

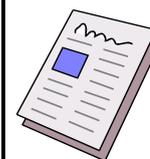
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*'learning and
achieving together'*



Hello everybody.

The decorations are up. The Christmas Trees are lit, and school is moving toward Christmas with the performance due to take place Monday Evening 15th Dec. (6pm @ Preston's College). The band and Choir on song Tuesday 16th Dec. Christmas dinner happens Wednesday and Parties on the Thursday.

Once again it has been a very busy term for staff and students alike. The students are well into their modules of work and courses. New starters across the school have settled in well, annual reviews have taken place and Parents Evenings went very well. The new 'conversion' review timetable will soon begin for us in line with SEN reforms.

We continue to support the universities and colleges with trainee teacher and teaching assistant and student placements and have worked with other school alliances to support external training in special educational needs.

There have been trips out, after school clubs and activities and special events across the term.

All of this can only be achieved by everyone associated with the school working together in a positive and encouraging manner.

So thank you to everybody involved and I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Shaun.



Thanks to the 'Friends of Sir Tom Finney' for organising the 'beetle drive' and hotpot and Xmas Bingo and for funding the many Christmas activities in school such as trips out and presents for students. Those involved give up their time freely for the benefit of the young people in the school. If you want more information and would like to help out then please contact school for the next meeting date and time.



Its NOVO virus season and Public Health are informing all schools to make sure that the policy relating to 48 hours clear of illness (sickness and diarrhoea) are strictly adhered to. And that good hygiene and cleaning practises are in place.

Safe use of the internet messages have been sent out with all students, remember being on line can be great fun but we need to stay safe whilst doing so—Parents please keep a close check on your safety settings and please be aware of your son/daughter's use of social networks in particular.

We have an E-safety group who meet in school every half term, If any parent(s) are interested in being involved then let school know.



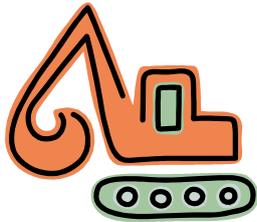
Remember
school re-opens for
students on
Monday 5th January 2015

RELOCATION NEWS:



THE INTERNAL WORK IS TAKING SHAPE ,
CORRIDORS HAVE BEEN WIDENED AND
WALLS MOVED AROUND. EXTERNALLY THE
FOUNDATIONS FOR THE HYDROTHERAPY
POOL AND SIXTH FORM BLOCK ARE
FINISHED. ELECTRICIANS, PLUMBERS, & BRICKIES ARE ALL
WORKING HARD TO ENSURE COMPLETION.

We have made a decision to delay the move itself until
the summer holidays to give us more time to plan a suc-
cessful transition and not complicate things by moving during term time. This has
added pressures from insurances and security points of view, but
means no-one is 'rushing' and we can ensure quality is key.



Colours have been chosen for each of the Department wings that will
house each of the key stages and administration areas. These have been
shared with the student council.

**Alongside the furniture and equipment and ICT resources
transferring across from the current school there will be some £250,000
worth of new ICT resources, Furniture and equipment, especially in
the 'specialist' facilities that will be available.**



As we move into the new year we will have to start the
packing process. We all know moving house is stressful, SO Moving a
whole school—well you can imagine!!!!

From January it has also been agreed to plan some site visits for staff, students and interest-
ed parents—more information will follow in the new year.

Parents questionnaire:

Many thanks to everyone who completed a questionnaire and it is fantastic to note some of the infor-
mation and comments that have been returned. We get the 'official' report from Lancashire in the
Spring but comments such as:

- Caring
- Friendly
- Listen to students
- Fostering independence
- Committed staff
- Good teaching and strong support staff
- Experienced staff
- Inclusive
- Treat students as individuals
- Safe and secure

Are fabulous to be able to share with all the staff.

Of course there are always things that can be improved and your comments about improvements will
be built into our improvement plans, Many of them will be included in the new school plans.
Schools are being asked by OFSTED to direct parents to complete questionnaires on the OFSTED
website as well, to support the inspection process. If you have a few minutes and have access to the
internet then we would be pleased if you could let them know what you think too.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

'Parent View gives you the chance to tell us what you think about your child's school.'