

Newsletter

Friday 19th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well it really has been a very busy first few weeks back with everyone working hard and lots of important decisions made.

The children were able to meet the prospective Headteachers on Tuesday 9th January during three separate assemblies. The School Council were then given the job of asking those very important questions in order to secure the right person for our school.

As you now know, Mr Michael Lees has been appointed as our new Headteacher and I am sure you will all support him in his new role after Easter. I know he is looking forward to working here with all the children, staff and parents and I wish him all the very best on the next step of his career path.

As always, best wishes.
Mrs Gill Finney,
Headteacher.



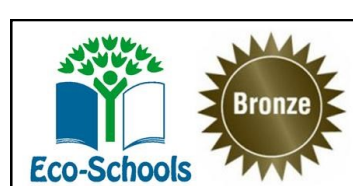
Friday Celebrations

We really enjoy celebrating the children's successes on a Friday morning with you all, as this means that your child has worked or tried incredibly hard at something and deserves recognition of this. You will be informed of this by Wednesday of that week, so that you are given time to arrange to celebrate with us. However, on a Friday, other achievements are awarded, such as a Headteacher Award, a Kindness Award, Lunchtime Awards and Reader and Writer of the Week for each class. We do not invite the parents of these children in as sometimes these are only decided on Friday morning, but please rest assured that Readers and Writers of the week have excelled in something in these areas and the children will have been told about it.

Dates For Your Diary

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

- 25.01.24 - Year 5 Maths Challenge - Fleetwood High - 4.30pm
- 01.02.24 - Anti-Bullying Ambassador Training in school - pm
- 01.02.24 - Bingo Night - 6pm
- 02.02.24 - Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight checks in school
- 05.02.24 - Anne Frank Workshop for Year 5
- 06.02.24 - Young Voices in Manchester - 12.30pm
- 07.02.24 - Anne Frank Workshop for Year 5
- 26.02.24 - Rev Katie Assembly - am
- 04.03.24 - Start of Book Week
- 05.03.24 - Governor Afternoon in school
- 18.03.24 - Parents Evening - 3.30 - 6.30pm
- 20.03.24 - Parents Evening - 3.30 - 6.30pm
- 22.03.24 - Non Uniform Day
- 27.03.24 - Easter Disco - 6pm
- 28.03.24 - Break up for Easter
- 15.04.24 - Start of the new term
- 09.05.24 - Class Photographs
- 09.05.24 - Induction Evening for new Reception Parents
- 13.05.24 - Year 6 SATS Week
- 20.05.24 - Arts Week
- 22.05.24 - Blue Moose Dance Company all day
- 23.05.24 - Blue Moose Dance Company all day
- 24.06.24 - Health Week- Sports Cool Inflatable Day
- 25.06.24 - Governor Afternoon
- 27.06.24 - Curling Day
- 27.06.24 - KS2 Sports Day - am
- 27.06.24 - KS1 Sports Day - pm
- 04.07.24 - Class Swap - am
- 09.07.24 - Year 6 Performance - 1.30pm
- 10.07.24 - Year 6 Performance - 6pm
- 11.07.24 - Class Swap - am
- 12.07.24 - Reports to parents



Merit Winners—Well done Everyone!

Friday 12th January 2024

Reception - Mila Kaluznyj and Poppy Hilton

Year 1 - Violet Jackson and Erika Ingham

Year 2 - Miley Watson and Oscar Cliff

Year 3 - Luca Del Piano and Soraya Hunte

Year 4 - Alice Aitchison and Kai Smith

Year 5 - Jason Terrington and Thea Hughes

Year 6 - Grace Thorpe and Savannah Burford

Headteacher Award - Year 2

Housepoints - Romans

Kindness - Jamie-Anne Smalley

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Reception - Aurora Preston and Margot Smith

Year 1 - Louie Gothard

Year 2 - Elbie Collinge and Henry Buckley

Year 3 - Toby Breakell

Year 4 - Joshua Cookson and Izzy Sugden

Year 5 - Riley Bradshaw and Charlie Wilson

Year 6 - Michael Johnston and Jasmine Bramley

Headteacher Award - Max Helm and Olivia Buckley

Housepoints - Danes

Kindness - Gabriella Armstrong

Attendance - Reception

Places Available

Just to let you know that we have places available in Years 3, 4 and 5. If you know of anyone wanting a place, please let them know. They will then need to contact The Admissions Team on 01524 581112.

Goodbye and Good Luck

We say goodbye to Miss Hill at the end of this half term. She is staying in education, but is furthering her career by working in a very different educational environment. We wish Miss Hill all the very best as she moves on from us and will miss all her hard work in school.

GOODBYE!

A Polite Reminder

Children do need to have removed all nail polish from fingers ready for Monday in school please. Children need to be wearing shoes in school, not boots, but they are more than welcome to travel to school in boots or wellies during inclement weather. They also do need to bring a coat, as well as a cardigan or jumper everyday as they do play out in all weathers! Many thanks for your support.

Congratulations

James Elson in Year 4 ran 5K for charity on Saturday 6th January 2024 as the family are raising money for and awareness of Battens disease.

James was fantastic and completed the run under 30 minutes which really is something to be proud of. Well done James - I am so very proud of you and pleased that you are raising money for such a worthy cause.



A Novelty in Thornton SNOW!



Help at Home

Last week in school we had our Pupil Progress meetings, where we get together and discuss the children in each class. Each teacher we spoke to was concerned about the lack of reading and homework completed at home. As a school we try as hard as we can to hear all the children read who do not get any extra support at home. At the moment that means that these children read for a few minutes everyday in school, but this is becoming more and more difficult to manage with the large amount of children needing this additional support.

We understand the difficulties of working and running a home, but we ask that you will try hard to support us in this, in order to ensure that your child receives the best chance of success in the future. If you could hear your child read and then write in your child's reading diary, this would be of tremendous support. Giving your child the chance to discuss their reading book with you and to tell you what has happened so far in the story will help them with the important skill of comprehension. They need to understand what they are reading just as much as being able to read the words.

Completion of homework is a wonderful way of consolidating the concepts they have learnt in school. This is a great way of ensuring that they have 'sticky' knowledge - knowledge that they learn and then are able to recall at a later date.

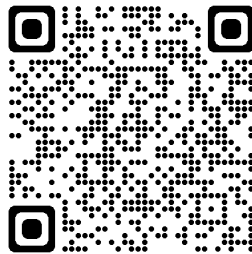
Below are some QR codes which will take you to articles and interesting sites to help you with your child's reading and homework. **Please** do take the time to have a look at these in order to support your child's academic achievements.

Many thanks for your continuing support as always.

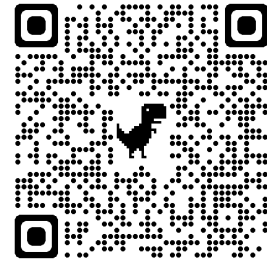
15 ways to encourage your child to read at home



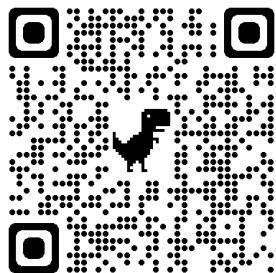
The Book Trust



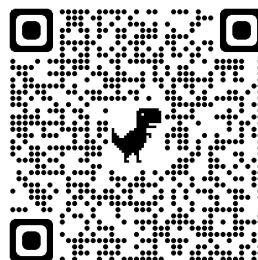
How to help your child learn to read



Get your child reading



Supporting learning at home



How can I support my child with homework?

