



# NEWSLETTER

## 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025 Issue 5

### World Mental Health Day – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025

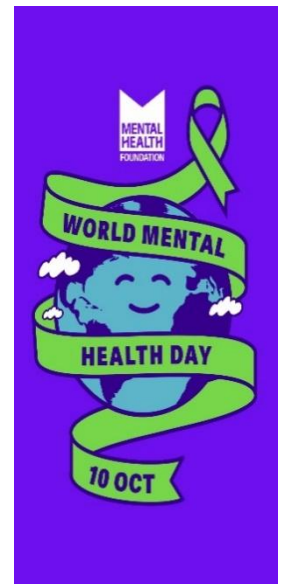
#### Talking about Mental Health

World Mental Health Day is a great opportunity for us to come together to talk about mental health and show everyone that it matters. The information below from the Mental Health Foundation sets out some helpful tips.

1. Choose someone you trust to talk to: This might be a friend, family member or a colleague. Or you might be more comfortable talking to someone you don't know, for example, through a support helpline. It can help to do a pros and cons list about talking to someone.

2. Think about the best place to talk: It's important to choose a place where you feel comfortable enough to open-up. You might want to choose somewhere private where you're less likely to be disturbed. You also might want to talk while you do an activity, like walking together.

3. Prepare yourself for their reaction: Hopefully, you will have a good experience when you open-up to someone. But there's a chance that they may not react in the way you hope. This may be for different reasons, like they may be worried or not fully understand at first. If that's the case, try to give them time to process what you've told them. It might help to give them information to read to help them understand. And don't forget to be kind to yourself and practise self-care.



**My Happy Minds:** This is a classroom resource funded by the NHS which we have in school now to help promote mental health and well-being. It will be a toolkit of resources to help supplement our PSHE curriculum.

**Zones of Regulation:** This is a strategy to help children identify their feelings and emotions – using four colours and simple ideas to help them feel better and in control of their emotions. Each classroom has a display and colours and strategies for the children to use.

### Congratulations!

**Golden Book Award:** YR: Lucas Y1: Tawaf Y2: Alfie

Y3: Ilyza-Lea Y4: Lola Y5: Edie Y6: Elizabeth

**Lunchtime Awards:** Theo YR Lily G Y4

**Attendance Awards:** Y1 98.93% Y4 99.67%

## **Times Tables – A PRIORITY**

In Year 4 there is a Statutory test called the Multiplication Timetables Check (MTC) There will be a Parental Leaflet coming out soon with more information on for Year 4 parents from Miss Partington our Maths Leader in school.

Children need to have instant recall of the answers – within 5 seconds.

This is both a Trust and a School priority for this year. We are having daily inputs of timetables in every class from Year 1 upwards. This may be using a variety of methods from rhymes, raps, songs, learning by chanting, or on the computer. Some classes have already used a free app called Blooket to devise timed tests to practice on.

We ask all parents to engage with the practice times tables at home and to raise the profile of times tables with all children. We ask you to engage with them helping them to have instant recall at any point in the day. Children MUST be practicing them at home and in school to improve their instant recall.

Times Tables are of huge importance in many aspects of maths and will help children throughout their education and lives.

## **Consideration of all pupils**

As you know we are a very inclusive school. We do have some pupils whose mobility is affected and some have medical conditions. We ask you to be mindful on the paths if some of our pupils or parents are walking slower than yourselves.

Likewise – we have some pupils in wheelchairs – please help us to support these children and their families. Allow them the time and space as they move through the premises and outside areas

We appreciate your support

### **FCL (Friends of Cams Lane)**

#### **AGM meeting**

**This will be held in school at 3.15pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

**All parents are welcome.**

#### **Halloween Bingo Night – Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 6-8pm.**

**New to Cams Lane! See the posters on pages 6 & 7. There is also prizes for the best fancy dress costumes on the night! (Fancy dress is optional).**

#### **Christmas Fair – Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 6-8pm**

**Don't forget booking for Santa Grotto – watch out for information coming soon!**

#### **Non uniform Days for Contributions:**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct – Halloween sweets/chocolates**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov – Toys**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov – Chocolate for the Christmas Tombola**

**Halloween Bingo: Tickets are £3 PER PERSON** and are available on Scopay. **ALL** children must be accompanied by a fee paying adult. This is a ticket only event and numbers are limited in the hall, so it is first come first served. See the posters on pages 6 & 7.



**Harvest Assembly:** On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October we will be having our usual Harvest Assembly Celebration and collection for Porch Boxes. Parents/carers are welcome to join us: Please bring any donations on the day. A list of suggested donations can be found on page 5 of this newsletter.



**KS1 (Reception, Y1 & Y2) Assembly – 9.15am**

**KS2 Assembly – 10.15am**

**Stay and Play, Reception and Year 1: See Diary Dates:** We look forward to welcoming Mrs Macadam, CEO of the Collective Community Trust - to the afternoon session with Year 1.

**Parents That Lunch:** We are again hosting parents that lunch. Here is a date for your diary

Year 3, Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> November. Details of how to book nearer the time.



Year 5 Parents That Lunch was a great success again. Thank you to all the parents/grandparents that were able to attend.

### **Pupil Voice – Year 3:**

“I like that we get to learn French.”

“I liked our class book called Grendel.”

“I enjoyed creating flower pictures in art.”

**MASSIVE PLEA:** Donations For the Forest School mud kitchen. Please could you send in any donations of old kitchen utensils and pots/pans etc...



**Colouring Competition:** To help raise awareness and funds for a horse riding school called Phoenix RDA where some of our pupils attended over the summer holidays. It supports children with SEND needs and is a great place to go. See letter for details – to enter you can pay £1 on Scopay. Competition entries in by 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

**Charity Event for Bury Hospice:** The Bury Hospice Reindeer Run is a festive fundraising event for young children, where they can run, hop, skip or walk 1 mile whilst wearing reindeer antlers provided by the hospice. They will be sponsored for the “reindeer run” and sponsor forms will come out in November. The event will be held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Children can come into school wearing sportswear and trainers. Bury Hospice is close to our hearts as one of our Y2 pupils – Marley – sadly lost his mum Hannah last year and she was looked after by Bury Hospice. Hannah also attended Cams Lane as a pupil when she was younger. We hope we can raise as much money as possible for Bury Hospice to support all the amazing work they do.



### **House Research Homework Y1- Y6**

This is to promote our house names and who these local people were and what they did for the area of Bury.

This has been set as a competition – if children choose to take part – we would like it to be child led, presented in any way. It will be shown in assembly with our house captains.

See information that has been sent out. Entries due back in by 20<sup>th</sup> October.



### **Tesco Blue Tokens for Schools – Help Raise Funds for our Forest**

**School:** The blue tokens for Cams Lane Forest School will be at Tesco Express, Radcliffe. Tesco express, Kearsley and Farnworth Superstore. The tokens are available now until 31<sup>st</sup> December. If you are shopping there, please pop your tokens in to help boost our fundraising!




**UNICEF Rights Respecting Award:** This term we are working towards our Silver Award.

*Article 28 Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free. Secondary education must be available for every child. Discipline in schools must respect children’s dignity. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.*

*Article 29 Education must develop every child’s personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child’s respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.*

## Diary Dates

Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	World Mental Health Day
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception Stay & Play 9am – 10am
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 1 Stay & Play 9.15am – 10.15am 2pm – 3pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Colouring Competition Deadline 
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	 Non Uniform in Exchange for Halloween Sweets/Chocolates
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	House Research Deadline
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Halloween Bingo Ticket Only Event £3 per person Children <b>MUST</b> be accompanied by an adult 
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	 Harvest Assembly KS1, (Reception, Y1 & Y2) 9.15am KS2 10.15am
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	School Closes for Half Term At 3.15pm
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	School Re-opens
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception Class Vision Screening

## **PE Days**

***(Reminder PE kit is dark PE shorts, black or navy, plain white t-shirt and pumps/trainers. KS2 need plain joggers and jumper for winter)***

Years 3, 4, 5, 6	Wednesdays
Reception, Year 1 & Year 2	Tuesdays <i>Children in these classes are to come to school in their PE kits.</i>



**Providing crisis packs for those in need**

You can donate any non-perishable food items or toiletries which are well within their best before date. Smaller tins and packets are better. We can also accept items such as disposable nappies and baby food.

Here are some suggestions:

- ◆ Beans and sausage
- ◆ Hot dogs
- ◆ Meatballs
- ◆ Tinned fruit
- ◆ Tins of meat
- ◆ Pasta & sauce Packets
- ◆ Rice Pudding
- ◆ Packets of instant noodles
- ◆ Packets of savoury rice
- ◆ Tinned Stews/spaghetti bolognaise/chilli etc
- ◆ Ravioli
- ◆ Tinned spaghetti
- ◆ Bottles of squash
- ◆ Biscuits
- ◆ Tins of tuna
- ◆ Tea [packs of 40]
- ◆ UHT Milk Semi skimmed
- ◆ UHT Milk Full Fat

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR

# **HALLOWEEN BINGO**

WED 22ND OCTOBER



6PM - 8PM

**ENTRY £3.00 PER PERSON  
FANCY DRESS IS WELCOMED BY ALL!**





**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED HALLOWEEN BINGO NIGHT, HERE IN OUR SCHOOL HALL!!!**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW ON SCOPAY. THIS IS A TICKET ONLY EVENT. LIMITED CAPACITY SO BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.**

**ENTRY PRICE INCLUDES ALL BINGO GAMES**

**ADDITIONAL BINGO TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED ON THE NIGHT.**

**CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.**

**THERE WILL BE A:**

- **1 KS1 FANCY DRESS WINNER**
- **1 KS2 FANCY DRESS WINNER**
- **1 ADULT FANCY DRESS WINNER**



# ATTENDANCE

## WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1

**I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week**

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything.

Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine.

The fine is £160 but if you pay it within 21 days it will be reduced to £80

£160



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### IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised, the school will consider prosecution

1 day = 2 sessions

### A PENALTY FOR EACH CHILD



+£160 +£160 +£160 +£160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid within 21 days

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### FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+£160



+£160



+£160



+£160

4 children &  
2 parents =  
£1,280

Reduced to £640 if paid  
within 21 days

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If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

### SECOND TIME

2 parents and

1 child = £320

2 children = £640

3 children = £960

4 children = £1,280

No discount for early payment



### THIRD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given.

Instead your case will be taken to court.

A magistrate can fine each parent £2,500 for each child.

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000

2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

