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Dear Parent/Carer,

Can you believe that we have only one more week of this half term and then we will be half way through the school year? Time is flying so we must be having fun!

### Parental Conferences

The children have been working so hard this half term and it is time to celebrate their learning. You are invited to book an appointment for a parental conference with your child's class teacher. The appointments run throughout the day and you may choose to have them face to face or virtually, whichever suits you best. The dates are as following:

Class	Date of parental conference
Reception	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 1	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 2	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 3	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 4	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 5	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 6	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March

Bookings will go live at 9am on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February. You will receive a link via text and email.

### Understand the benefits and risks of online gaming



As you may be aware, last week was Safer Internet Week and at Newchurch the children learned about all the different ways in which they could use the internet in a safe way. Online gaming is loved by many children but it has with it a number of risks. Understanding how your child plays and enjoys



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games on line can help you develop rules and strategies to keep them safe. There are so many games and so many ways to play; it can be very overwhelming as a parent. To help parents, the NSPCC has created a webinar which looks at setting up parental controls to help you get to know what your child does online. It also gives you an insight into how young people use gaming apps. Please click on this link to watch the webinar.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/understand-the-benefits-and-risks-of-online-gaming/>

## Coding at Culcheth High School



Calling all Newchurch Robins in Years 1 to 6! Culcheth High School will be holding a half term Tech club where they will be doing everything from game design to Minecraft. The club will run between Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February and children can attend morning, afternoon, all day or all week sessions. There are a limited number of free places available each day for children in receipt of benefits-related free school meals – just click on the link in the flyer and there are details and a 100% discount code that can be applied. Culcheth High are also starting a weekly coding academy on a Saturday morning from Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

## HAF

HAF is funded by the Department for Education and offers vulnerable children, and children who are eligible for benefit-related free school meals, to take part in holiday clubs. It offers a multitude of activities alongside healthy meals. The funding covers Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays, and providers are required to go through the council's procurement platform to be considered to provide for children and young people in Warrington.

In Warrington, there were 23 HAF programmes across Warrington over the Christmas period, provided by 13 organisations with a host of activities including sports, forest school, music, arts and crafts, family days, cooking and much more. All children are welcome regardless of status. Please visit [warrington.gov.uk/HAF](http://warrington.gov.uk/HAF) for more information as to programmes running in the half term holidays.



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## Academy Photographs

Academy will be in school on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March to take class photographs. Please could we ask that all classes wear their full school uniform on this day and look as smart as they always do.

Whilst talking about uniform, please can we remind you that trainers are only allowed to be worn on PE days, school shoes should be worn on other days.

## Afterschool Clubs

Due to the implementation of the Outbreak Management Plan earlier this half term, we needed to postpone the commencement of the afterschool clubs. We are now in a position to offer these to the children. The clubs are as follows

Club Title	Which classes	Maximum number	Member of staff leading the club	Day of the Week
Choir	Y2 – Y6	Unlimited	Mrs Narraway	Monday
Girls Football	Y5 and Y6	20	Mr Boon	Tuesday
Multi-sports	Y3 – Y6	20	Mr Boon	Thursday Lunchtime
Film	Y1 and Y2	20	Miss Igglesden	Monday
KS2 Football	Y3 – Y6	20	Mr Boon	Monday
Arts and Craft	Y3 – Y6	20	Mrs Conreen	Monday
Games	Y3 – Y6	20	Miss Jones	Wednesday
Cheerleading	Y3, Y4 and Y5	20	Miss Brinksman	Wednesday
Computing	Y1 and Y2	20	Mr Duckett	Friday
Forest School	Reception, Y1 and Y2	15	Mrs Sizer	Monday

The clubs will start week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> March. Please could we ask that you complete this form again by **17<sup>th</sup> February**: <https://forms.gle/DLR3m7vsG7Kkuxv58> You will be notified by text on 1<sup>st</sup> March if your child has a place in an afterschool club.

## Pancake Day



As usual, we will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday on 1<sup>st</sup> March with our annual pancake tasting. Our wonderful kitchen staff will be providing pancakes for the whole school.

### World Book Day

And finally...we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. The children can come into school in their pyjamas and dressing gowns, clutching their favourite book and a cosy pillow.

Throughout the day, the children will have D.E.A.R time when they will 'Drop Everything And Read'.



Throughout the week, the children will use this book as a stimulus for their Design and Technology unit where they will learn new food technology skills linked to places Granny visits when she travels on her magic carpet around the world.

As part of the week, we would like to invite you to be our guest and come into school for our Reading Café.

In line with our COVID risk assessment, we will need to put some measures in place. The first is the staggering of the arrival and departure of year groups. The organisation will be as such:

Class	Arrival time	Departure time
Reception	1:45pm	2:30pm
Year 1	2:15pm	3:00pm
Year 2	1:15pm	2:00pm
Year 3	10:45am	11:30am
Year 4	10:15am	11:00am
Year 5	9:45am	10:30am
Year 6	9:15am	10:00am

We apologise if this feels like a military operation but to ensure we can provide an opportunity for all classes and keep to the lunchtime schedule, we will need to ask you to keep to these times as much as possible.

As we are unable to predict the weather, we will need to presume that only the hall can be used so numbers will need to be restricted to only one person per child. If you have twins, then it can be one adult for each child. Younger siblings (not of school age) may attend but could we ask that you keep them supervised at all times. If the weather is fine, then we may have the opportunity to go outside.



If you have children in both key stages, please can you select **one** time slot to attend and both children will be able to come out of class to enjoy the event with you. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accommodate adults sharing the experience with children who are not their own family. Do not fear! Any child who does not have an adult attending will have the same experience in class with their teachers.

In order for us to be able to ensure there is sufficient safe space and refreshments, please could we ask that you complete this google form: <https://forms.gle/67aDobtSNgTaASoN8> indicating the time you will be coming. Unfortunately, if numbers are high and you have not completed the form, we may not be able to allow you into school. We hope you understand the need for this. Hopefully, we will soon be able to just open up to as many parents as possible.

If you have any COVID symptoms, please could we ask that you do not attend to ensure the safety of the children, staff and families attending. If you have access to a lateral flow test before attending, that would be great!

Take care and please keep safe,

*Mrs Jayne Narraway*

Headteacher



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