

## Your Weekly Newsletter

Issue 161 Week Ending Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November



Autumn Term Dates: *more dates will be added I am sure so look out for the additional dates which will be in red.*

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November ~ Non-Uniform day - **bring in bottles or chocolate** for the Christmas Market

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December ~ Elf Run for Brian House & PTFA Christmas Market.

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December ~ Little Chick's and Ducklings' Christmas Production for families at 14:00

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December ~ Little Chicks' and Ducklings Christmas Production for families at 09:30

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December ~ KS1 Christmas Production for families at 14:00 & 18:00

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December ~ KS1 Christmas Production for families at 09:30

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December ~ Candlelit Carol Service at Rossall from 18:00 for all our children and families to enjoy a magical evening. All welcome!

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December ~ Christmas Jumper Day with Christmas Lunch served in school. **We are hoping Father Christmas will pay us a visit too**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December ~ School closes for the Christmas holidays at 14:30. Please note there will be no after school club on this day.

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Well done to this half term's Mathematicians:

Jake Edwards, Leonard McComiskey, Ella Kaye, Isla Shaw, Jack Hodgín, Summer Way, Calvin Butler, Oliver Walsh, Robyn Newby, Abbie Wood and Marcus Wright.

and Writers:

Jaxon Steele, Eve Armer, Annabelle Coughlan, Esther Nandy, Milo Holroyd, Oliver Russell, Amy Atherton, Alfie Warren, Annie Billington, Nancy Bateman and Emily Frith.

The children all enjoyed Aladdin on Tuesday and joined in with the panto fun and games. It was good to have something for the whole school. Thank you to those that have paid their contribution.

Brian House are really in need of our support and we want our first ever Elf Run to be a massive success. Send your £1.50 in if not done so already so that your child can participate as well as be actively helping others less fortunate. We have invited the Gazette in to start us off. It will be a great way to feel more festive ahead of our Christmas Market which is all set to begin at 15:30.

We have had to send home a few children with sickness this past week. We ask that children are kept away from school for 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea or sickness to prevent the further spreading of the illness. We are truly sorry that this will cause you childcare difficulties but we are required to prevent the spread of infection.

Please follow this link [http://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/Guidance\\_on\\_infection\\_control\\_in%20schools\\_poster.pdf](http://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/Guidance_on_infection_control_in%20schools_poster.pdf) to find out full details of the guidance school have for infection control.

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Miss Howarth and Miss Watmough have worked with their dedicated dancers tirelessly to put on an amazing performance at The Winter Gardens. I was very proud to see their dance.

We are asking the children about what they would like school dinners to be like in readiness for taking over our kitchen. It would be great if you could discuss this at home too. As you know I really want to provide toast and healthy snack options at playtimes but until we are in full ownership of the catering side of school we are sadly not able to provide this at the moment.

Thank you for the wonderful cakes that appear each week for our Fairy Cake Friday! Today's class earned £40.45!

*Miss Murray's Section: This week I have had the pleasure of looking more at our curriculum and seeing some very excited Year 1/2 children making bread to link with their Fire of London topic. I have also seen lots of groups of children making Christmas decorations and other items to sell at our Christmas market. On Wednesday, I was out and about meeting with other colleagues in our cluster and other Deputies across Lancashire and it has been great to work together with a common focus to share good practice.*

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Yellow Ducklings 92% with 1 late	Brown Ducklings 96% with 1 late	Parrots 96% with 2 lates
Hérons 96% with 1 late	Robins 94% with 0 lates	Owls 98% with 3 lates
Kestrels 95% with 0 lates	Doves 94% with 2 lates	Falcons 95% with 1 late
Hawks 94% with 2 lates	Eagles 97% with 2 lates	Well done to those for making it to school every day on time!

Anything below 96% is considered unacceptable and will trigger monitoring. Obviously, illness cannot be helped but please help us by keeping appointments and holidays to out of school hours/term times. As part of our having great attendance figures we are also tracking how many of our children walk to school in our mission to be active. This monitoring will begin on Monday. If you need to be in your car as you are enroute to work your child still can be considered if you park a bit further away (Walk and Stride). Romeo soon will be part of our daily life and I will walk him along Arundel Drive to start our walking bus. If you would like to join us; he will be in school this Tuesday and Thursday so, look out for us walking to school at about 08:20.



Reading for pleasure is the ultimate desire for teaching reading in school. Use your home school journals to let us know how well your children are doing with their reading beyond simply their reading books. It would help us know what books to get in school to encourage greater reading. I am a passionate reader and always have a thriller on the go however, struggle reading non-fiction books though so do understand that we are all different. Could you all have a look at home for any school books that have a Red Lancashire Rose sticker on the spine? We are collecting these back in to return to the library service.

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