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This week our attendance was...

**93.4%**

Oh no – let's get 96% next week!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy Bonfire Night! I hope everybody has a wonderful time and enjoys the fireworks. Just make sure that you keep safe!

### **Word Champions:**

At school we use 'Word Aware' to help children learn new words. This involves teaching words in a fun way, using clapping, silly stories, rhymes and pictures. Word Champions will receive training from Mrs Peck and work with their friends to 'make words count' in their classes. They will monitor new words being taught and play games with other children on the playground, to help raise an awareness that words are all around us and learning and using new words is a really important skill for us all to have!

Our Word Champions for this year will be...

Reception: Louie and Zara

1/2M: Olivia and Tina

1/2K: Dante and Lola

1/2R: Charlie and Baila

3/4JP: Mylee and Lucas

3/4HP: Alexander and Alicia

5/6P: Erin and Noah R

5/6B: Amy and Kayden

5/6M: Tommy and Nathan

Well done to all of you. I know you will all be amazing!

### **Recycle to Read Programme:**

This year we are taking part in the Recycle to Read programme. In return for any broken toys or tech that you have, our school will receive lots of new books for our libraries. Our collection boxes are located in the main school office. See the poster attached to the newsletter for more information.

### **Mystery Box DT Week:**

Next week is our design technology week in school and on Monday morning I will be presenting each class with a box of goodies for them to design and make a specific item. We'll make sure plenty of photos go onto our Facebook page so look out for your child's masterpiece!

### **Remembrance Service:**

Our annual Remembrance service will be taking place on Wednesday and our children will be busy making their own tributes to be added to our memorial area outside. A message did go out earlier in the week but just a reminder that we now have Poppies available in school for children to purchase, for a voluntary donation. We also have other Poppy memorabilia such as wristbands which can be purchased for £1.

### **Parents afternoon in class/Halloween party:**

Unfortunately, due to the continued rates of Covid again in the local community we have been advised that parents are not allowed in school for events in the coming weeks, although hopefully this won't be for too long (Fingers crossed for all our Christmas activities!). This does mean that our parents in class afternoon next Friday has had to be cancelled. We will arrange another opportunity for you to join your child/children in class later in the academic year.

Similarly, in order to avoid mixing phases it has been decided that we will have to cancel our Halloween party. All monies will be returned to parents who have paid and again, we will arrange for another disco later in the school year.

### **Harvest Thank You:**

Please find attached a letter from Steetlife, thanking everybody for all their kind donations from our harvest festival.

### **Sponsorship Money:**

If any families still have any monies at home from the sponsored reading the children took part in last half term, could you please send it into school ASAP. Thank you for all your support.

### **And finally, this week's superstars are...**

**Nursery – Madeleine** for being so considerate of others and taking turns so well. Well done Madeleine!

**RT – Lilly G** for working so hard on her reading and writing her name and **Jack** for always being so kind to others. You've both been stars – Well done!

**1/2K – Lacey** for some brilliant maths work this week and **Blake** for such a huge improvement in his attitude at school and making better choices. Well done both of you!

**1/2M – Isabella** for always making the right choices and **Jack** for his wonderful reading. You are both superstars!

**1/2R – Wyatt-Junior** for giving 100% in everything that he does and **Meka-Rose** for fantastic writing about Plop the Barn Owl – Well done both of you!

**3/4HP – Evie** for working hard and making such good progress in Maths and **Jaxon** for behaving so well and showing a great attitude to learning – Well done!

**3/4JP – Logan** for his super effort in maths and **Juno** for going above and beyond with her writing in English. Well done both of you!

**5/6P – Victoria** for embracing challenges in all areas of school life and **Ashley** for coming back with such a positive attitude. Well done!

**5/6M – Tayla** for putting herself out of her comfort zone in gymnastics and **Boyd** for pushing himself in challenging learning situations. You were both brilliant!!

**5/6B – Amy** for showing such resilience in our first Commando Joe session and not giving up even when she came across challenges and **Ozzy** for engaging so well in his Spanish lesson this week and really trying to pronounce the words correctly. Well done!

A big well done to everyone!!

### **Upcoming dates for your diary:**



	SATs Club	Before School
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Coding Club – Years 5 and 6	3.15pm – 4.15pm

# Recycle Read



## WE'RE RECYCLING TOYS AND REUSING TECH TO GET BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL!

Dear Parents,

We've started a recycling and reuse scheme collecting unwanted working tech and broken hard plastic toys with Wastebuster ([www.wastebuster.co.uk](http://www.wastebuster.co.uk)) to get books for our school.

The scheme is designed to divert tech and toy waste from landfill; reduce carbon emissions; encourage children to care for the environment; and help improve children's literacy.

We are excited to be a part of this scheme and hope you will support us by giving your tech and broken, hard plastic toys a new lease of life.

Thank you very much



Wastebuster CIC is an award winning not-for-profit environmental education company on a mission to inspire, educate and empower children to care for the environment – [www.wastebuster.co.uk](http://www.wastebuster.co.uk)

PLEASE SEE OVERLEAF FOR WHAT TOYS & TECH WE ARE COLLECTING



See the full list of books we can get for our school here: [www.collins.co.uk/recycleforead](http://www.collins.co.uk/recycleforead)



# WHAT WE ARE COLLECTING

## TOYS

✓ YES PLEASE

- ✓ Broken or marked hard plastic toys
- Small metal parts are fine (like in toy cars)
- No item bigger than a children's shoe box please

### SWAP + PoP

For unwanted toys that are in good condition, please help your children to: **SWAP** (give their unwanted toys to friends or family) or **PoP** (them into charity shops)

NO THANK YOU ✗

- ✗ No electronic toys
- ✗ No plushies
- ✗ No clothing/ accessories
- ✗ No inflatable plastic/ PVC items (e.g. beach balls)
- ✗ No packaging (boxes or bags)
- ✗ No batteries, cables or solar panels

## TECH

✓ YES PLEASE

### WORKING ITEMS ONLY PLEASE

- ✓ Mobile Phones
- ✓ Wireless Speakers
- ✓ Tablets
- ✓ MP3 Players
- ✓ Digital SLR/ Bridge Cameras
- ✓ Wearable Tech (e.g. Smart Watches, Fitness Devices and Wireless Headphones)
- ★ With or without chargers and cables
- ★ We accept cracked screens if the item is still working
- ★ Please package your items to protect them and keep parts or accessories like chargers with the device

NO THANK YOU ✗

### NO BROKEN ITEMS PLEASE

- ✗ No leads without a device
- ✗ Please remove any batteries unless they're part of the device (e.g. a mobile phone battery)
- ✗ No device boxes/ packaging



### GET DATA SMART



DON'T FORGET TO BACK UP, FACTORY RESET AND DATA WIPE YOUR TECH. SCAN THIS QR CODE FOR ADVICE ON HOW TO DO THIS. WE WILL ALSO CHECK YOUR DEVICES HAVE HAD ALL DATA REMOVED. PLEASE LEAVE THEM UNLOCKED SO WE CAN DO THIS. LOCKED ITEMS CANNOT BE REUSED!

PLEASE ASK YOUR TEACHER  
OR BRING YOUR ITEMS TO RECEPTION  
TO FIND OUT WHERE  
OUR COLLECTION BOXES ARE

Find out more at [www.recycle2read.org](http://www.recycle2read.org)

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Dear Friends of Streetlife,

### Harvest Festival 2021

We would like to thank you very much for your support of Streetlife at harvest festival this year, it is very much appreciated.

Streetlife helps vulnerable & homeless young people in Blackpool up to the age of 25. Our Shelter provides nearly 3000 bed spaces (along with shower, laundry facilities, and food) over the course of a year. We also provide drop in facilities during the daytime where young people can get information, support, and a hot meal, along with opportunities for life skills building, training, and fun activities.

Without your help we would not be able to do as much for young people in Blackpool, as we rely totally on donations for the food and toiletries that our young people use.

If you would like to know more about Streetlife, please contact us, and we would be happy to arrange for you to visit us or for us to come and talk to you about our work.

We also have a very active Facebook page and you can keep in touch with what we are doing by "liking" it. [www.facebook.com/StreetlifeBlackpool](http://www.facebook.com/StreetlifeBlackpool).

Thank you again for your support.

Kind Regards

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Can you spare £5 per month?

Help us reach our target of 2020 people giving £5 a month go to [www.justgiving.com/streetlife](http://www.justgiving.com/streetlife) or see our website for more details. Thank you.



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