



SCHOOL MATTERS



Fortnightly newsletter of Poulton-le-Fylde, St Chad's CE Primary School

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Worship Focus

We continue with our worship theme "**Too much selfie, isn't healthy.**" We have been looking at what it means to put ourselves into other people's shoes!



Poppy Appeal

Thank you for your support for the poppy appeal. We raised £138.35 for the Royal British Legion. Our school captains laid a wreath at the cenotaph in Poulton Le Fylde.



Reminder: Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)

Our RSE policy is under consultation which you can find [here](#). Please email our RSE leader Mrs. Woodward before next Wednesday at l.woodward@poultonstchadsce.lancs.sch.uk if you have any comments.

Dates for your Diary

- 27/11 - 9/12 Book Fair
- 27/11 - Break the Rules Day

Head Teacher's Message

As well as the work related to Covid, teachers are busy developing their curriculum subjects across school as we continually strive for excellence.

*One area that we are currently working to develop is **METACOGNITION**. This is about pupils being aware of how they learn. An example could be taken from the way we read. As we develop reading fluency, we use strategies to help us to monitor our understanding of a text. For example, I may read a sentence back a few times to check that I understand it or look up words that I do not fully understand. By doing this, I am regulating my own learning; I am being **metacognitive**. Research shows that developing METACOGNITION helps children to make accelerated progress. We are looking at general metacognitive learning strategies and those that are subject specific.*

It was really exciting to hear a child in Dolphins this week tell me "Mr. Leeming I love learning." This young child was being metacognitive!

Please encourage your child to be metacognitive by asking them about their learning. Questions like; What did you learn at school today? How do you know that? How do you learn best?

It is such a privilege to work together to support our precious learners.

Mr. Leeming

Virtual Pet Show

Thank you to all who participated. Please see our web page [here](#) with details of the winners. Children will bring prizes home on Monday. (Prizes have been quarantined in school)

Break the Rules Day

Next Friday 27th Nov we will hold a "Break the Rules Day." Pupils can bring 50p to school if they want to break certain school uniform rules. Friends will message parents with more details next week.

100 Club

Friends run this lottery style club to raise much needed money for our school. For more details click [here](#).



Thought in the Jar

Children learn what they live

by Dorothy Law Nolte

If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn.
 If children live with hostility, they learn to fight.
 If children live with fear, they learn to be apprehensive.
 If children live with pity, they learn to feel sorry for themselves.
 If children live with ridicule, they learn to feel shy.
 If children live with jealousy, they learn to feel envy.
 If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.
 If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.
 If children live with tolerance, they learn patience.
 If children live with praise, they learn appreciation.
 If children live with acceptance, they learn to love.
 If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.
 If children live with recognition, they learn it is good to have a goal.
 If children live with sharing, they learn generosity.
 If children live with honesty, they learn truthfulness.
 If children live with fairness, they learn justice.
 If children live with kindness and consideration, they learn respect.
 If children live with security, they learn to have faith in themselves and in those about them.
 If children live with friendliness, they learn the world is a nice place in which to live.

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Throughout October, we celebrated Black History Month. Each class focused on one person including Marcus Rashford, Lewis Hamilton and Malorie Blackman. The pupils learned why they are important and how they have made an impact on the world.



Birthdays

Covid has placed many restrictions on children including that they have not been able to celebrate their birthdays with friends. Their wellbeing is very important to us so we would like to give them the opportunity to celebrate their birthdays with their class in school. Therefore, during pandemic restrictions, we will hold class birthday parties in the last session on the last Friday of each month for children that have had a birthday during that month. School will provide a small cupcake for each birthday child and teachers will provide age-appropriate games. We will start next Friday 27th and include all children that have had a birthday since the start of September.



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NEW STARTERS

View our prospectus [here](#)

The deadline to apply for a primary school place for September 2021 is **15 January 2021.**



The Travelling Book Fair will be coming to school on Friday 27th November until 9th December.

This has always been a popular event for both children and parents, but under the current circumstances, we will not be opening the fair to parents. There is, however, a list and online order form attached to this message.

We appreciate that you may want to purchase books as gifts and ask that you tick the relevant box on the [order form](#) and we will facilitate getting these books to you. (More information to follow)

We will also let you know which day each class will be 'visiting' the book fair. **60% of any sales made come back to school to fund more books, so we really appreciate your support with this event.**

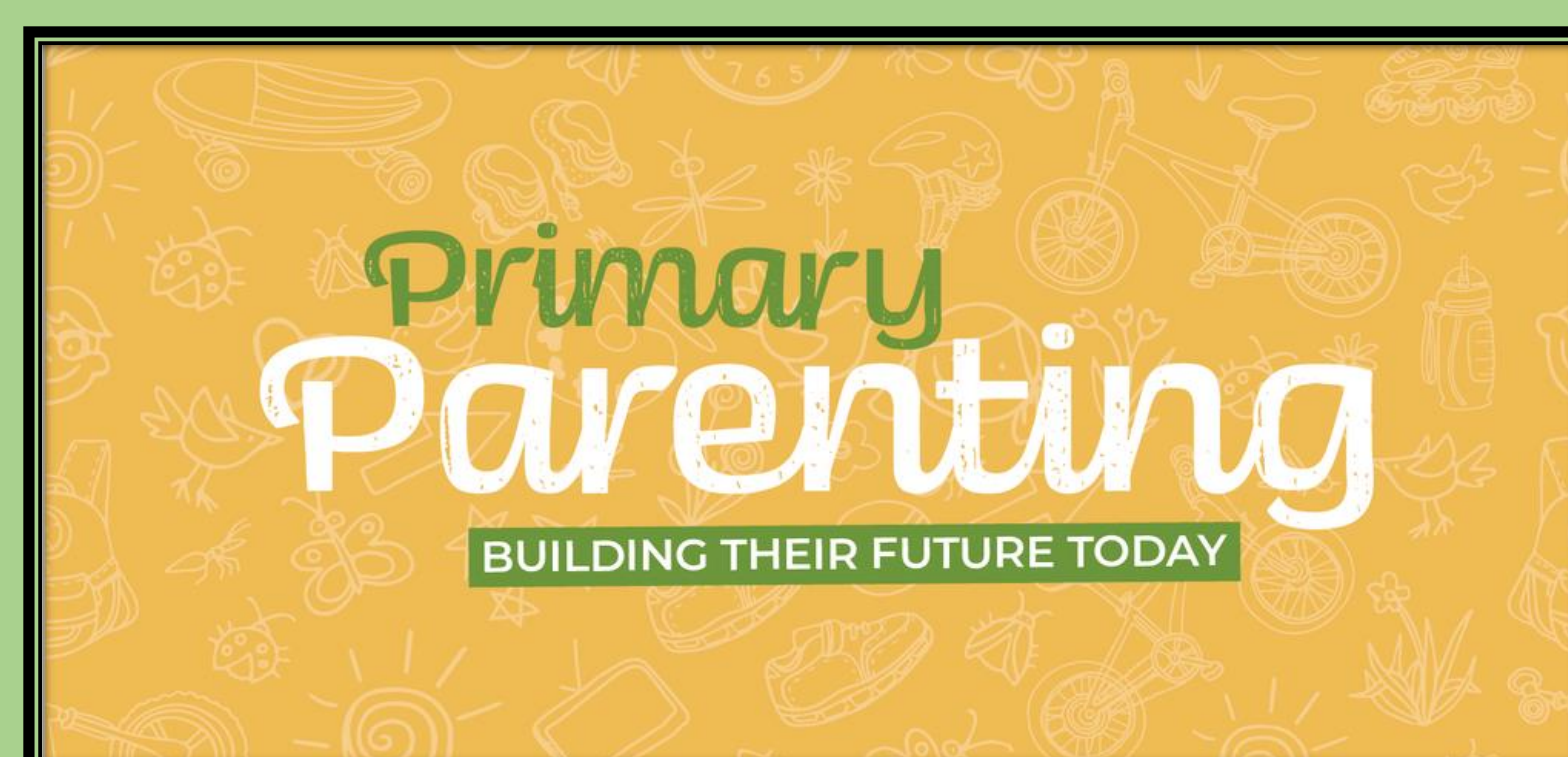
Wellbeing

Mrs McCann is currently undertaking training with the Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families to become our Mental Health Champion. As a school, we will be working closely with local Primary Mental Health Services to form a robust, proactive and united Mental Health action group.

We will be providing you with further information and updates on how best to talk about mental health with your children in our next newsletter. Without doubt, life in recent months has been challenging for us all and it is perfectly normal for everyone to have experienced different and changing emotions.



Free Online Events & Activities



Care for the Family are running free webinars next week giving some tips on parenting primary aged children. They are very engaging and practical. I shall be watching. To book a slot and for more information click [here](#).