



NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2022

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A small school with a big heart



Star of the Week Class 1

Eva: for amazing determination with letter writing!

Sam: for a super effort trying hard with phonics!

Star of the Week Class 2

Charlie: for a fantastic goalkeeping display at the football tournament.

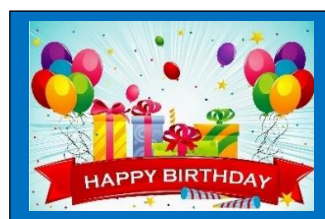
Josh: for working hard to complete his work to the best of his ability.



Big Hearts are awarded to:

James S: for a continued kind and caring attitude to all – you are a superstar!

Lucy: for always going the extra mile with her homework.



Happy birthday to Henry S and Cara, who will be turning 6 and 9!

Notices

Important workshop for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents: on Wednesday 5 October at 3pm in the school hall, Miss Hawkins will be holding a workshop on phonics and reading. Miss Hawkins will explain how you can help your little ones as they begin their exciting reading journey, and how to support and develop the reading journey for children in Year 1 and Year 2! Reading is an incredibly vital skill to support learning across all areas of school. The hall will be laid out to demonstrate the reading journey children go on from Reception Class through to Year 2. This is a really important workshop, we hope to see many of you there.

Good news! Mrs Gornall has undergone her operation and is recovering well. Mrs Byrne has had a baby boy called Bertie. We wish them both well and look forward to seeing them soon.

Reception photo: this will take place on Tuesday 27 September. Please send children in to school in their uniforms, with their PE kits in a separate bag.

School photos: the proofs and order forms have been sent home. Please send any orders and the payment required (cheques payable to Mel Jones Photography Ltd) back to school before 29 September. The orders will be collected, and any placed after 29 September will incur a postage

charge of £4.00. If anyone did not receive a photograph of their child, please contact the office as soon as possible.

Fines for holidays in term time: just a reminder that from the date of the letter sent home last term (18 July 2022), holidays taken during term time, where the circumstances are not exceptional, will incur a fine of £120 per parent per child. The fines are issued by Lancashire County Council.

Canal trip: Class One are off on an exciting trip on a canal barge on Lancaster Canal on Wednesday 12 October. Forms have been sent home today.

Community library: Miss Hawkins is launching a community library, where parents and parishioners will be able to pop a book in the library cupboard and take another one away with them. She is hoping to find a volunteer with joinery skills who would be able to help. If you can offer help, please contact the office or Miss Hawkins directly on Seesaw.

Visit from Senior Parliamentary Education Officer: on Thursday 29 September we will be receiving a visit from Rachael Dodgson who works at the Houses of Parliament and is coming to talk to the children about how democracy works in our country.

Flu consent forms: the link to the consent form for the flu nasal vaccinations was emailed out this week. Please complete it as soon as possible if you wish your child to be vaccinated. The vaccinations will take place in November. You can access the consent form here:

1. Please use the following link to access the online consent form: www.bthimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu
2. Please quote the unique school code. The code for your school is BP119619

Please complete the online consent form for both consent / no consent giving reasons.

Please inform the School Vaccination Team (Not School) of the following on

Blackpool, Wyre & Fylde: 01253 951984
Lancaster & Morecambe: 01524 406672

- If your child has steroid tablets prescribed two weeks prior to vaccination.
- If in the few days prior to vaccination your child has been wheezy.
- If consent is received and you take your child to your GP surgery to receive the vaccination.

It is your responsibility to contact the school vaccination team to ensure they do not receive the immunisation again.

Charges: a reminder of charges for our new offerings ... Music lessons are £2 (group) and £7 (individual). Morning drop-off at 8.30am is £1. After-school club is £4 until 4.30pm and £7 until 5.30pm. School dinners are £2.50 per meal.

Payments to school: school dinners, music lessons, morning drop-off and after-school club charges will be invoiced to you at the end of each month. Please pay by bank transfer wherever possible. Details will be on the invoice. Please use your child's name as the reference.

Packed lunch days: our new exciting school dinners are now up and running. As you are aware, the dinners are transported from the kitchen of another school. There are three dates this year when their kitchens will not be open due to inset days taking place. On those days we would ask

that you send your children to school with a packed lunch. The dates are: **3 January 2023, 4 January 2023 and 26 May 2023**. We will issue reminders nearer the time.

The Week Ahead

Monday 26 September	Class Two PE
Tuesday 27 September	Reception photograph Class One PE
Wednesday 28 September	Last day to return school photo orders Class Two PE
Thursday 29 September	Visit from Rachael Dodgson Class One PE
Friday 30 September	Class One Forest school enrichment club until 4.30pm Class Two Lego coding enrichment club until 4.30pm

Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 12 October	Class One canal trip
Tuesday 18 October	Macmillan charity music concert 2pm. All children will be performing, including our new instrumentalists.
Friday 21 October	School closes at 3.30pm for half term

We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine...

Loving God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world that, in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity to our sisters and brothers in need.

May we walk in your ways, so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend and we'll see you on Monday...