



Newsletter

13th January 2023



. Applying for Primary School Reception Places – Sept 2023

School admissions for Reception places in September 2023 will be closing very soon. It's quick, easy and secure to apply online at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools or call 01772 532109. You must apply, even if you already have siblings in school.

The closing date for applications is:
15th January 2023 for primary applicants

Please note that our own Pre-School application forms are available from the school office.

Mrs Taylor

Friday, 20th January will be Mrs Taylor's final day in school, before she begins her maternity leave. We are sure you all join with us in wishing Mrs Taylor all the very best for the months ahead.

Mrs Leigh, who will be teaching Ash Class while Mrs Taylor is on leave, has already been teaching in school this week and we welcome her to our school family.

Classroom News

In Acorn Class, our new theme is Antarctica.

Mrs Hacking had called it Winter Wonderland but the children had better ideas! So far, we have made a penguin ten pin bowling game, written about polar bears, and read, retold and story mapped the story 'The Snowflake'. We are looking forward to painting some beautiful watercolour paintings of polar bears, inspired by illustrators, and doing some polar science!

Oak Class have loved beginning our Great Fire Of London theme. We have created our own Tudor houses, which are on display in our classroom, and we have also made our own timelines, which show the main events from the fire. Now, we look forward to discovering all the strange and disgusting jobs they did in 1666!

Elm Class have loved learning all about China!

We have become map masters. We have enjoyed locating capital cities, mountains and even rivers! We have even discovered the top, must visit landmarks.

Please ask us all about it!

Ash Class have been enjoying learning all about The Great Plague. We have discovered what The Great Plague was and how it spread so quickly in 1665. We are excited to create a human timeline of events, showing when The Great Plague began and when it finished. Additionally, we will be becoming 'plague doctors' and create our own 'beak mask' to stop the awful plague from spreading!

Maple class are learning all about volcanoes and earthquakes. We have enjoyed creating an explosive volcano and earthquake themed dance and have learned about the different layers of a volcano. We are looking forward to continuing our volcano themed pop art.

This half-term, children in Elder will be diving into the world of espionage and learning all about spies. We loved the induction into spy school last week, making spy gadgets, devising our own spy code and trying to fool Mr Burns with our secret codeword. Over the next few weeks, we will be looking at reading spy maps and using grid references to locate secret places.

Drinks In School

Please can we remind all parents and pupils that the only drink which children should bring into school is water. Any other drinks, such as Prime energy drinks, which we have noticed in school recently, are not allowed in school.

Dance From The Heart

Thank you to our four dance leaders who are going to Lostock Hall Academy on 17th January to learn this year's special dance on the theme of Walt Disney's 100th Anniversary. We look forward to you teaching the dance to the rest of the school in The Summer Term.

Friends of Coupe Green

Gift Amnesty

Friends Of Coupe Green are busy planning exciting events for the year ahead. We are currently collecting items to aid our fundraising efforts. If anyone has anything they would like to donate, then please can you leave donations for us in the office.

We are particularly looking for the following items:

- ~ unwanted gifts, such as smellies, alcohol and gift sets
- ~ school uniform, in particular PE kit
- ~ school coats
- ~ Christmas jumpers / T shirts
- ~ books both for children and adults
- ~ new and pre-loved toys.

Class Vouchers

With the Christmas fair being such a huge success, FOCG decided to use some of the funds raised to gift each class a £50 voucher, so that each teacher could choose some lovely new learning resources for their Spring term topics or any classroom essentials.

Sensory Room

To create a calming sensory experience and further enhance the current nurture room, FOCG have given school a cheque for over £1000 towards equipment. This week, the school have been able to place an order for a 1.8metre bubble tube, which will sit in a padded corner seating unit with colour changing fibre optic tail lights that will come out from underneath the unit. We have also ordered an ocean wave projector, mini jelly fish tank, infinity mirrors and bean bag and will be providing black-out blinds for the room, so it will be a super calming space for all children to enjoy - a particularly welcome addition to support those children with additional sensory needs.

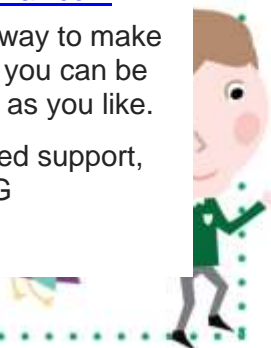
We would love your help!

We are holding our first meeting of the year at The Oak on Monday evening. If anyone is interested in helping FOCG in any way, please contact

friendsofcoupegreen@gmail.com

It's all very informal, a great way to make some friends at school and you can be involved as little or as much as you like.

Thank you for your continued support,
From all at FOCG



School Council

Last week, our new school council had their first meeting to discuss their plans and ideas for the school in 2023. The children came up with incredible suggestions and showed great passion towards making their school the very best it can be. With lots of ideas in the pipeline, the new school council are delighted to announce that their first initiative will be 'Smile Swap Day' on Tuesday, 24th January. This ties in beautifully with the whole school focus of showing kindness.

Wellbeing Workshops

Thankyou to all those who have already completed our short survey about what you would like to be included in our upcoming Wellbeing Workshops. If you have not yet completed the survey, please do so by Wednesday, 18th January, using the following link:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oBFPBVPTc0i9n3R0it_19rVoiAxd50VAt3_wmVEbp_9UMTI1WVhMN0hRRUtEODlyT1hLUVIPQTdDRI4u

Please note that there is a technical issue with question 5, as you can only choose one option. We will be aiming to cover all options in our workshops, so please just select the one which is the highest priority for you.

Multi-Skills

On Tuesday, after school, a small group of children in Year 2 went to Lostock Hall Academy to take part in a multi-skills event. The children really enjoyed playing Boccia, curling and handball against other local schools. It was a really fun event and all the children had a great time.

Diary Dates	
Monday 16th January	Tennis Club (Week 2 of 5) Computer Coding Club (Week 2 of 5) FOCG Meeting at The Oak
Tuesday 17th January	Dance From The Heart at Lostock Hall Academy
Monday 23rd January	Whole School Paralympic Day
Tuesday 24th January	Smile Swap Day: The Power Of Kindness
Wednesday 8th February	Assembly Visitor: Stuart Robinson (Paralympian)
Friday 10th February	3:15pm School Closes for Half Term Holidays
Monday 20th February	8:45am School reopens for Spring 2
Friday, 31st March	3:15pm School Closes for The Easter Holidays