



Our Christian Value this half term:
Friendship

'Let your light shine so that together in God's Love and Grace we learn, inspire others and grow'

This half term's memory bible verse:
'A sweet friendship refreshes the soul'
Proverbs 27: verse 9

FRIDAY UPDATE 18th March 2022

ATTENDANCE



Our school target is for attendance to be at least 97%. This week's attendance in school is:

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Overall
100%	96%	98%	95.5%	98%	97.1%	98.2%	97.5%

The percentages don't include COVID absences as these are unavoidable.

EASTER REFLECTION DAY



On Monday the whole school took part in an Easter reflection day where we spent time reflecting on the Easter story. We started with Palm Sunday and about Jesus coming into Jerusalem with the theme of being a hero; this led on to us thinking about heroes we have. We moved onto thinking about The Last Supper and how Jesus blessed his disciples and how we could be a blessing to others through things we do and say. Next was station three: another session on The Last Supper, but this time thinking about friends and how Jesus can be



a friend; we thought about our friends and how we can all show friendship to those near us and further away in the world. Moving on to the fourth station, we looked at Jesus praying in the garden at Gethsemane. We thought about how we can pray to Jesus and ask his help with things. Station 5 was all about the cross. We looked at how Jesus went willingly and died so anyone can be forgiven and have eternal life. The final station was station 6: Jesus' resurrection; here we thought about how Jesus wanted the world to be a better place and how we could help with that.



It was a fab day with lots of craft activities to help us reflect and think

about how we can learn from Easter to impact our own lives and those around us. All the children took home a planted sunflower seed which I hope will remind them of the Easter story all through the summer. A special thank you to all the helpers: Rev Karen, Caroline Coughlin (governor), Sue Redmayne (Governor and parent), Canon Pam Daunton and Mrs Quayle.



CAR PARK



Please can I gently remind everyone to be mindful of how much space you leave between cars when parking in the church car park. It is a very tight squeeze but with careful parking we can fit a few more in safely.

Please can I also request that children do not play football in the car park in the mornings before school. This is not a safe place for children to be playing any games when cars are arriving and departing and there is a risk of damage to parents' cars. Thank you.

SCHOOL DINNERS



School dinners will be going up to £2.40 from April 2022. This is due to LCC and an increase in food and labour increases.

COMIC RELIEF DONATIONS & PARENT PAY



If you haven't yet donated your child's £1 to Comic Relief, please use the link below. ParentPay has joined forces with Comic Relief to help schools collect donations for Red Nose Day - this hassle-free cashless donation option also includes an option for gift aid. Gift aids allows the charity to claim back from the government on your behalf 25p for every £1 donated.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=7242>

COVID UPDATE



Please can I remind all families to be vigilant over Covid symptoms. If your child is showing any signs of illness, please get them tested and follow government advice. Our Covid risk assessment, which is based on the county model, is clear that if school suspects a pupil is attending school with a case of Covid (either confirmed or suspected) we can refuse a pupil's attendance if, in our reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-

19. I know that everyone is keen to avoid infection from Covid and thank everyone for their continuing vigilance.

SOUTH RIBBLE COMMUNITY TEAM, CHILDREN AND FAMILY WELL BEING SERVICE

As you'll all be aware fuel prices are rising. The South Ribble Community Team and Family Well Being Service have shared the link below for parents to check if you could be eligible for financial support if you are in fuel crisis.

<https://youthaction.org.uk/event/upto-147-available-to-support-households-through-energy-fuel-vouchers>

If you are in need of a new boiler and are on certain benefits, there are grants available to support families – please follow this link for more details. <https://www.edfenergy.com/heating/advice/boiler-grants#:~:text=What%20is%20it%3F,upgrading%20or%20insulating%20their%20homes>

CHURCH BENEFICE NEWS



School has been asked to share with you the link below, which gives details of a vacancy for a parish clerk for Balderstone Parish Council. Please follow the link for further information if you, or someone you, know would be interested in this part time role. Thank you, Michael Oddie, Church Administrator, United Benefice of Balderstone, Mellor & Samlesbury. <https://www.ribblevalley.gov.uk/jobs/912/part-time-parish-clerk>

PARENTS EVENING – 21ST & 23RD MARCH



The spring term parents' evenings will be on:

Monday 21 st	Y5/6	3.30 - 5.30pm	Infants	2 – 5.30pm
Wed 23 rd	Y5/6	3.30 - 5.30pm	Y3/4 & infants	2 – 5.30pm

Please contact Sandra to book your appointment time if you haven't already done so. Please note that on both evenings, Infant and Y3/4 appointments start at 2pm. Mrs Quayle will be seeing all parents.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES –



Tuesday 22nd March – Year 5/6 to visit Gawthorpe Hall for a Shakespeare themed morning. Please pay on ParentPay.

Friday 25th March – FOSS Beetle Drive – Yes it's back! FOSS are holding the annual Sablesbury Beetle Drive in school 6-8pm. The cost is £15 per family, £5 per adult and £3 per child. This includes a drink and a hot pot/cheese and onion pie supper.

Wednesday 30th March – the annual decorated egg competition. Boil up some eggs and decorate on a theme. Prizes for all classes. No cost to enter.

Thursday 31st March – the whole school is going to watch Gangsta Granny at the theatre in Blackpool. Please pay on ParentPay.

Friday 1st April - End of term Easter service and progress award presentation 9:15am in St Leonard the Less Church.

Friday 1st April – break up for the Easter holidays

Tuesday 19th April – return to school

Thursday 28th April – FOSS summer term meeting 7:15pm in the school hall.

Thursday 26th May – FOSS organised school sponsored walk for the Queen's Jubilee (families are welcome to join us) to raise money for a much needed covered pergola for the infant's outdoor area. This will take place in school time. Full details of the route and times will follow closer to the time. All children will receive a commemorative Platinum Jubilee medal for completing the walk.

READING CHALLENGE AWARDS



INFANTS: A massive well done to **Jude** (Year 2) and **Jenson** (Reception) who have achieved their **Silver Reading Awards** this week.

KS2: The following children have all achieved their 100% Reading Target – a massive well done to you all!

Kai Y5, Lilly Y3, Max Y5

STARS OF THE WEEK & HEADTEACHERS AWARD 11/3/22 and 18/3/22



Infant Class: 11/3/22 - Minnie Y2

Year 3/4: 11/3/22 - Emelia Y4

Year 5/6: 11/3/22 - Bella Y6

Head teacher's Award: 11/3/22 - Willow Y3

18/3/22 - Annabella YR

18/3/22 - Isabelle Y3

18/3/22 - Emily Y5

18/3/22 - Layla Y6

APPEAL FOR UKRAINE

We extended our friendship to those in Ukraine and collected a huge amount of items to send via an appeal at Mrs Quayle's church. Thank you to everyone who donated – Mrs Quayle's car was very, very full!



PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS



If your child has an achievement they would like to share and celebrate with everyone in school, we'd love to include it in the Friday Update!



Jacob and Jaxon took part in their first rugby game at the weekend.

Jacob won opposition man of the match and Jaxon top tackler. What a fantastic start! We look forward to seeing more of their achievements!



On Saturday Elliott took part in a cup tournament with his team Lostock Hall Juniors. Elliott and his team got through to the quarter finals where they won on penalties 5-2! They have a place in the semi-finals which will take place in May. Well done Elliott and Lostock Hall Junior Red team for a fantastic achievement at your first ever tournament!