



# Weekly News



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**'Valuing Every Achievement'**

## MRS CROSS

On Friday 7th May, Mrs Cross, a member of our essential Teaching Assistant Team, will be leaving Mayfield Primary School after 34 years of service to our community. After a period of ill health, Mrs Cross has recently returned to the team but will now take on a new role elsewhere within educational support for young children with a different working pattern. Everyone at Mayfield is greatly saddened to lose Mrs Cross but everyone fully understands the decision she has reluctantly reached and whilst we do not wish her to leave we all see the ways in which her new role will be ideal for her. Although we cannot say a collective thank you in the traditional style at the moment, we will clearly be offering our thanks in many ways for her contribution to our community and the hundreds and hundreds of children she has worked with across a generation of Mayfield life. I know there is a good chance that those of you who are now parents - who came to Mayfield yourself as a child - will have worked with Mrs Cross and will have older children, as well as those currently in school, who may have worked with her. Her work with language development with our younger children has been a particular trait of hers over many years.

**If anyone wishes to make a donation to the school collection fund for Mrs Cross, then please bring this to the main reception or you can contact the school office via phone or email for advice on how best to do this.**

Whilst staff will always come and go from a school, it is important we note the huge service and loyalty given to Mayfield by Mrs Cross and we hope our planned 'thank you' will do justice to this. We are proud to call her one of our own and she can be rightly proud of her years of service. Our doors are always open to our friend, teacher and colleague.

## PARENT/TEACHER 'RETURN TO SCHOOL' ZOOM CALLS

A letter is going out today outlining a further opportunity we have created for you to talk with your child's class teacher via a 5 minute Zoom call. These are taking place on **Wednesday 5th and Wednesday 12th May from 3.30 - 4.30** and will follow the format used during the school closure Zoom parent/teacher catch-ups.

We are conscious that as we cannot invite you in right now and cannot even be accessible in quite the same way as usual, so we want to create chances for you to ask about the social and academic aspect of life in class for your child as we return now from sustained closure.

**As before, this is optional and if you are fine with things there is no obligation or problem if you do not feel the need to use this offer. It is simply there if you want it.**

## PARENT FORUM—WEDNESDAY 28TH APRIL - NEXT WEEK

After launching Parent Forum last Spring Term, we had to hastily curtail this Q&A insight opportunity because of Covid-19, but we are resuming this Q&A with senior leaders in a new temporary format fit for the times. Mr Denton, and other senior colleagues, will be hosting a Zoom Parent Forum next **Wednesday between 6.30 and 7.00**. This is a 30 minute chance to ask questions, listen to responses and know more about the details of the many teaching and learning developments that have been taking place. **If you wish to be part of this session you MUST EMAIL MR DENTON DIRECTLY ON head@mayfield.lancs.sch.uk for a Zoom invite and for final details and expected protocols. YOU CANNOT EMAIL ANYONE ELSE WITH A WISH TO TAKE PART PLEASE USE THE EMAIL ADDRESS REQUESTED.** If you wish to ask a question we ask that you submit this via the above email to allow us to smoothly manage the strictly limited 30 minute event. We will then send the Zoom link to the email address you use to contact us with. **The cut off for invite requests is 3.00pm next Wednesday 28th April.** This is your time. Your access. Your opportunity. Social media never answers anything. This is the forum with those 'in the know', that lead and can do something. Take the chance. We will offer these opportunities for parent voice so long as there is interest.



### MARKING PODIUM

Our children now receive a new method of marking their work. It is based upon the vital notion of 'live' marking at the point of learning and focused upon marking each piece of work in the necessary detail to check attainment or to prompt progress within and between lessons.

#### BRONZE: NO FRILLS MARKING

There for pieces which are check on attainment but do not require follow-up or refine and polish from the children.

#### SILVER: VERBAL MARKING

For work which is not recorded in books and requires next steps and advice during the work itself. Vital but not recorded due to the nature of the work. It is marking that is progress based but fit for the learning moment.

#### GOLD: ACTION MARKING

As you would expect from gold, this is the most important of all marking as it always requires action from the children. They must always return to these pieces and will always be guided and prompted towards improvements, refinements and a final polish.

**THIS PODIUM RUNS IN TANDEM WITH OUR LEARNING LAP - SHARED LAST WEEK.**

**TAKE A LOOK AT OUR LATEST YOUTUBE FILM FOR MORE INFORMATION FROM MR DENTON ABOUT MARKING PODIUMS - DIRECT FROM THE CLASSROOM.**

A reminder that all Weekly News editions are recorded 'as live' by Mr Denton and can be viewed weekly on our **Youtube** channel.