

### **Newsletter Friday 13th October 2023**

### HOPE

Romans 15:13 I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Hophim

Dear Parents/Carers,

The end of the half term looms, we break up at 3.30pm next Thursday. Before that we have our annual harvest festival to fit in. This is being led by Year 1 on Wednesday 18th October at 9am in our school hall. Parents and carers are more than welcome to join us, but the space will be limited.

In teaching our children about the harvest we try to explain the idea on different levels. At its very simplest it is about farmers and gardeners bringing in all the crops that have been nurtured throughout the year and how these then feed and sustain us. However, there is the global aspect to harvest and our food - those things called Food Miles! This is a way of attempting to measure how far food has travelled before it reaches the customers. It is a good way of looking at the environmental impact of foods. The average food item travels 1,837 miles before it is eaten in the UK. <u>https://www.foodmiles.com/</u> Lets you investigate different food items in your fridge or cupboard.

Another key aspect that we think about at harvest time is Fairtrade. This is a worldwide movement that helps farmers and producers earn a fair amount for the goods they grow or make. Find out more <a href="https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/media-centre/fairtrade-videos/">https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/media-centre/fairtrade-videos/</a>

Finally, what will we do with your harvest gifts this year? We would ask if you could kindly donate tins, packets, long life milk, shampoos, soaps, washing powder etc . Fresh items are more difficult for us to sort out. Our food bank 'Take what you need, give when you can' is used to support a whole range of families. Some are regular users and others just dip in when things get tight. Whatever the reason it does not matter - we are a family there to support each other. Our uniform rail is also available. If you have any childrens winter coats, in reasonable condition, that could be passed on to someone else, please hand these in to the office.

Have a peaceful half term. See you on Monday 30th October at 8:45am.

Kindest Regards,

Mrs M Underwood



### Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 17th October Wednesday 18th October Thursday 19th October Monday 30th October Thursday 2nd November Thursday 2nd November Wednesday 8th November Friday 10th November

- Coffee Morning in the hall 8.45 9.30am
- Harvest Festival 9am
- School Closes for Autumn Half Term 3.30pm
- Back to school 8.45am
- Bonfire Disco details to follow
- KS2 Choir every Thursday 3.30pm -4.15pm
- Reception & Year 1 Cinema Trip 8.30am
- Year 2 Library & Cenotaph Visit

October - Keep your eyes peeled for letters coming home for Multisports and Kurling After School Clubs to start in November.







On Tuesday Year 1 visited Blackburn Museum and Art Gallery because we have been finding out about old toys in History. A lady called Lynda showed us lots of old toys and games and then we were able to play with some of them.

We played with spinning tops, Jacob's Ladders, tiddly winks, dominoes, yo-yos and Bagatelle. Then we made our own cup and ball games.



### Stay & Read

KS1 - can you join us for Stay & Read? Year 1 - Monday 3pm Classroom Entrance Year 2 - Tuesday 3pm Office Entrance Reception - Wednesday - Reception 3pm Classroom Entrance

ATTENDANCE WINNERS Our winners W/C 09/10/23 were: YEAR 5



There will be Learn To Ride sessions available at the Steven Burke Hub during October half-term. There is also some Bikeability Level 1 & 2 available for children in Year 5 & 6.Use the QR Code to access the Eventbrite links.

Please come along and join us for our free FRIENDS COFFEE MORNING on Tuesday 17th October in the hall. Everyone is welcome from 8.45am - 9.30am. Tea, Coffee and Biscuits are available.



## Parent Checklist



Are you eligible for Free School Meals? Use this link to check:<u>https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/?page=2</u>

KS1 - have you registered for milk? Use this link for more information and to register https://www.coolmilk.com/

Head Lice - Remember to check your childs hair regularly. There have been several reports of headlice in school recently.

Year 6 - Have you made your next Robinwood instalment?

Have you returned all school trip forms/ After School Club Forms?

Have you paid for any outstanding trips or Dinner Money?

Have you registered on the parentpay, our school cashless system?

Is your PE kit in school and fully labelled? Remember Fitness Friday each week - Wear your Trainers.

Are you interested in starting Violin or guitar lessons? See the office for more information. (available to KS2 and year 2)

Is your child wearing the full and correct uniform? (Ties can be purchased via parentpay)

Have you updated your email address and mobile number with the office?

Have you applied for a place in our Reception Class (2024 starters) or a place in secondary school? (current Year 6). <u>https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-online-for-a-school-place/</u>

#### Wednesday - St. John's Church Centre, Barkerhouse Road, Nelson

Age Time Brownies 7 - 11 years 6.15pm – 7.30pm (Please ring to find out when this unit will be re-opening)

Friday - St. Philip's Church Centre, Leeds Road, Nelson

	Age	Time
Rainbows	4 - 7 years	5.00pm - 6.15pm
Brownies	7 - 11 years	6.15pm - 7.30pm
Guides	10 - 15 years	7.30pm - 9.00pm
Rangers	14 - 18 years	7.30pm – 9.00pm



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### TO JOIN IN THE FUN, YOU'LL HAVE TO COME

# 18<sup>th</sup> Pendle Scouting Group

St. John's Church Centre, Barkerhouse Road, Nelson

Meetings are on a Tuesday night

Age Time Beavers 6 - 8 years 6.00pm – 7.00pm Cubs 8 - 10½ years 7.00pm – 8.00pm

Due to flood damage, we are currently meeting at St. Philip's Centre, Leeds Road, Nelson

Why not visit us on a Tuesday evening, or for more information, please ring:-

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