STAFFING NEWS:

Mrs C. Melia is no longer employed at this school.

OPERATION ENCOMPASS

At the end of this newsletter is a joint letter from Lancashire Police and The Lancashire Safeguarding Board informing you that Operation Encompass will be introduced at the end of April 2019. Operation Encompass is designed to support children who may be witness to Domestic Violence. This school will be taking part. Please read the letter so that you understand the aims of Operation Encompass.

School closes today at 3.15 p.m. for the Easter Holiday. It opens again at 9.00 a.m. on Tuesday 23rd April.

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to our school football team for their 8-0 victory over Britannia B in their recent league match. Their next game is against Waterfoot Primary School on the first day of next term.

BOOK SWAP

Well done to the school council for organising this week's Book Swap that allowed lots of children to exchange books that they have read at home for new ones.

CLASS ATTENDANCE COMPETITION		
1 st Place	CLASS 4D AND CLASS 5B	100%
2 nd Place	CLASS REC L	98.8%
3 rd Place	CLASS 1GW AND CLASS 1/2JH	97.4%
This week's Overall School Attendance Rate >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>		96.1%
The Attendance Rate since the Start of the School Year >>>>>		96.5%







Dear Parent/Carer,

This letter is to inform you that our school is participating in Operation Encompass.

Operation Encompass is a unique Police and Education early intervention safeguarding partnership which ensures that a child's school is informed, prior to the start of the next school day, that there has been an incident of Domestic Abuse to which the child or young person has been exposed, and which might then have an impact on them in school the following day.

Each school is informed of all Domestic Abuse incidents, not just those where an offence can be identified or those which are graded as high risk. The partnership recognises that all incidents of Domestic Abuse can be harmful to children and young people.

This information will be shared throughout the year, including school holidays and the weekends. Information will only be shared with the school by the police where it is identified that a young person was present, witnessed or was involved in a domestic abuse incident.

A nominated member of staff, known as a Key Adult, has been trained to liaise with the police. At *Bacup Holy Trinity Primary School*, our Key Adult is *Mrs Tracy Walsh*. They will be able to use information that has been shared with them, in confidence, to ensure that the school makes provision for possible difficulties experienced by children or their families. The Key Adult will keep this information confidential, and will only share it on a need to know basis, for instance, to teaching staff for the child or young person. It will not be shared with other school students.

Operation Encompass was first introduced in Plymouth in February 2011, and has proved very effective in providing appropriate and timely support to young people affected by domestic abuse. This initiative has been implemented across the whole of the Lancashire Police area. If you would like some more information about it, you can view it online at www.operationencompass.org.

We are keen to offer the best support possible for our pupils and a recent review of Operation Encompass showed that it is beneficial and supportive for all those involved.

Yours sincerely,

N. Hallsworth

J. Aspin

Chair of Governors

Head Teacher