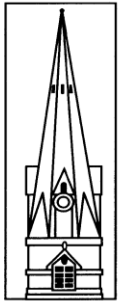




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Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

## Head Teacher's Message

Unfortunately, Mrs Clarke has not been very well this week and has not been in school the last few days. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

## Class News

**Explorers:** This week in Explorers, the children have been busy learning all about the Harvest festival as we celebrated this in church on Wednesday. In D&T, the children have been naming and sorting different fruits and vegetables into categories. One of our weekly Rainbow challenges has been to make a collage or a Scarecrow using pasta, beans and pulses. On Friday, we explored and tried some vegetables in their raw form and then we looked at the change in taste and texture when they were chopped and cooked in a soup.

**Let's Talk?** Is a tomato a fruit or vegetable?

**Discoverers:** This week Discoverer's have been wowing us with their pumpkin art! We have been practicing our observational skills by creating a continuous line drawing and then using the different types of lines we have been practicing to create texture. Year 1 have been working really hard on their number bonds to 10 this week and have been using their 10s frames to show the number patterns. Year 2 have been working equally as hard on their missing number problems even when they have used some very big numbers. We have all enjoyed learning about aerial photography in geography and liked finding different features on google maps.

**Let's Talk?**

Year 1 - Can you recall all the number bonds to 10?

Year 2- Can you recall all the number bonds to 20?

**Adventurers:** This week in Adventurers we have been learning lots more about our digestive system and the different teeth that we have and what they are used for. In art we have been looking at different ways to apply paint to a surface, including dabbing, pointillism and using a palette knife. In English we have been warned by the secret gardener that the Varmints are coming!!!

**Let's Talk?** Ask your child who the secret gardener is and what they left for us to find?

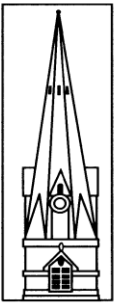
**Navigators:** This week in Navigators we have enjoyed planning our Geography field trip to the village, which will take place on Monday. Children are going to be carrying out a survey of the litter in our local area. This links to what we have been learning about plastic pollution. In English we have started our new book, Rain Player. The children learnt about an Ancient Mayan game called Pok-a-Tok. In music we used a computer program to create our own electronic loops. The children enjoyed being DJs and sharing their masterpieces with their classmates.

**Let's Talk?** What are some of the rules of Pok-a-Tok?

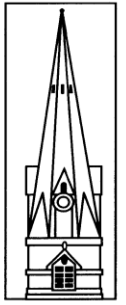
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**Pathfinders:** In Pathfinders we have completed the first day of our Bikeability training. We had lots of fun (despite the rain) and we are looking forward to Day 2 on Monday. We have also started reading our new book called Rain Player by David Wisniewski and have tried to play Pok-a toc!!

**Let's Talk?** What do you need to play Pok-a toc?

## School Council visit to County Hall

Six of our school councillors had the opportunity to visit County Hall on Monday this week along with some children from other local primary schools. The visit was organised by Barrie Yates, our local councillor, and the children found the visit very interesting. They learned all about county hall and when it was built (1700's) and were shown paintings of past councillors. The children also got to sit in the council chamber and ask and answer questions like the county councillors do. They were shown how the microphones worked, the timer system and when the microphone would be switched off if they talked too long! The topic of the questions covered subjects such as pollution and how much rubbish is affecting our county and the children also learned about the different boroughs in Lancashire. Their most interesting fact from the visit was that county hall has its own prison cells and this was used when councillors got into trouble in the chamber!!

## Harvest

Thank you to everyone who attended our Harvest service and sent in donations for the local food banks and the Bishop's Harvest Appeal. We very much appreciate your support. Donations have now been delivered to church to be distributed accordingly.

## PTFA

The PTFA AGM is on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30pm in school. Please get in touch with school at the office if you would like further information and we can direct you to our wonderful team. We have lots of events planned for this year and are in need of support for them to take place and run smoothly. Any help you can offer is always much appreciated, even if it's just an extra pair of eyes to supervise or an extra pair of hands to help tidy up afterwards. We are also sending out a poster with the newsletter giving details of the upcoming events.

## Parent Workshops

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent SATs and Phonics workshops. We hope you found them useful. The next workshop is a reading workshop on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 9am for parents of children in Years 3 to 6.

## PE days

**Please note that after the October half term break it will be the turn of Year 3/4 to go swimming on a Wednesday.**

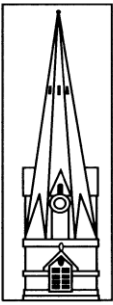
Remaining Active Travel sessions for this term are as follows:-

Pathfinders (Y6)            Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Bikeability. **Bikes and helmets needed along with warm, waterproof clothes**

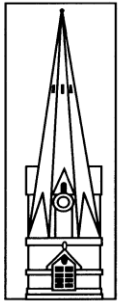
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## Nursery, Primary and Secondary admissions

If your child is due to start primary or secondary school in September 2025, or nursery in either January 2025 or April 2025, now is the time to be applying for a place.

For Nursery place, please call at the office for an admissions pack

For Primary and Secondary school places please visit <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>

## Borwick Hall Residential

Just a reminder for parents to make instalment payments on ParentMail for this visit. Please enter the amount you wish to pay on the payment item. The deadline for balances to be paid is 9am 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

## Weekly awards

Week ending 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2024		
	Star of the Week	VIP
Explorers	Louie	Noah
Discoverers	Eli	Whole class
Adventurers	Freya	Cooper Battle of the Bands (TT rockstars) - Jude
Navigators	Llorena	Kayleigh
Pathfinders	Mia	Poppy

Week ending 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2024		
	Star of the Week	VIP
Explorers	Hallie	Bobbie
Discoverers	Raine	Mason
Adventurers	Ava	Billy
Navigators	Reuben	Llorena
Pathfinders	Nicole	Coby Emily-Sue

## Attendance

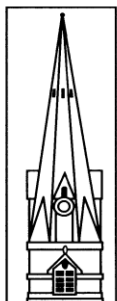
Week ending 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Explorers 12 on roll	Discovers 21 on roll	Adventurers 26 on roll	Navigators 20 on roll	Pathfinders 17 on roll
Attendance	96%	99%	95%	94%	90%
Lates	9%	3%	2%	0%	0%
<b>Well done Discoverers class with the highest percentage attendance this week!</b>					

Week ending 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Explorers 12 on roll	Discovers 21 on roll	Adventurers 26 on roll	Navigators 20 on roll	Pathfinders 17 on roll
Attendance	96%	97%	95%	95%	81%
Lates	8%	3%	3%	0%	1%
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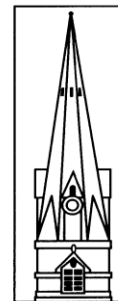
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## Diary dates to the end of the year

You can now find all the diary dates and holiday lists on our website. Reminders and updates are as follows:-

Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Lancashire Post Reception children photographs
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Fire Safety talks for Year 1/2 and Year 6
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	PTFA meeting – all welcome
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents reading workshop – details to follow
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3/4 class worship
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	TIMES TABLE ROCK STAR DAY
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes for the half term break
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	School re-opens
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	PFTA autumn disco – details to follow
<b>NEW: Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Year 3/4 swimming</b>
<b>NEW: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Reception and Year 6 height and weight checks</b>
<b>NEW: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Parents Evening – details to follow</b>
<b>NEW: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Nasal Flu vaccinations – whole school</b>
<b>NEW: Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>PTFA Christmas Fair 11am – details to follow</b>
<b>NEW: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Santa Dash – details to follow</b>
<b>NEW: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christingle Service at All Saints Church 1.30pm – details to follow</b>
<b>NEW: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>School closes for the Christmas break</b>
<b>NEW: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025</b>	<b>School re-opens – spring term</b>

## This week's reminder

On each newsletter we will now focus on a specific reminder which is having an impact on school or our children, and would ask for your support in helping with the smooth running of our school.



We highly recommend downloading the Iris ParentMail app. With the app you can:

- Receive text messages instantly
- View all messages and emails in one easy feed
- Complete forms and surveys
- Make online payments for nursery, breakfast club and after school club fees, school trips and school meals
- Book parents' evening appointments
- Receive in-app notifications
- Report pupil absences

If you are not already using the app, please consider downloading it and set up notifications so you never miss a message from school! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call in to the office.

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