

# Culcheth Primary School

## Newsletter 26-4-24



### Sports Day Update

Due to the unpredictable weather at present, we have changed the date for Sports Day to 25<sup>th</sup> June.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

### Summer Fair Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Would you like a stall at our Summer Fair on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July? The cost is just £10 per stall, payable in advance. Please contact the office if you are interested.

If you are able to donate a prize for the Summer Draw – this would be very much appreciated.

### This week

- Well done to our Y5 football team who took part in a tournament on Tuesday. They played really well and got through to the quarter final, a great team effort!
- Y5 had a great time at Anderton Boat Lift on Wed, they went on a boat trip along the River Weaver and experienced the boat lift.
- Y1 enjoyed their dinosaur day at Warrington Museum yesterday. See FB photos!
- We would like to commend the great behaviour from Y4 and Y5 at swimming yesterday, they all tried really hard!

### Next week

- On Wed some of our Y2 children will be taking part in a Cricket Festival at Orford Jubilee!
- On Thursday Y2 go to Tatton Park to take part in a Victorian day.
- On Fri Y5 Bikeability starts, all Y5 parents should have received a text to confirm which day their child will be taking part.

### Dragon Artist in school

For the past few weeks, we have had Ali Harwood, who is a famous Artist and poet from Liverpool in school, working with Y1-Y5 children sharing poems, stories and art work on the theme of dragons.

### PTA meeting

Our next PTA meeting is on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 3.15pm, all welcome. Your child is welcome to join Allstars whilst in the meeting (free of charge). Thank you



### Cross Country Marshals wanted

Our Cross-Country event is on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May after school. We are looking for volunteers to help marshal the event. Please let the office know if you are able to help. Thanks





## School Lottery Thank you!

We have extra supporters joining, which means that the jackpot increases and you raise more funds for our school – thank you!

Join our School Lottery and be in with a chance of winning some great prizes each week as well as the chance to win £10,000!! This month's offer is £1000 to spend at Sainsburys or £1000 cash.

**Tickets costs just £1 per week** and raise much appreciated school funding. Please support our School and join at:  
[www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk).

## Allstars bookings

Please ensure you pre-book your child's place on breakfast or after-school Allstars in advance. This helps us tremendously with staffing and food orders. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Commended Children



| Rec | Theo, Astrid, Adil, Elias, Reene, Olivia   |
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| 1   | Reggie, Amber, Lily  |
| 2   | William, Sophie, Luke  |
| 3   | Hattie, Woody, Austin, Aria, Amelie  |
| 4   | Harvey, Phoenix, Ben, Olivia G, Skye, Olivia Gr, Annalise, Esther, Katlynn, Lily O, Jax, George, Kaelin, Lexie, Parker |
| 5   | Willem, Leonard, Leyton D  |
| 6   | Willis, Poppy, Riley, Evie M   |

## Diary dates 2024

| Week beginning 29/4 |  |
|---------------------|--|
| 29/4                | 3.15pm PTA meeting                                   |
| 1/5                 | KS1 Cricket Festival                                 |
| 2/5                 | Y2 to Tatton Park (Victorians)                       |
| 3 -10/5             | Y5 Bikeability                                       |
| 3/5                 | Y5 parents to see books                              |
| 3/5                 | Birchwood High talk for all parents                  |
| 6/5                 | BANK HOLIDAY   |
| Week beginning 13/5 |  |
| 13 – 17/5           | Y6 SATS  |
| 17-23/5             | Book fair  |
| 17/5                | Rec/Y4 parents to see books                          |
| Week beginning 20/5 |  |
| 22/5                | Culcheth Cross Country Race                          |
| 24/5                | School closes for half-term                          |
| Week beginning 3/6  |  |
| 3 – 7/6             | Y6 Bikeability                                       |
| 7/6                 | Y2 trip to Manchester Airport                        |
| 7/6                 | Y1 parents to see books                              |
| Week beginning 10/6 |  |
| 10/6                | Reception trip to Blue Planet                        |
| 12/6                | Y3 trip to World Museum Liverpool                    |
| 13/6                | Y5 to Safety Central                                 |
| 14/6                | Decades Day  |
| Week beginning 17/6 |  |
| 18/6                | R/1/2 to Halle Orchestra (The Dinosaurs are coming!) |
| 19/6                | Y3 Football Tournament                               |
| 19/6                | Y4 trip to Tatton Park (Anglo Saxons)                |
| 21/6                | Y2 parents to see books                              |
| Week beginning 24/6 |  |
| 25/6                | Sports Day   |
| 28/6                | Y3/Y6 parents to see books                           |
| July                |  |
| 4/7                 | Y1 Class Assembly 2.45pm                             |
| 5/7                 | Ice cream van treat                                  |
| 12/7                | Summer Fair  |
| 16/7                | KS1 Summer Performance                               |

## Parental talk at Birchwood High School

We would like to invite you to a presentation from Birchwood High School at 3.15pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May about how to keep your children safe on mobile phones.

There are some really useful apps that we can offer at no initial charge that allow your child to have a phone, but will alert you if there is any dangerous language or behaviour - either from your child or from incoming data. Please see below links for more information and a letter from Ms Mills.

<https://www.ontaro.co.uk/>

<https://parentshield.co.uk/sim-only/>

We hope that as many of you can attend as possible as this is a unique opportunity to ensure that our children stay as safe as possible in the modern technological world.

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Disconnect to Reconnect: The future in our children's hands which is phones shouldn't be.**

As the headteacher of Birchwood Community High School, I am writing to you about something that I am very passionate about: the safety and well-being of our children in the digital age. With the prevalence of smartphones and social media, our children are increasingly exposed to various risks such as online predators, inappropriate content, and excessive screen time. I have watched this unfold over the last 22 years in education and the impact it is having on a generation of children is significant. We know that there is a mental health crisis nationally for young people; in part this is due to the pandemic but I firmly believe that big contributors to this is are also smartphones and social media.

I am reaching out to you as we would like to offer you support and guidance before you purchase that first phone (or support if they already have one). So many parents believe their child 'has' to have a smartphone ready for secondary school whereas we spend so much of our time taking the phones away. So, as part of the One Community Trust, we are embarking on a campaign - Disconnect to Reconnect, aimed at raising awareness about the dangers associated with smartphones and social media. We are offering you an invitation to a presentation that will highlight the risks of online predators, the accessibility of inappropriate or harmful content, and the negative impacts of excessive screen time on our children's well-being and development. Essentially though, we will introduce potential solutions to tackle these issues and offer you support, including the Parent Shield network and the Ontaro app. These resources offer tools and support to help parents monitor and manage their children's online activities, ensuring a safer and healthier digital environment for our families. The vast majority of issues that occur due to phones/social media happens outside of school time which is why we want to work together with you to support the young people in our Trust and in Warrington focusing on the importance of safeguarding our children's future by promoting responsible and balanced technology use.

We would love for you to attend this presentation, which will take place on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3.20pm in the school hall Your participation and engagement would be appreciated so we can ensure that we are giving our children every chance and every support that they need to have a happy and healthy future.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you at the presentation.

Best wishes and take care,

Emma Mills  
Headteacher, Birchwood Community High School