



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have all had a lovely week. Please see below this week's updates from school.

Cyber First School

We are now officially a CyberFirst recognised school, who have achieved a silver status. We are extremely proud to share this news with the whole school community. This will mean that we will be partnered with a large company from industry and have access to specialist-ran after-school clubs. This has only been possible due to the hard work and dedication of a number of staff, but in particular I would like to thank Miss Scott who has led the application for us to achieve this.

Sport

All KS3 students have taken part in cross-country this week and have been absolutely outstanding. They demonstrated a high level of resilience throughout the lessons and showed excellent support for one another. Please accept our apologies for any muddy clothing as a result of these activities.

Considerate parking

We have recently had a number of complaints from local residents with regards to their driveway or access to their properties being restricted due to how a small group of adults have been parking. Could I ask that you are considerate in your parking when dropping off or collecting your children as I am sure you will agree that you would not appreciate someone doing that outside your home.

School catering payments

We would like to remind parents and carers that the cash payment machines previously used in school for canteen payments are no longer in operation. All pupil balances should now be topped up using ParentPay. If you experience any difficulties setting up or accessing your ParentPay account, please contact e.maxwell@hodgson.lancs.sch.uk, who will be happy to support you.

For families who prefer to pay using cash, this option is still available via ParentPay at your local PayPoint. Please contact the email address above and the finance team will be able to provide you with a barcode to enable this service.

Water bottles

From the New Year, all students have been expected to bring their own water bottles and refill them during unstructured time using the canteen dispensers. This week I am pleased to report a continued decrease in the number of students requesting to leave lessons for this. Can I take this as an opportunity to remind parents, if they have not done so already, and their child needs a water bottle, to please purchase that as soon as possible. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain strong learning habits for all students.



Key dates for this term

Please see below the dates and times of events broken down by year group.

Year 9 parents - please save the dates in your diary for the following two events:

Year 9 Parents Evening on **Thursday 5th February**. Appointments will be available nearer the time to be made between the times of 4pm and 7pm.

Year 9 Options Evening will take place on **Thursday 19th March** from 4:30pm until 7pm.

Year 10 parents - please save the date for Year 10 Parents Evening on **Thursday 12th March**. Appointments will be available nearer the time to be made between the times of 4pm and 7pm.

Year 11 parents - please save the date of the Year 11 GCSE Kickstart Evening on **Thursday 5th March** from 4:30pm until 6.30pm. Further details of the evening will follow shortly.

All parents: Our Spring Concert will be on **Thursday 26th March** from 6pm until 8pm.

Best wishes,



Mrs S. Khan
Headteacher