



A small school with a big heart

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back to school! We have a lovely spring term planned...

NOTICES

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

Curling: Year 5 and 6 children have started their curling sessions at The Flower Bowl on a Thursday from 1 to 3pm. This will continue until the end of the half term.

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.

Residential for Year 5/6: A residential trip for Year 5/6 pupils to Tower Wood Outdoor Adventure Centre in the Lake District has been booked for July 2023 – information for parents will go out next week.

Linking Network trip for Year 4: Year 4 children will be going on a trip to the Burnley Youth Theatre as part of our school link with Deepdale Primary School in Preston, on Monday 23 January 2023. Information for parents will be sent out next week.

Preston North End Half-Time Penalties: Seven Year 5/6 pupils have been selected to take part in the half-time penalty shoot-out against our sister school St Francis, on Saturday 28 January 2023. This also includes tickets for the match, at home to Coventry City. The seven names were picked out of a hat and the information has gone home today.

The Week Ahead

Monday 9 January	Class Two PE
Tuesday 10 January	Music lessons, choir and band with Mr Warren Class One PE Band practice 3.30–4.30
Wednesday 11 January	Class One Forest School 3.30–4.30 Class Two Multi Skills 3.30–4.30
Thursday 12 January	Class Two PE (Yrs 5 & 6 curling) Class One PE Class One virtual visit from Amelia Earhart Years 2–6 Musical Theatre 3.30–4.30pm Class One Teacher-led club 3.30–4.30pm
Friday 13 January	Class Two virtual visit from a caveman

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!