



A small school with a big heart

NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 13 JANUARY 2023

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Stars of the Week Class 1

Millie: for her determination with spelling. Wow!

Sam: for fabulous segmenting and blending!

Stars of the Week Class 2

Harrison and Maya: for a brilliant start in Class 2. Well done, you two!



Big Hearts are awarded to:

Eva: for looking out for others all the time. Wow!

Oliver: for making an excellent start to the new school term! Keep it up!

NOTICES

Applications for primary school places: just a reminder that places must be applied for through Lancashire County Council (<http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools>). Applications close at 11.59pm on 15 January 2023.

PE days: please could children come to school on PE days dressed in their kit with their school jumper over the top. Many thanks.

Year 4 visit to Burnley Youth Theatre: as part of the Schools Linking Project, Year 4 will accompany their counterparts at Deepdale Community Primary School to Burnley Youth Theatre during the school day on **Monday 23 January 2023**. They will be transported by minibus with Mr and Mrs Gilmour. All children attending will need a packed lunch that day, please.

Reception and Year 6 health checks: just a reminder that if you do not wish your child to take part in these checks, or in the Year 6 well-being questionnaire, please opt out using the details on the letters that were sent home.

December invoices: have gone out by email. Please could all payments be made by bank transfer. Bank details are on the invoices. Many thanks.

Extra bank holiday: school will be closed on **Monday 8 May 2023** to mark the coronation of King Charles III.

Term time holiday: just a reminder that we cannot authorise holidays in term time unless the circumstances are deemed to be exceptional. LCC will issue penalty notices where unauthorised absences reach the necessary threshold.

Parent Governor vacancy: we have a vacancy for a parent governor. If you are interested or wish to find out more, please let us know. We will then organise an election for the position.

Packed lunch day: As you are aware, the dinners are transported from the kitchen of another school. There is one remaining date this year when their kitchens will not be open due to inset days taking place. On 26 May 2023 we would ask that you send your children to school with a packed lunch. We will issue reminders nearer the time.

The Week Ahead

Monday 16 January	Class Two PE
Tuesday 17 January	Music lessons, choir and band with Mr Warren Class One PE Band practice 3.30–4.30
Wednesday 18 January	Class One Forest School 3.30–4.30 Class Two Multi Skills 3.30–4.30 Table Tennis event at GCA 4–5pm
Thursday 19 January	Class Two PE (Yrs 5 & 6 curling 1-3pm) Class One PE Years 2–6 Musical Theatre 3.30–4.30pm Class One Lego Coding 3.30–4.30pm

Dates for your Diary

Monday 23 January	Year 4 visit to Burnley Youth Theatre: packed lunch needed
Thursday 26 January	Friends of Claughton meeting in school: time TBC
Monday 30 January	Reception and Year 6 height and weight checks, and Year 6 well-being questionnaire (if you wish to, please opt out using the details on the letter)
Friday 10 February	School finishes for half term 3.30pm
Monday 20 February	INSET DAY: children at home
Tuesday 21 February	School reopens
Friday 17 March	Non-uniform for Easter Bingo
Friday 24 March	Easter Bingo: details to follow
Friday 31 March	School closes for Easter at 1.30pm

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. See you on Monday!