

Newsletter

Friday 19th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This will be my final newsletter before the Easter holiday.

It has been a difficult term for everyone, but as always, I am so proud of the children and the way they have coped with being in and out of school.

I have loved walking along the corridor these last few weeks and talking to them as they move about school. Many of them stop and have a little chat and it warms my heart to think that these children have been nurtured by yourselves, encouraged by the school staff and are such vibrant little people, who are happy in themselves and confident in what they are doing. Long may it continue!

I would like to take this opportunity once again in thanking you all for your support and encouragement over the term and I wish each and everyone of you a very Happy Easter. I hope the weather turns out to be as good as the weather this time last year. I'm sure that would certainly help to raise our spirits!

Very best wishes.
Gill Finney.

Dates For Your Diary



22nd March - Parents' Evening - 4.30 - 6.30pm

24th March - Easter Lunch

24th March - Parents' Evening - 3.30 - 5.30pm

26th March 2021—Break up for Easter

12th April 2021—Return to school

19th April 2021 - Year 6 Height and Weight Checks

3rd May 2021 - May Day Holiday

Moving on

I wanted to inform you, before you see any teaching posts advertised, that Mr Jurczak will be leaving us at the end of the summer term. He has secured himself a KS2 teaching post in Kuwait and will begin the next stage of his teaching career there in September.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking him for all his work in school and for his excellent organisation of PE and I sincerely hope that he is very happy in his new post.

We also say goodbye to Miss Farnworth at the end of this term. Miss Farnworth has been covering Miss Bennett's maternity leave since September and I am sure the Reception class will miss her very much. Miss Farnworth will move on to teach the Reception class at a school in Freckleton after Easter and we wish her all the very best as she continues her career path.



Internet Safety



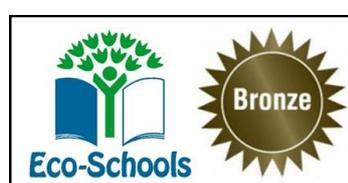
A letter has been sent out by Mr Leah inviting you to a zoom meeting, led by one of Lancashire Internet Safety Consultants.

We have organised this in relation to quite a lot of comments from parents and children about internet safety following the recent lockdown period.

As Mr Leah has stated in his letter, it is vitally important that there is representation from at least one parent from every family at this meeting to ensure that our children remain safe whilst online.

Welcome Back

After Easter, we welcome back Miss Bennett who will teach four days a week in the Reception Class. She has been visiting us already and getting to know the children and we are all looking forward to working with her once again.



Merit Assembly

Merit Winners—Well done Everyone!

Monday 8th March 2021

Both myself and the staff celebrated the achievements of the children who had either worked at home and/or at school over the lockdown. We are so very pleased with our children and hope that they will continue to work as hard during the rest of the year. Thank you to all the parents for their support at this time too.

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Reception— Harry Tucker and Oscar Haworth

Year 1— Amelia Booth and Fynlay Young

Year 2— Thea Hughes and Jessielea Winston

Year 3— Talia Markbride and Izzy Bray

Year 4— Isabella Slade and Alice Power

Year 5— Rhys Warwick, Cayden Lamb and Deacon Tostevin

Year 6— Chase Hatch and Amelia Nicholls

Headteacher Award - Freddie Rourke

Parentmail

The school is now working on a cashless system so just a reminder that all consent, promotional dinner choices and money payments will all take place via Parentmail only.

You will need to check this closely so that you do not miss any dates or deadlines as these cannot be extended. Unfortunately some children are unable to access an Easter lunch this year, as parents missed the deadline for this and the kitchen staff had already placed an order on the amount of take up there had been, by the deadline date. Apologies for this.

Parents' Evening

Just to let you all know that Parents' Evenings will take place on Monday 22nd March from 4.30 - 6.30pm and on Wednesday 24th March from 3.30 to 5.30pm.

These will follow the same theme as our Autumn consultations, which will all be conducted via telephone consultation.

You should now have heard from your class teacher and a time organised for you to be able to have a chat with them about the progress of your child.

If you have any problems with this, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher directly, who will try their very best to accommodate your needs, or contact the school office on 01253 823420.

School Uniform Reminder

Please could we remind you that the school uniform consists of :-

Sky blue polo shirt

Burgundy sweatshirt or cardigan

Grey trousers, shorts, pinafore or skirt

Grey socks

Grey tights

Black shoes

Pink checked dress for summer

White socks

Black, white or pink sandals



PE

Sky blue t-shirt

Burgundy shorts

Black tracksuit bottoms

Black pumps or trainers for outdoor PE

Hair that is shoulder length or longer **MUST** be tied up. Plain hair bands, slides and bobbles may be used.

At this time, we realise that some school shoes may be too small and that some children are wearing trainers because of this.

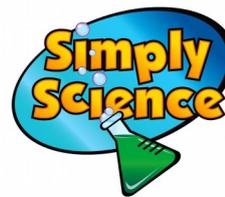
If you need any advice or support regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Face Masks



Face masks are for sale again from Parentpay if you are interested. They are £5.00 for 50 masks which is a very good price, so if you are interested, please make your purchase and they will be sent home to you through your child. Thank you.

Science Week



A great big thank you to Miss Farnworth for organising our Science week last week. The children all seemed to really enjoy the activities provided for them and I know there were lots of experiments taking place around school and some that are still ongoing and may take a few weeks to find answers to. Not all experiments give the answers we require immediately (as we all know), but this is wonderful for the children to recognise so early on in their lives!

Thank you so much everyone for a wonderful week!

Thank you also to everyone who took part in the Science Selfie competition. All children who entered were awarded a cream egg this morning and the winners of the competition were announced. They all received an Easter egg for their efforts and the winners are :-

Reception - Freddie Rourke

Year 1 - Holly Benyon

Year 2 - Will Shaw

Year 3 - Poppy Heyes

Year 4 - Emma Rolfe

Year 5 - Treasure Igiebor

Year 6 - Nathan Hart

Well done everyone!



This is science because....



I made the iron filings sparkle in the flame. Just like a bonfire night sparkler!

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doubt,
visit your
LIBRARY

A Plea for More Home School Reading

I appreciate that times have been difficult for many families over the last year, but hopefully things are looking a little more bright as we move towards the summer term.

The children have been back in school nearly two weeks now and we are finding, as we found previously, that a great number of children have not read at home and are still not reading at home.

Reading is a vital skill that is required to access many things in our lives - labels on products, signposts, information, the enjoyment of losing yourself in a good novel, a job advertisement or job application form and much, much more.

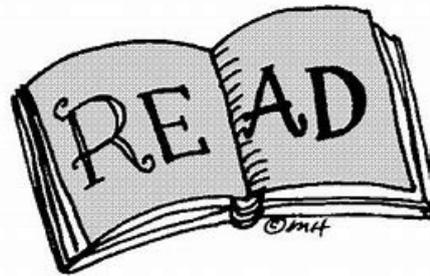
Some of our children desperately need these skills nurturing both at home and in school. We are all doing what we can in school - we have daily readers in all classrooms - these range from four children to thirteen children depending which year group we are looking at, but even though we are picking up these children who have no additional help at home, they are certainly falling behind their peers without the additional support that only you, as parents, can give.

Children are aware of where they are in comparison to their friends and this can cause additional anxiety for these children. With just five to ten minutes of support everyday, this can change and make such a huge difference to the lives of the children we care so much about and whom we want so desperately to succeed in life.

My request to you all then is this. Please give some of your time freely to your children every evening. Read something your child is interested in - that may be a newspaper, magazine, comic, fiction or non fiction book or their school reading book. Take an interest in what they are reading about. Read it with your child and discuss it, set an example to your child by reading in front of them and discussing your book with them, showing how easy it is to enjoy a novel at any age. Read signposts together, ask them to read the signposts for you to navigate your journey, read labels in shops together, read advertising posters and anything else you can find!

Please, please support us in our mission to ensure that every child at our school is given the opportunities they are so deserving of to flourish both now and in the future.

The **MORE** that you **READ**,
the more **THINGS** you will **KNOW**.
The **MORE** you **LEARN**,
the more **PLACES** you'll **GO!**
~ Dr. Seuss



We desperately need your help and support.

Just some Reminders about Drop off and Collection Please

May I just remind everyone that **ONLY ONE** parent or guardian may drop children off and collect them at the end of the day. This is to ensure that we reduce the amount of adults on our school grounds and therefore reduce transmission of Covid-19. We will start asking people to leave the grounds if we see this from now on.

We are also finding that many parents are arriving early for drop off and collection and therefore there is congestion at some of the gates whilst people who have arrived earlier are leaving. May I remind you that you must leave the school grounds as soon as your child has entered school and you should only be arriving at the time your child should be entering or leaving. We are desperately trying to keep everyone safe still and we can only do this if you work with us to ensure that the times given for each class are adhered to.

Finally, there should be no dogs on the school premises for health and safety reasons. You will be asked to leave if you bring dogs onto school property. Thank you for your understanding and support with this.



Scarlett

Scarlett continues to make progress thanks to your donations last term. She has sent us a thank you card.