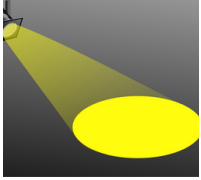




BALSHAW LANE NEWSLETTER



Spotlight this week on Science

Reception: We have been exploring the school grounds looking for seasonal change.

Year 1: We have been learning about our five senses, this week focusing on our sense of hearing.

Year 2: We have been investigating if we can change the shape of solid objects by twisting, stretching, squashing and bending.

Year 3: We have been learning about fossils and the fossil enthusiast Mary Anning.

Year 4: We have been learning about the water cycle and acting out the process in groups.

Year 5: We have been looking at properties of materials and planned an investigation into the most effective thermal insulators.

Year 6: We have been planning our own investigations into the affects of exercise on heart rate.

Assembly this week...

In assembly on Monday we continued to think about our School Value for this term - HONESTY. We played a game of truth or lie and then discussed how it is so important to be honest and tell the truth when we do something wrong. It is always best to own up and be honest.

Our Aspire Skill for this half term is SELF-BELIEF. We are continuing to promote this with our children and encourage them to believe in themselves.

Our star of the week certificates are given out for children showing our focused school value and aspire skill.



In Mrs Ashworth's KS1 and Mr Woodrow's KS2 Picture News assembly the children explored the question:



Messages

Christmas Productions

Please see emails sent out regarding tickets.

We are pleased to say that everyone who asked for extra tickets for the Y1/2 production have been allocated them.

We are always here.

Please remember that we are always here to answer any questions or queries. I am more than happy for you to catch me at the gate or give me call/email. Teachers can be contacted via Dojo or on the gate at home-time. If you wonder why something has changed or why we have made a decision, we are always happy to explain. We do value your opinions and do our best to take your points on board. Many thanks.

Team Points

This week our team point winners were:
UNICORNS



Out of School Care

Thank you to everyone who completed the online questionnaire about demand for before and after school club. We have collated numbers and our next step is a finance meeting to look at the steps we need to take to set this up. We will be working with Yarrow and it is definitely needed to help our families out.

Well-being Week

This week we have focused on:

Wellbeing Wednesday

Give: lend a helping hand.

Giving doesn't have to be about money.
We can give by lending people a helping hand.
What could you do to lend a helping hand today?



Music appreciation in assembly

Our musical artist for November is Handel.
This week we have enjoyed listening to "Hallelujah."



Gold stars!



We love rewarding our super behaved children who have followed our 3 golden rules of ready, respectful and safe.
Please ask your child every Friday about their gold star. At the end of the half term we will send home their star charts so you can celebrate also with them.
Thank you for your support.



This year the Eco Team is hosting a **Christmas Jumper Swap** to promote sustainability this festive season! Children are invited to bring in their outgrown Christmas jumpers and choose a pre-loved one in return.
Eco Team will be running this event on Friday 5th December at 3:35pm in the hall.
If you have any jumpers that you would just like to donate please send them into Mrs McDonough.
Thank you.



Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the all the children who received a Headteacher Award in assembly last week:

RA Kezaeh

1A Lincoln

2HP Tommy

3B Kayla

4G Mason

5B Emilia

6C Jack

RH Harley

1T Francesco

2M Laila

3J Elijah

4W Sophie

5H Oliver

6S Maddie



Attendance and Punctuality

Whole School Attendance for this academic year is: 96.2%. The figures below are for this week.

Congratulations to RH, 1T, 1A, 2HP and 4G for all being punctual. This is amazing! Well done!

Please ensure all children are in school on time so that valuable learning time has not been lost. We will be sending reminders to children's parents / carers who are repeatedly late.

	R A	R H	1T	1A	2 H P	2 M	3 B	3J	4 G	4 W	5 B	5 H	6 C	6 S
Attendance for last week	87 %	88 %	99 %	92 %	96 %	98 %	96 %	90 %	91 %	98 %	99 %	92 %	95 %	98 %
Punctuality - how many lates?	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	2	3	1	1	3

Dates for your diary

Monday 1st December

Wednesday 3rd Dec

Friday 5th December

Monday 8th December

Thursday 11th Dec

Monday 15th Dec

Tuesday 16th Dec

Wednesday 17th Dec

Thursday 18th Dec

Friday 19th Dec

Y1/2 Dress Rehearsal

Infants Panto in school

Y1/2 Christmas Performance

Reception Stay and Play starts at 9:15am

Christmas Jumper Swap at 3:20pm

Y6 singing at Euxton library

Y5 Christmas Performance

End of term learning quiz in teams

PTFA Christmas stalls in the hall

Y3/4 Carol Concert at 2pm

Y3/4 Carol Concert at 5:30pm

PTFA Christmas stalls in the hall

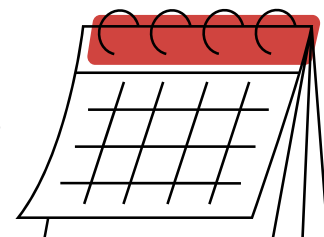
Christmas Lunch

EYFS and KS1 Christmas Party

Y3/4 Christmas Party AM


Y5/6 Christmas Party PM

Break up for Christmas holidays



Thank you to our wonderful PTFA and school staff for hosting two film nights this week. The children had a great time. Thank you for all your hard work once again.

**THANK
YOU**



Christmas Toy Raffle!

Hyde's Toys & Gifts Ltd have once again, very kindly donated a fantastic selection of toys and games for this year's toy raffle!

To buy your tickets, just put cash in a named envelope (stating your child's name and class) and hand it in to your child's teacher.

Tickets are £1 each and you can buy as many as you want!

Names are drawn DAILY throughout December and the winning child gets to choose their prize from the amazing selection!

There are so many chances to win an absolutely amazing prize and this will be our last year doing this, so don't forget to buy your raffle tickets!

Buy your tickets by 28th Nov



BRAND NEW EVENT: Christmas Mini Market!

Mon 15th & Tue 16th Dec
(During school hours)

This event is split in two halves:

Part 1: Pick your Activity!

Both options include:

- ★ Reindeer food
- ★ Christmas Lucky Dip
- ★ Hot Chocolate Cone
- ★ And then either:

Make your own Bauble £4.50

Make your own Snowglobe £5.50

Max 1 per child

Part 2: Get your Gifts!

The children will have the opportunity to purchase a gift for a loved one and then wrap it at the mini market!

- ★ Pre-purchase a "Gift Token" online
- ★ Your child will enter the Mini-Market with their token(s)
- ★ They will spend their token on a gift of their choice
- ★ They will wrap the gift(s), ready to take home!

Gifts cost £3.50 each

You can buy multiple so your child can buy for more people

Buy your Activity and Gifts online by 28th Nov!

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COMMUNITY NEWS

EUXTON METHODIST CHURCH

Meet Santa

ho ho ho

£10 **20th DEC**

Raise the Roof

FUNDRAISING EVENT TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE CHURCH HALL ROOF.

GROTTO CRAFTS REFRESHMENTS

MEET SANTA AND ENJOY 90 MINUTES OF CRAFTS, FESTIVE PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES AND MORE.

10.30AM-12PM, 12.30-2PM AND 2.30-4.00PM

£10 PER CHILD, SIBLINGS UNDER 1 FREE. INCLUDES PRESENT, REFRESHMENTS AND CRAFTS

MESSAGE SARAH ON 07955380951 TO BOOK YOUR SLOT

Lancashire Ice Queen Events Presents...

£25 per day or £20 per day if you book 2 or more sessions

School's Out! Christmas Special

Monday 29th – Wednesday 31st December
10am – 2pm
Chorley St. Mary's Primary School

Find us on Facebook! School's Out Holiday Club

HAF places available

Craft / Create / Dance / Play

For bookings and further enquiries please email schoolsouthc@hotmail.com

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CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

spread some joy to a child in need this Christmas...

PLEASE DONATE NEW AND UNWRAPPED TOYS FOR CHILDREN AGED 0 - 17 TO HELP THOSE WHO WON'T GET A PRESENT THIS CHRISTMAS

DONATION STATIONS

CHORLEY COUNCIL CIVIC OFFICES, UNION STREET, CHORLEY, PR7 1AL
MONDAY 01st DECEMBER- FRIDAY 05th DECEMBER (BETWEEN 9AM-5PM)

SVP CHORLEY BUDDIES GOOD FOOD CLUBS (BETWEEN 9AM-11:30AM)

TUESDAY 02nd DECEMBER- ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH CENTRE, HARPERS LANE, CHORLEY
WEDNESDAY 03rd DECEMBER- ST JOHN THE DIVINE PARISH HALL, COPPULL
THURSDAY 04th DECEMBER- BUTTERMERE COMMUNITY CENTRE
FRIDAY 05th DECEMBER- CLAYTON BROOK VILLAGE HALL

CHURCH TOY SERVICES AT BUCKSHAW PRIMARY SCHOOL, ASTLEY VILLAGE, PR7 1XP
5PM SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER AND 9AM SUNDAY 7th DECEMBER

Working in Partnership with Chorley Council and St Laurence's Church

ST LAURENCE'S CHURCH

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If you don't know what to buy but would still like to help, please scan the QR code to donate

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DO YOU NEED HELP THIS CHRISTMAS?

IF YOU NEED OUR HELP NOW, OR OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD, PLEASE TALK TO ONE OF OUR TEAM OR CALL 01257 542367 FOR A CONFIDENTIAL CHAT

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP THOSE IN NEED THIS CHRISTMAS, PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO MAKE A DONATION.

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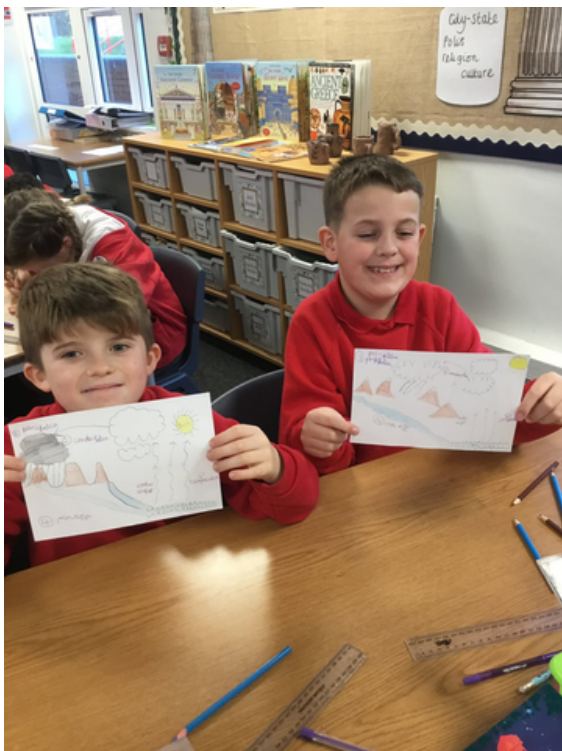


Selection of photos from this week

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Please follow the school page as well as the PTFA page.



Have a lovely weekend,
Best wishes,
Mrs Hodgson



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