



# Newsletter

Friday 13th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to another busy term. We have lots on offer for the children to participate in, including some great clubs for them to join, before and after school and some at lunchtime, which you can see later on in the newsletter.

Please try to encourage your child to participate in at least one of these over the course of the week as it opens up so many opportunities for the children.

On another note, we still have some children coming to school without a coat. Please ensure your child brings one everyday as getting wet whilst only wearing a school jumper or cardigan is not pleasant, but they do not want to miss playing outdoors with their friends.

Many thanks for your support

Best wishes.

Mrs Gill Finney  
Headteacher

## Dates For Your Diary

Please check dates on every newsletter as new dates are **always** added. New dates will be printed in **red**.

19th Jan - Year 5 Team at Fleetwood High Maths Challenge - 4.30 - 6pm

26th Jan - Year 3 Ancient Britain Workshop - 1 - 3.20pm

23rd Jan - Year 6 Bikeability

25th Jan - Years 5 and 6 Sportshall Athletics

30th Jan - Year 6 Bikeability

1st Feb - Young Voices in Manchester

8th Feb - KS1 Football Tournament - pm

8th Feb - Swimming Gala - pm

10th Feb - Close for half term at 3.20pm

20th Feb - School re-opens - 8.45am

21st Feb - Year 6 Crucial Crew in Fleetwood

20th March - Year 3 Trip to Martin Mere

27th March - Book Week

20th March - Parents' Evening - 4-7pm

22nd March - Parents' Evening - 4-7pm

31st March - School closes for Easter - 3.20pm

17th April - School re-opens - 8.45am

8th May - Bank holiday

8th May - SATS Week

11th May - Class Photographs - am

11th May - Years 5 and 6 Netball at Stanley Park - pm

11th May - Induction Meeting for new parents - 6pm

22nd May - Arts Week - Ludas Dance

23rd May - Keith Parkinson - Artist

24th May - Ludas Dance

25th May - Minshall Music - Plastic Brass Day

26th May - Blackpool Circus School

26th May - End of term

6th June- Return to school - 8.45am

22nd June - Orienteering at Lytham Hall - pm

26th June - Health Week

6th July - Class swap

11th July - Year 6 Performance - 1.30pm

12th July - Year 6 Performance - 6pm

13th July - Class Swap

## Places Available

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

They will then need to contact The Admissions Team on 01524581112, where arrangements will be made for you.

## Reception On-Line Applications

Parents are now able to access the on-line admission forms for Reception places for September 2023. This can be accessed through [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools).

**Closing dates for Reception places—15th January 2023.**

Please apply in plenty of time.



**Merit Winners—Well done Everyone!**  
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Reception - Violet Jackson and Lila Vernon

Year 1 - Kyra Rose and Penelope Lavery

Year 2 - Freddie Burbridge and Lincoln Smith

Year 3 - Joshua Bradley and Izzy Sugden

Year 4 - Katie Tebay and Noah Ingham

Year 5 - Michael Johnston and Riley Smith

Year 6 - Isaac Wilson and Vincent Macphee

Headteacher Award - Audrey Macphee

Kindness Award - Isaac Edwards

Lunchtime Awards - Evelyn Aspden and Emily Cookson

Attendance - Years 4.5 and 6

Housepoints - Normans

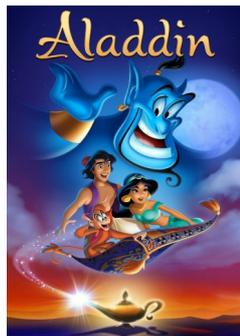
**The Grand Theatre Pantomime**

We have managed to secure tickets again for The Grand Theatre Pantomime in Blackpool. This will take place on Thursday 7th December at 10.15am.

We have booked early for two reasons. The first being that we felt it was better for the children to attend in the morning rather than arriving late back to school and secondly, it gives you plenty of time to pay for the tickets as we will organise for you to be able to pay on a monthly basis. (For obvious reasons, this will not apply to the current Year 6 children).

The cost of the trip with the ticket and transport costs will be £20.00.

Please inform the office by Friday 20th January 2023 if you do not want your child to attend. However, we would really love it if everyone could and we are then able to celebrate Christmas in true Aladdin Pantomime style altogether!



**NUT ALLERGY IN SCHOOL**

We have children in Reception and Years 2, 3 and 4 who have a nut allergy, which, as I am sure you will know, can be very dangerous for them.

Because of this, I am politely asking that children who bring packed lunches are aware of this and that parents try as much as possible **NOT** to include any foods which contain nuts of any type and this includes things like Bakewell Tarts which have almond paste in them. Please be aware of the contents of all foods put in lunch boxes by checking the ingredients on the food packaging. If your child is particularly partial to nuts, then please save these for home.

Reception, Year 2, 3 and 4 parents need to also be aware that any boxes brought in for modelling should not have contained nuts either as this can be a trigger too.

**Congratulations**

Katie has only attended one training session at Clifton Rangers FC and she has already been signed to the Under 10 Girls' team!

Well done Katie - we are so very proud of you!





## Internet Safety

Internet safety is one of our biggest worries in school at the moment, with children playing on inappropriate games and accessing inappropriate material.

Unfortunately, when this is the case, the children present behaviours that are often not appropriate in school and find themselves being reprimanded when they actually do not realise they have done anything wrong. This is because they are being influenced by what they are seeing and accessing on devices at home.

When children as young as six are accessing Squidgame and Call of Duty in their everyday lives, they do not realise that the violence seen in these is not something that we bring into our schools and playgrounds. It is not their fault and therefore we ask, once again, that only appropriate material is accessed by children in all year groups to ensure they remain children for as long as possible.

Not only are we finding issues with such specific game playing, but we have previously had some children being targeted by random strangers whilst playing internet games.

Please ensure that you are regularly monitoring what your child is accessing and who they are talking to and, if nothing else, please put in place **PARENTAL CONTROLS**.

Here are two QR codes which will take you to websites explaining more about the importance of online safety and the reasons behind this. Again, we ask that you spend some time reading these and absorbing the content in order to keep your child safe at all times.

Thank you for your support.

## YGAM for Parents

The Young Gamers and Gambling Education Trust are available if parents need any support or advice.

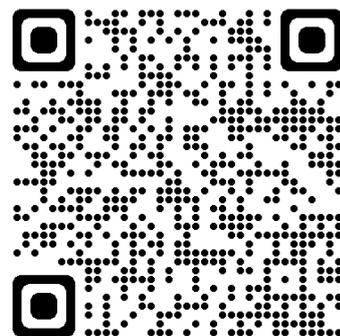
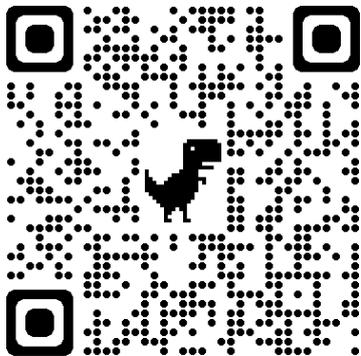
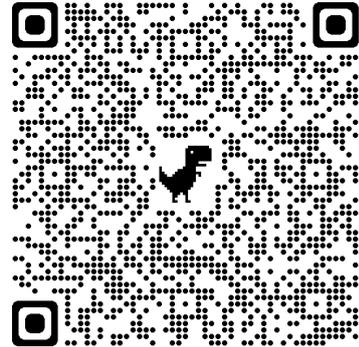
If you are concerned about your child's use of video games and gambling sites (including spending money to get 'pot luck' additional packs on common games), then the YGAM for parents website has lots of really useful support.

Please take a look at this as it could prove to be very useful to you.

## NSPCC Parental Blocks - How to do this

We have had parents asking us how to ensure that their children are unable to access inappropriate content on their mobile phones.

Here is a QR code which will take you to the NSPCC website where you will find all sorts of information about this and where it will take you through the steps of ensuring your child is safe whilst using their mobile phone unsupervised. I hope this helps.



## Flu Outbreak

As I am sure you are aware, there are many people in our community who are ill from Covid or the flu. We have had a high number of absences from children and staff alike in the first two weeks of term, mainly related to these illnesses.

It is important as a school community, that we take the advice of the professionals to keep everyone safe.

Below are comments made from Health Professionals which we have been advised to share with you as parents and carers.

### **Prof Susan Hopkins, Chief medical Adviser at UKHSA, said:**

"It's important to minimise the spread of infection in schools and other education and childcare settings as much as possible. If your child is unwell and has a fever, they should stay home from school or nursery until they feel better, and the fever has resolved.

"Helping children to learn about the importance of good hand hygiene is also key, so practice regular handwashing at home with soap and warm water. Catching coughs and sneezes in tissues then binning them is another simple way to help stop illness from spreading.

"Adults should also try to stay home when unwell and if you do have to go out, wear a face covering. When unwell don't visit healthcare settings unless urgent or visit vulnerable people.

"Remember that flu vaccination is still available for all eligible groups and is the best protection against the virus. We have seen good uptake in older age groups but vaccination among young children remains low. Flu can be very unpleasant and, in some cases, can lead to more serious illness. Getting your child vaccinated protects them and those they come into contact with and it's still not too late."

### **Dr Merav Kliner, UKHSA North West Deputy Director, said:**

"As we see more cases of flu across the North West, we can all play a part in reducing infections spreading by following simple measures. It is important to remember that catching flu or other infections for more vulnerable people can be far more serious.

"Taking sensible measures to stop bugs spreading is something we all can and should do. These include practicing good hygiene, taking up vaccinations when offered and not mixing with vulnerable other people when you are poorly yourself."

Children eligible for the vaccine include:

- Children aged 2 and 3 on 31 August 2022
  - All primary school-aged children
- Some secondary school-aged children

More information about flu vaccinations for children is available [here](#).

Please follow the advice above and do not send your child into school if they are unwell, in order to protect the other children and staff.

Many thanks for your support with this.