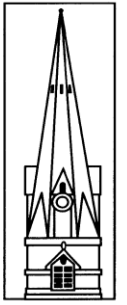




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**1<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

## Head Teacher's Message

It was a busy evening last night, as we prepared school for the start of the 'Advent' period. It was lovely to see so many delighted faces as the children came into school to see the Nativity displays, twinkly lights and Christmas trees.

We have been continuing with our theme of 'Respect' and the children came up with their own school commandment on Monday, which included showing each other kindness and making sure everyone was always included.

I am really pleased to be able to share with you that the Mayor of South Ribble, Chris Lomax, will be visiting next Friday morning, 8<sup>th</sup> December to give out the children's school council awards. Please keep your eye out on the school's Facebook page to see what we get up to during his visit.

We had around 30 parents that joined us for the 'Meet the Headteacher' evening and it was lovely to hear your thoughts on school and also ways in which you think we could improve things further. I have really appreciated the warm welcome that I have received and it is great that we have already started on some of the suggestions that you have made.

Have a lovely weekend, wrap up warm and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday.

Mrs. Clarke ☺

## Explorers

This week, Explorers have been reading a brand-new book in literacy called "Ning and the Night Spirits". The children have been making suggestions of the best ways to make a friend as sometimes Ning (the main character) finds this hard. We have also spent some time making our Santa's Workshop, decorating it with crafts and making it look festive.

Let's talk: Can the children tell you all about the "Night Spirits" from our book?

## Pathfinders

In Pathfinders this week, we have been writing our own stories. We have worked really hard on our letter formation and remembering to put a question mark at the end of our sentences. In science, we have been learning all about things that are alive, which things are no longer alive and what things have never been alive! We were really good at spotting the things that were alive.

Let's talk: How do you know if something is alive or not?

## Discoverers

In Discoverers class, we have been working hard to write our own version of Roald Dahl's classic 'The BFG'. We have also begun to look at the Christmas story in R.E, thinking about how the Shepherds and Kings felt when they met Jesus.

In P.E we have been choreographing our own Explorer dance too - the children have been exploring moving like different animals from different habitats!

Let's talk: What 'Qu' word is the name of all 4-sided shapes?



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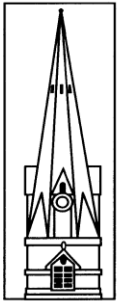
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## Adventurers

Adventurers have been learning all about the water cycle and what happens during the different processes of evaporation, condensation and precipitation. We did an investigation with water, put it up in the window to be able to record the process happening in our classroom!

Let's talk: What happens during the different stages of the water cycle?

## Navigators

In Navigators, we have been learning all about reversible and irreversible changes. We completed a full investigation into how salt when mixed with water, can be reversed to leave salt crystals and looked into how sometimes when materials are burned this cannot be changed back into its original state.

Let's talk: Can you give examples of both reversible and irreversible changes?

## Building work

The building work is still taking place and we thank you for your co-operation in walking round to ensure that everyone is safe. We are hoping to have a further update soon and will keep you informed, but are very lucky to be getting a brand new classroom that is going to enhance our learning environment for the children and be a super addition to our school too! Thank you to our school governors for their tenacity in securing this building for us, we wouldn't have been able to get it without their persistence and support!

## Ms. Lewis

We will be saying goodbye to Ms. Lewis on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December as she is leaving Higher Walton. She has been a wonderful teacher in school and a school governor and will be missed by everyone here. She is going to be having a well-earned rest before deciding upon which adventure she wants to embark on next, but it is never a goodbye from Higher Walton only a 'see you soon'. On the last day before we break for Christmas, we will be having a full day of 'Forest school activities' to say goodbye, it's the ideal time to toast marshmallows and drink hot chocolate! Thank you Ms. Lewis ☺

## Higher Walton PTA and Christmas Disco

The AGM for Higher Walton PTA was held on Tuesday and we are pleased to announce the members of the new committee are:-

Chair: Isabella Lewandowska; Secretary: Emily Best; Treasurer: Sarah Crabtree; Community relations: India Havery.

We are starting with a bang and are going to be having a school Christmas Disco on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 3.30 – 4.30pm for Reception and Y1/2/3 and then 4.45 – 5.45pm for Y4/5/6. More details to follow but we can't wait for some disco fun and Christmas magic. I wonder which teacher is going to be the master DJ?

## Games wanted

Mrs. Noblet is wanting to start a small number of social groups, which would include working together with children, practising how to take turns and follow instructions. If you are having a clear out and want to donate any complete board games or such like, please drop them into our school office.



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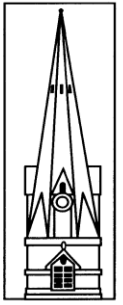
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## Road safety

We have been getting some reports of children after school conducting themselves unsafely in and around the local area before and after school, particularly around the roads. We do allow children in Y5 and Y6 to walk home without adult supervision but we must stress the importance of road safety when doing so. In the future, if we are given information and specific names, these children will be spoken to in school and parents informed.

## Weekly awards

Week ending 24th November		
	Star of the Week	VIP
<b>Explorers</b>	Bobby	Zander
<b>Pathfinders</b>	Louie	Isaac
<b>Discoverers</b>	Isabella	Theo B
<b>Adventurers</b>	Rueben	Arthur
<b>Navigators</b>	Elizabeth	School Council election candidates: Nicole, Poppy, Coby, Molly, Grace, Aleesha, Macie, Gabriel, Harvie-Jae, Scott, Elizabeth, Heidi, Rhiona, Mia, Karis and Isaac F

Week ending 1 <sup>st</sup> December		
	Star of the Week	VIP
<b>Explorers</b>	Arlo	Filip
<b>Pathfinders</b>	Vanessa	Dylan
<b>Discoverers</b>	Oliver	Erin F
<b>Adventurers</b>	Evie-May	Jessica
<b>Navigators</b>	Bobby	Cameron

## Attendance

Week ending 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Explorers	Pathfinders	Discoverers	Adventurers	Navigators
	8 on roll	15 on roll	25 on roll	26 on roll	30 on roll
Attendance	81.08%	95.38%	93.20%	87.31%	91.67%
Lates	1.35%	0.77%	1.20%	1.15%	0.67%

**Well done to Pathfinders Class, with the highest percentage attendance this week!**

Week ending 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Explorers	Pathfinders	Discoverers	Adventurers	Navigators
	8 on roll	15 on roll	25 on roll	26 on roll	30 on roll
Attendance	97.30%	94.62%	94.80%	97.69%	90.67%
Lates	0%	3.08%	2.80%	1.92%	1.67%

**Well done to Adventurers Class, with the highest percentage attendance this week!**



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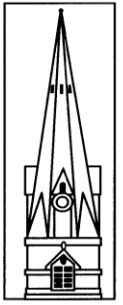
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## Weekly Reminders

**Medication:** Please can we remind parents that medication can only be given during school hours if this is prescribed by a doctor, dentist or nurse. Items should be handed in at the office and permission forms completed. We cannot accept paracetamol, ibuprofen etc. unless these accompany prescribed medication. As always, there are exceptions and in these circumstances please discuss this with Mrs Rourke.

**Mobile phones:** Mobile phones should only be brought to school by children who walk to and from school unaccompanied or where they are going to a different parent's house. All phones must be handed in at the office for locking away during the day.

**Absences:** All absences must be notified to school on the day. ParentMail or email ([bursar@walton.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@walton.lancs.sch.uk)) is the quickest and easiest way to report an absence and provides a written record. We must ask that full reasons for the absence is given, particularly where this is illness related. Just stating 'not well', 'ill' or unwell' does not allow us to monitor illness absences and in particular infection control.

## DIARY DATES

### December

Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	School nurse visit – Y6 questionnaire follow-ups
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	School Council awards
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	Nativity performance by EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 - 2pm and 6pm
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas craft afternoon – all classes
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas party afternoon – all classes
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Christingle service at All Saints Church 1.30pm – all welcome
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	Games day – all classes
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	Rocksteady concert 2.45pm
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	School closes for the Christmas break

### January

Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	School re-opens for the spring term
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