

Weekly Newsletter

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*'Where children
come first'*

New Build - Update Temporary Classrooms

As you have seen, the temporary classrooms are almost ready to be used and the children have enjoyed witnessing the process of the classes being constructed and put into place. CONLONS have been working really hard to get things sorted and they have worked around the school really well making sure that learning is not disrupted as much as they can and helping out in lots of different ways (e.g. creating a winter wonderland amongst the trees for OPAL). The Shawbrook building (where Galaxy, Apollo, Moons, Rockets and After School Club currently are based) will continue to operate as usual until Thursday 11th January 2024. We will then have two INSET days on Friday 12th January and Monday 15th January (for moving everything across and getting classes sorted) and the new arrangements will be in place from 16th January. Any children moving classes will get a chance to visit the classroom before the official moving date so they can get familiar with the rooms (when the rooms are ready). A separate letter will go out on Class Dojo about more detailed arrangements and telling parents about which class is going where.

Christmas Performances

See the dates and times of our Christmas performances at the end of this newsletter. We are really looking forward to a magical show from our lovely Early Years children (in their first ever performance in front of a grown-up audience for some of them) and from our wonderful Key Stage One children. The rehearsals have sounded wonderful. We have had to limit the number of tickets per family due to fire regulations in the hall and to make sure every family gets a seat (if you want to ring to see if there are spare tickets on the day then you can do so but we cannot guarantee it).



Car Parking

Please do not park in front of any driveways of any of our neighbours at any time no matter for how short a period of time. We have told our neighbours to not let anyone park in front of their driveways and if anyone does we will be asking parents to immediately move their cars. It is breaking the Highway Code and parents may find a report going to the police. **Rule 243 - tells drivers they are not allowed to stop or park in a range of places including "in front of an entrance to a property"**. We realise most parents are mindful of our neighbours and we also realise the roads are busy at certain points of the day but we have had reports of some neighbours missing appointments because they could not get out of their drives or even of verbal abuse at times from some parents when asked to move. Thank you for your understanding and for all those who are respectful of the rights of our neighbours. If any parents see cars (that do not belong to the neighbours) parked in front of neighbours' driveways please let the office or a member of staff know and we will get it moved immediately.



Deadline for Admissions - Reception Class 2024 - 15th JANUARY 2024

The application form is available now. The link for applying is:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-online-for-a-school-place/>

We do have places in our Nursery class ('Moons') with the wonderful Mrs Hollinghurst. We currently take children from three years old (please get in touch if you are interested in having some hours in our Nursery class).

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO APPLY

Rewards for this week (Well done!)

Well done to all those amazing children who have achieved awards this week.

Star of the Week Awards Focus on Learning	
Moons	Whole of Moons – for passing their Level 2 Elf Training
Rockets	Joshua
Dorado	Kasia – for wonderful dancing to the santa song
Orion	Harper – for amazing independent Maths work and writing
Hercules	Logan – for having a great week in school
Pegasus	Ellie – for working hard on her assessments and showing good resilience
Apollo	Eli – for fantastic effort in his writing
Leo	Darasimi – for being a positive role model and producing a variety of good work
Phoenix	Bentley – for working hard to turn his attitude towards school and learning around

Positive Points (Top Dojo Points Rockets Only)	
Dorado	Charlie
Orion	Stephen
Hercules	Poppy & Steven
Pegasus	Nyko
Leo	Aurelia
Phoenix	Kelsey



Galaxy Class and Apollo Class

This week Galaxy and Apollo had their Christmas afternoon. The children sang Jingle Bells while signing this in Makaton too! The children and their parents then took part in lots of Christmas activities. Thank you to the family and friends who attended, it was lovely to see so many of you.

Also, some children from Galaxy and Apollo represented Seven Stars at a bowling competition run by South Ribble. The team came 3rd and won bronze medals. Their behaviour, effort and resilience were amazing. Well done

Christmas Lunch

Once again, Dawn and Kerry delivered an outstanding Christmas Lunch for all the children, staff, and visitors in school. It was delicious and the Polar Express theme was magical. It was great seeing all the children in their cosy Christmas jumpers having such a great time and tucking into a hearty Christmas meal.

Father Christmas Visit

All the children were excited at the visit of Father Christmas on the same day as the Christmas Lunch. We know he is so busy but he spared time for the children of Seven Stars school to come and say well done and wish them a very Merry Christmas. He even brought a little gift with him for each child in school (with help from Sophie of the Leyland Community Network who as we know works hard for Santa at this time of year!).



Christmas Assembly & Workshops

A huge thank you to Liz from the Leyland Baptist church who came into school this week and delivered an assembly for all the school and workshops for Years 5 and 6 about what Christmas means for Christians around the world. It is always good fun having Liz with us and we hope to see more of Liz over the coming months to support our RE curriculum.

PTFA (first) Christmas Race Night

The PTFA held their first ever 'Race Night'.

Doors opened at 3.15pm and we were bursting at the seams.

There were plenty of fun games, hot food, cash prizes and a 'bingo flyer'.

Thank you to everyone who came along and we hope you enjoyed yourselves.

Once we have added up all the money we will let you know how much we have managed to raise for the school. Every penny raised will go towards the children (books, equipment, events etc).

Staff Update

Goodbye Mrs Warner - Mrs Warner, our wonderful Year 1 teacher and who has worked at Seven Stars Primary school for over 15 years, is leaving. She has secured a teaching job in a Primary school nearer to where she lives and so it will be her last day with us on Friday 22nd December.

We are so grateful to Mrs Warner for all of her years of service throughout the school and in her recent leadership of the Phonics and Computing curriculum. Mrs Warner has taught in most classes and taught most children over her time with us and has always had a smile on her face and a 'can do' attitude. She will be very missed and we wish her all the very best. We have found a fantastic new teacher called **Miss Grainger** who will be teaching Year 1 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs McDonald will be continuing to teach Year 1, as she has been doing already, on a Thursday but will now teach them on a Friday as well.

Thank you Mrs Adlington - A huge thank you to Mrs Adlington for teaching and supporting Year 5 while Mr Buchanan was off. Mrs Adlington did a wonderful job holding the fort and now that Mr Buchanan has returned we have wished her a fond farewell and wish her all the very best in the next role she takes up.



Dates Coming Up

REMINDER:

We have had to move the INSET days to Friday 12th January and Monday 15th January (when the children will NOT be in school on those days due to moving classrooms)

The demolition of the Shawbrook building will take place from mid-February

Wednesday 20 th December -	9.30am Years 1 and 2 Christmas performance in the hall for parents - 1.30pm Nursery and Reception performance in the hall for parents
Thursday 21 st December -	9.30am Nursery and Reception Christmas performance in the hall for parents - 1.30pm Years 1 and 2 performance in the hall for parents
Friday 22 nd December -	Shining Stars - 1.15pm Christmas carols/songs/assembly for parents - 2pm early finish for Christmas (After-school club until 4pm)
Friday 22 nd December -	Break up for Christmas holidays at 2pm
Monday 8 th January -	Return to school
Friday 12 th January -	school closed for INSET and moving classes (new build): Children NOT in school
Monday 15 th January -	school closed for INSET and moving classes (new build): Children NOT in school
Tuesday 16 th January -	Children return to school after the INSETs and moves - Main playground closed and out of bounds (all parents/children need to come in through the gate by the field)

FINAL DAY

Next Friday 22nd December we will be finishing early for Christmas. **School will finish at 2pm (After-school club at 4pm).**

Please make sure that someone familiar is able to come and collect your child or ensure there is someone at home if they walk home on their own.

(School re-opens on Monday 8th January 2024)

Many thanks for your support - *Mr Mitchell*

REMEMBER TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE (class and school information)

Remember to like us on Facebook and Twitter



School Code of Conduct
Please be kind and respectful at all times