

Dear Parents / Carers,

Oh dear - it was rather a wet half term, but we were pleased to hear that many of the children got out and about regardless.

We are praying for a dry spell now as many of you may have noticed how high the dyke is at Station Road and that it has actually flooded our field at the moment! I was concerned on Monday night that school may be flooded on Tuesday, but fortunately we were alright!

Autumn is certainly here and our little hedgehog friend, who was very kindly donated to us by the Longworth family, has now hibernated in our quad. The children won't be able to wait to see him again!

As the weather is so unpredictable, please ensure that your child brings the correct clothes to school to keep them warm and dry whilst outside at playtime and lunchtime and also whilst working outdoors.

And finally, if you are planning on celebrating Bonfire Night tonight, have a wonderful time and stay safe



Many thanks.  
 Gill Finney,  
 Headteacher.



## Dates For Your Diary

- 5th Nov - Football Tournament
- 9th Nov - Sportshall Athletics - Millfield - 2pm
- 11th Nov - Nasal Flu Vaccinations
- 14th Nov - Cenotaph - KS2 children
- 16th Nov - Bikeability - Year 6
- 19th Nov - Children in Need Day - support Pudsey!
- 23rd Nov - Bikeability - Year 6
- 26th Nov - Non Uniform in support of Thornton Lights
- 30th Nov - Thornton Lights Switch On - 4pm
- 3rd Dec - Sponsored Bounce - organised by FOB
- 6th Dec - KS1 Dress Rehearsal Christmas Performance - 2pm - school to watch
- 7th Dec - Christmas Performance - 9.15am - Year 2 parents
- 8th Dec - Christmas Performance - 9.15am - Year 1 parents
- 9th Dec - Christmas Performance - 9.15am - Reception parents
- 9th Dec - Carol Concert at St Johns Church for Years 3 and 5 - 2pm
- 10th Dec - Carol Concert at St Johns Church for Years 4 and 6 - 2pm
- 13th Dec - Years 5/6 Party Day - own clothes
- 14th Dec - Years 3/4 Party Day - own clothes
- 15th Dec - KS1 Party Day - own clothes
- 17th Dec - Break up for Christmas holiday

All dates made are PROVISIONAL depending on Government Guidelines and many of the activities that would usually take place in the Autumn term, may not go ahead.

This is purely to keep our school community safe. We will keep you as informed as we can. Please check dates on every newsletter as dates are always added. New dates will be in red.



## Reception on-line Applications

Parents are still able to access the on-line admission form for Reception places for September 2022. This can be accessed through [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools). Closing date for Reception places—15th January 2022 and dates for offers 18th April 2022.

## Merit Winners—Well done Everyone!

Friday 5th November 2021



Reception— Alfie Chapman, Charlotte Shotton and Jacob Ross

Year 1— Sebastian Wilson and Peter Chieffo

Year 2— Max Helm and Amber Butler

Year 3— Noah Ingham and Kaison Palmer

Year 4— Jasmine Bramley and Billie Butler

Year 5— Charlie Probin and Madison Whitham

Year 6— Isaac Smith and Jessica McIlvennie

Headteacher's Award— Barnaby Brooks

Housepoints - Romans

## Places Available

Just to let you know that we have 2 places available in Year 1 and one place in Year 3. If you know of anyone wanting a place or who is moving into the area, please let them know. Many thanks.

## Christmas Celebrations

As you already know, figures for Covid are high in Wyre at the moment and we want to play our part in keeping everyone as safe as possible.

However, at the same time, we want to try and ensure that everyone is able to join in our Christmas festivities this year as well and we know how much you all look forward to sharing these special times with the children.

Therefore, in order for this to successfully go ahead, we are proposing that the KS1 Christmas production takes place over three days, commencing at 9.15am - please see diary dates overleaf. Each day will be available for two parents to come and watch their child from the three different year groups. The chairs will be placed in twos, with a space around them and we would require all visitors to wear masks on entering the school and only take them off when you have exited through the front door.

This will be the same for the KS2 Carol Concerts which will take place at 2pm on Thursday 9th and Friday 10th December 2021. You will be required to only sit with one other member of your household and there will be spaces between each couple. Parents will be required to wear masks at all times in the church.

Once the Carol Concert has finished, you may take your child home with you. Any remaining children, will be escorted back to school with the staff. As these events are going to have to be so carefully organised, we have tried to give you as much time as possible to change work arrangements, as we are unable to offer alternative days to people. We do hope you will support us in this matter.



## Children in Need



We thought it would be a lovely idea to support Children in Need this year again, so on Friday 19th November 2021 we would like children to either attend school dressed in their own clothes or in Pudsey outfits or wearing Pudsey accessories. The children all certainly enjoy this.

## Non Uniform Day

In order to support the fund raising for the Thornton Christmas Lights, we would like to hold yet another non uniform Day on Friday 26th November. The money raised for the lights will be match funded and this will ensure that our Thornton Christmas Lights continue for years to come. For both of these events, please donate via Parentmail.

## Bags for Schools

Just a reminder that the Bags for Schools need to be here by Thursday 11th November. Please have a sort out of unwanted clothes, shoes, bedding, towels etc... as this all helps us raise money for the children in our school to benefit from. Many thanks for your support.

## Crazy Hair Day

Thank you for your support - we raised £131.29. That's great news and all adds up to help fund trips.

## Medical and Dental Appointments

A letter was sent out to all parents yesterday regarding medical and dental appointments. Please read this letter and where possible, provide evidence of these appointments. Many thanks for your understanding in this matter.

## Sunday Remembrance Service

Thank you to the KS2 children who have agreed to come along and walk in the procession for the Sunday Service on 14th November 2021 at Four Lane Ends.

Please meet with me and the other staff in the Little Theatre car park at 10.15am and also wear something warm as it is cold standing there for over an hour.

If you would still like to join us, then please send in your permission slip before Friday 12th November 2021.

If you do not want to walk with us as a school, then please try to come along and support this service.



## Flu Vaccinations

The deadline for signing your child up for a flu vaccination was yesterday 04.11.21. However the original request did say that if any parent is struggling to consent/decline online, they are more than welcome to call the team on 01253 951984 and one of the staff will do their best to help.

## Poppies for Sale



We are selling poppies in school everyday. Year 6 children will be selling these every afternoon and will visit each classroom so there will be ample opportunity for your child to make their donation.

We would request that a donation of a least 50p could be given for this very worthy cause please.

Other merchandise will be on sale next week too.

These will include poppy wristbands, zip pulls, poppy reflectors as well as rulers. They range in price from 50p to £1.50

## Forgotten Items

Just a reminder that any forgotten items in a morning should be brought into school named and left on the trolley in the foyer area. These will then be collected by the Office staff or TA staff in school and taken to the classroom for your child.

Many thanks with your support in this matter.

## Bumped Heads

At lunchtime, we have a system where Mrs Day, our lunchtime supervisor, will call parents if your child has had a bumped head. Unfortunately, she is not always able to contact a parent straight away as they are unavailable and so she will leave a message for you. We are asking all parents to please check their phones between 12 noon and 1.15pm so that they receive these voicemails and are able to hear the message rather than calling school back.

Obviously, if it was urgent, we would continue to try to contact you.

## Year 2 Cake Sale

Year 2 will be holding a cake sale during morning break on Thursday 11th November. This is to raise funds for their very exciting trip to The Chill Factor in December, which links with their topic this term of Lapland.

If your child wishes to buy a cake, then they will need to bring money into school that morning. Cakes will be priced at 50p with a maximum spend of £1.00. Any left over cakes at the end of the day will be sold on the playground.



## Toys in School

The Key Stage 1 staff have asked me to mention that children should not be bringing toys into school. The reason for this is that they are taken out at break time and subsequently broken and then the children are very upset about this. It has always been our school policy that toys remain at home so they stay safe.

Many thanks.





## Welcome back to Outdoor Learning

As the weather turns chilly, please remember to bring appropriate clothing and always remember that spare pair of socks - just in case!

Well done to Year 5 for entering the Morrisons Pumpkin Competition entitled 'What are you grateful for this Autumn?'

