



# Newsletter Friday 26th March 2024

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Don't even begin to think that I have come to do away with the Law and the Prophets. I haven't come to do away with them but to fulfill them.



Dear Parents/Carers and friends,

Welcome to the first newsletter of Summer. Would someone please tell the weather that Summer is supposed to be here!

The children experienced an inspiring interaction with Michael Churm, a paralympian, this week. It was fascinating to hear the story and all the children took part in a circuit training event with him. He was the embodiment of motivation, courage and determination. (pictures to follow on the next newsletter)

The past few weeks have seen a big increase in the number of holiday request forms being received in the office. Although, they tend not to be request (asking for) forms. Holidays in term time, indeed ANY time away from learning for whatever reason, is detrimental. Missing chunks of teaching leads to gaps in learning, which are hard to fill. These gaps often leave children confused and unable to make sense of new learning. Extended holidays, that is to say long visits to family abroad, are particularly difficult for children to recover from. I fully appreciate the financial reasons for choosing your holiday date but educationally damage is being done.

Please think before you book or, at very least, minimise the number of days that your child will be out of education.

Mrs M M Underwood



## Dates for your Diary:

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| Friday 26th April | - Friends Sponsored Run                    |
| Monday 6th May    | - School Closed - Bank Holiday             |
| Tuesday 7th May   | - Year 3 Visit to Ingleborough Caves       |
| Monday 13th May   | - Year 6 Sats week                         |
| Monday 20th May   | - Year 6 Robinwood residential             |
| Friday 24th May   | - School finishes 3.30pm for May Half Term |
| Tuesday 4th June  | - School reopens 8.45am                    |

## KS2 After School Clubs

We still currently have spaces available on our after school sessions with coach Chloe.  
Mondays Y5/Y6 Ultimate Frisbee  
Tuesdays Y3/Y4 Tag Rugby  
These run from 3.30 - 4.30pm.  
The last sessions will be held on the 20th & 21st May.  
Please contact the office if you would like a space.

## Uniform

Please make sure children are wearing the correct uniform daily. We are getting a lot of children without their ties on a daily basis. These can be purchased from the office using Parentpay.

## Drinks Bottles

Please remember to bring a water bottle in to school daily, filled with water only please. These can be topped up in the classrooms.

Don't forget to pre-order your child's lunches using Parentpay.

# Good News Announcements



**ATTENDANCE WINNERS**  
Our winners w/e 28/03/24 were:

**YEAR 4 with 97.1%**

On Monday we are excited to be receiving a visit from the mayor of Pendle, Councillor Brian Newman.



## This weeks Medal Winners are:

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| Ema     | - Year 1 | - For perfect mathematical problem solving |
| Ashriel | - Year 1 | - For perfect mathematical problem solving |
| Noah    | - Year 1 | - For making a huge effort in phonics      |
| Blake   | - Year 2 | - For fabulous fractions                   |
| Jake    | - Year 2 | - For fabulous fractions                   |
| Sophie  | - Year 2 | - For super learning in history            |
| Harper  | - Year 2 | - For fabulous answers in guided reading   |
| Jasmine | - Year 5 | - For perfect poetry                       |
| Nyla    | - Year 5 | - For perfect poetry                       |
| Harry   | - Year 5 | - For spectacular work on shape and angles |
| Reggie  | - Year 6 | - For amazing historical knowledge         |
| Usman   | - Year 6 | - For a super diary entry                  |

# Parent Checklist



**School Trips.** Do you need to pay for your child's school trip? All school trips are live on Parentpay. Please ensure trips are paid on time and forms are completed and returned to school.

**School Meals** - Please remember to order your meal choices using Parentpay, these can be pre-ordered up to half term.

**Lost Property** - We have quite a collection of lost property in school. This is located at the school entrance. If your child is missing any items of clothing, please come and have a look through.

**Absence** - Please inform the office of any sickness or absences before 9am and try and arrange appointments out of school hours where necessary.

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

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

**Uniform** - You can order school uniform online <https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/greatmarsden> Please ensure that all clothing and belongings have your child's name in.