

Newsletter

Friday 6th November 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you all shared some lovely time together last week. Unfortunately, the weather was not ideal for the half term holiday but, at least we have seen some sunshine this week!

Just to let you know that Outdoor Learning will always go ahead, come rain or shine, so do please make sure your child has some outdoor clothing. If you are struggling with this, then do let school know. After next week, we are hoping that the children will be able to use the tipi for some of the work when the heavens open! We really can't wait to see it!

I am usually saying what a busy term this is for us all but, although it will be busy in school, we will not be able to perform any of the activities we usually do at this time, including Thornton Lights, KS1 nativities and Carol Concerts to name but a few. We do however have some surprises up our sleeves for the children and parents which I hope will compensate a little bit!

Watch this space!

Very best wishes.

Gill Finney,
Headteacher.



Thank you, Thank you, Thank you

I would just like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Young who organised a 'Gofundme' page to raise money for our Outdoor Learning this year. It was such an amazing surprise for us all - we were stunned. Thank you also to everyone who donated money. Mrs Young raised an astounding £1,139.73 which she has donated to the school. Mrs Gorrie and Mrs Mylecraine are delighted and are already thinking of great ways to spend the money. Thank you so much everyone. We are so touched by your generosity.

Dates For Your Diary

11th Dec - Christmas lunch /Christmas Jumper Day
14th Dec - Christmas Concert of some sort on video - more details to follow
16th Dec - Christmas parties in own bubbles!
18th Dec—Break up for Christmas holiday
8th Feb - Arts Week
1st March Book Week
10th May - Year 6 SATs Week
7th June - Phonics Screening Week - Year 1
7th June - Multiplication Test - Year 4
All dates made are PROVISIONAL due to Covid-19. Please check dates on every newsletter as dates are always added. New dates will be in red.

Photographs

You will have all received your proof photographs by now and we hope that you are pleased with them, as we have used a new photographer this time.

For those of you who have not returned your order yet, could I kindly remind you that all orders should be returned to school by **FRIDAY 13TH**

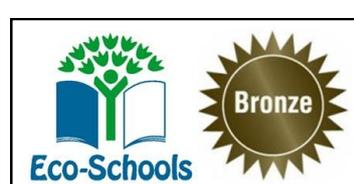
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Could I also remind you to return your proof photograph even if you do not want to place an order.

Local Inspirational People



We are keen and always have been to ensure that our children are inspired by people who have overcome difficulties or worked extremely hard to become successful. If you are one of these people, or you know of anyone who is and who would be willing to talk to our children via a Zoom call, then please contact either myself or Mr Leah at school, where we would be more than happy to arrange this. Many thanks.



Merit Winners—Well done Everyone!

Friday 23rd October 2020

Reception— Luca Del Piano and Jonah Timperley Green



Year 1— All of Year 1

Year 2— Charlie Wilson and Beatrix Ewart

Year 3 – All of Year 3

Year 4— Grayson Hart and all of Year 4

Year 5— Serenna Hunte and Finn Bowater

Year 6— All of Year 6

Headteacher Award - Noah Ingham and Brody Hatch

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Reception— Ryan Whitham and Soraya Hunte

Year 1— Edith Sharpe and Halle Hardingham

Year 2— Jessielea Winston and Harley Beesley

Year 3— Joe Dean and Rosie Smyth

Year 4— Akain Narayana and Gracie Porter

Year 5— Bethany Mell and Isaac Smith

Year 6— Amelia Nicholls and Katie Walker

Headteacher Award— Emma Chieffo

House Captains

Well done to the children who were chosen as our Year 6 House Captains just before half term. It was a difficult choice!

Danes - Jamie Stonehouse and Katie Walker
Romans - Brooke Chambers and Lucie Mitchell
Saxons - Lewie Rawcliffe and Aleysha Sharpe
Normans - William Heaton-Bentley and Amelia Davies

I am sure they will do us proud!

Reception on-line Applications

Parents are now able to access the on-line admission forms for Reception places for September 2021. This can be accessed through www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools .
Closing dates for Reception places—15th January 2021.

Railway Safety

The railway have contacted school and asked us to share this message with the parents and children. We may be able to have some remote online training in the classrooms in the future, but I also wanted to share the message here with everyone.

So the key messages from Network rail are:-

- At present the trains are still running (although this may be at different times to usual so never presume you know when the next train will pass)
- It is against the law to trespass on the railway and can result in a fine of £1000
- The Electricity is **ALWAYS** switched on around the railway
- Always **Stop, Look and Listen** before using a Level Crossing

You can access educational resources on rail safety via our website at :-

<https://www.networkrail.co.uk/communities/safety-in-the-community>

For younger children Network Rail created their 'Stay safe with Thomas' story book which you can download for free on www.networkrail.co.uk/Thomas

The link to our hard-hitting anti-trespass campaign is www.youvstrain.co.uk

Please note the last link is suitable only for children aged over 11 years old.



Remembrance Sunday



As you may have read in a previous letter sent out to you, there will be no Remembrance Service at the cenotaph this Sunday 8th November 2020. However, Wyre Borough Council have asked that people show their respect by standing on their doorstep at 11.00am to remember all those who have died for us.

It would be lovely to think of our school community joining as one to do this. So please, if you can, let's do this together on Sunday.

Thank you to Mrs Mylecraine and her son Thomas in Year 4 who very kindly agreed to lay the

wreath at the cenotaph on behalf of school this year. I met them there to take part in our own small school remembrance. It was lovely to talk to Thomas about the things he had been told about the war from members of his family and to tell him some of the things my family had shared with me!



Our Local Roadside Library

Thank you to Amelia and Mr and Mrs Parsons who have set up Thornton's own roadside library. It is such a lovely idea and all they are asking is that you borrow a book or two, sit down, relax and read.

I am sure they would not be opposed to some donations either, so if you have any books you no longer require, but think others would like to share them, then please bring them into school and we will pass them on.

Dream Big
READ!



A Huge Thank You

I would just like to thank our School Trust and the local Rotary Club for their wonderful donations to some of our Baines families over the last two weeks. We have been so delighted with the support from both these groups and the kindness that they have offered.

It is so wonderful that in these hard times, people are still prepared to share kindness and spread happiness to others.



Reminder for anyone Experiencing COVID-19 Symptoms

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), get a test as soon as possible. Stay at home until you get the result.

Main symptoms

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
 - **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
 - **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal
- Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

What to do if you have symptoms

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. You and anyone you live with should stay at home and not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test. Anyone in your support bubble should also stay at home if you have been in close contact with them since your symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they started.

Positive Test Result

You **MUST** contact the school as soon as possible if you have a **POSITIVE** COVID-19 test so that we can isolate those we need to isolate immediately.

Negative Test Result

You do not need to self isolate if your test is negative, as long as ;

- Everyone you live with who has symptoms tests negative
- Everyone in your support bubble who has symptoms tests negative
- You were not told to self isolate for 14 days by NHS Test and Trace - if you were, see what to do if you've been told you've been in contact with someone who has coronavirus
- You feel unwell - if you feel unwell, stay at home until you are feeling better.
- If you have diarrhoea or you're being sick, stay at home until 48 hours after they have stopped.

