	Monday 2 nd September



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INSET DAYS (Teacher Training) – 5 in total for 2023/24

Monday 4th September 2023

Thursday 28th March 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Wednesday 24 July 2024

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

Pupils are discouraged from taking holidays in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. It is very rare that any holiday would be authorised. Good attendance is key to pupils making good progress and taking time out to go on holiday can significantly hamper progress. Where a holiday is unauthorised the LA is informed. A Fixed Penalty Notice will then be issued in accordance with section 444 of the Education Act 1996. The current rates payable by parents are £60 where the amount is paid within 21 days and £120 where the amount is paid within 28 days. The charge is per parent/carer per child. If the Fixed Penalty Notice remains unpaid this could lead to prosecution in the Magistrate's Court.

For the DfE statutory guidance on school attendance please click on the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence>

Attendance

Attendance is crucial for all children in order that they will achieve and is monitored closely by school. We are always happy to help any families who are struggling for any reason. Laura Southall our family support worker is in school Monday, Wednesday and Friday and is always keen to help.

“Central to raising standards in education and ensuring all pupils can fulfil their potential is an assumption so widely understood that it is insufficiently stated – pupils need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. Children with poor attendance tend to achieve less in both primary and secondary school.” School Attendance DfE May 2022

If your child is ever unwell, please do let us know the reason for the absence by 8:45am on 01606 668270 (a message can be left on the school answer phone).