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VE DAY CELEBRATIONS - Thursday



To commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE (Victory in Europe) day we are holding a picnic lunch with parents on Thursday 8th May.

Parents are invited to join us on that day from 12.15pm and you can bring along a picnic (with a picnic blanket if you want) and join the children who will be sat outside in what we hope will be nice weather.

(Nursery class will be based in their own area)

Dawn will do special picnics for school dinners children.

Then we will run a short VE day themed craft activity back in class where parents can join their children after which they can go home early if their parent wishes.

(Years 4 and 5 and some Space Hub children will be swimming that afternoon so will not be able to go early I'm afraid)

Years 4 and 5 will be doing their craft activities from 11.15am if any parents would like to join them anytime from 11.15am to 12 noon and then stay for the picnic.

Alongside this we will also be collecting old photos of the era to make a display and be sending out a VE day homework sheet with a variety of activities the children could complete with a VE day homework assembly at the end of the half term.

If anyone has any photos or artefacts from the 1940's/WW2 we are hoping to display pictures of them in the hall alongside any work classes do.

On VE Day itself, staff and children can come dressed in either 1940's gear or red, white and blue (but NOT football kits).

<u>Bank Holiday</u>

It has been a lovely week in school with the weather and we hope that it stays nice on Monday when there is a Bank Holiday. Children will return to school on Tuesday 6th May.

Road Safety

It was great to see the Year 2 and Reception children going out to do the Road Safety sessions this week and hopefully this will be a skill for life that they can all remember.

Money Matters

Once again it was so nice to welcome Brian into school again to do the Money Matters session with our Year 6 children teaching them all about how to manage money and budgets.

Cricket Festival

Andy from South Ribble came in and delivered some excellent cricket training for Years 3 to 6 and Space Hub children this week - the children were well behaved and enjoyed learning the skills which we hope they will develop further as they move through school and up into high school (and maybe even at club level).

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PARENT COFFEE MORNING - Wednesday 7th May 9am

All parents are invited for a brew and a biscuit on Wednesday 7th May at 9am in the school hall

It's a chance for a chat but also the school nurse is attending and will be talking about 'sleep hygiene' (how to help your children get a good night's sleep) and she will be around to try to give some ideas or have a general chat.

Everyone is welcome.

<u>Makaton</u>

The children are loving learning the Makaton signs in school and so far they have learnt how to sign 'please' 'thank you' 'sorry' 'toilet' 'finished' and (this week) 'wait'

By the end of the year the children will have built u p a great vocabulary that they can then build on and use.



help

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t-IHz2DjPJU

NEW RECEPTION PARENTS MEETING -

Wednesday 7th May 2pm to 3pm <u>OR</u> 4pm to 5pm

All parents of Reception children who have been offered a place at Seven Stars Reception class ('Rockets') for next academic year (September 2025) are invited to a crucial meeting which will give you all the information you need to help your child as they start at Seven Stars school.

Even if your child attends our Nursery class it is still important for you to come along. You can come to either the 2pm meeting or the 4pm meeting (both of which will be in the school hall).

(if you have not been offered a Reception place or want to appeal then you will need to go to <u>https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-</u> <u>education-families/schools/apply-for-a-</u> <u>school-place/starting-primary-school/</u>)

Dates coming up:

5th May Bank Holiday Monday 7th May - Parent coffee morning (and visit by school nurse: Sleep support) 7th May (afternoon and evening) - New Reception parents welcome meeting September 2025 new starters 8th May - VE day celebrations (80th Anniversary) 12th May - Y6 SATs (Grammar, Punctuation, Spellings) 13th May - Y6 SATs (Reading) 13th May - Y3/4/5/6 Bowling event after school (selected children) 14th May - Y6 SATs (Maths) 15th May - Y6 SATs (Maths) 19th May - Year 5 Cyber Fairy Tales (STEM) afternoon 20th May - School photos (classes only) 21st May - Year 2 trip to Fleetwood Museum 21st May (morning) - Nursery and Reception Sports Morning

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End of year performance

Years 4, 5 and 6 are gearing up for the end of year show which this year will be a medley of songs from all the musicals that we have performed over the years in Millbrook building.

We felt this would be a fitting way to end our time in the Millbrook building before it all gets knocked down after our move into the new build.

Children will be practising the songs already (and if parents want to sing along then you could always start learning them too) The end of year show is likely to be on the 8th July (evening) and 9th July (afternoon) and more information will go out nearer the time.

REMINDERS

Attendance

Please remember that we are aiming for our children to be in school for AT LEAST 96% of the time on average across the school.

Ideally we want 100% attendance as that means they are not missing out on any learning - and we do have some children who have managed 100% since the start of the year!

We are also rewarding any children who manage 100% for each half-term (so each half-term they have a chance to be rewarded for achieving great attendance even if they didn't previously).

CAR PARKING AND WALKING TO SCHOOL

Thank you so much to all those parents who have walked to school or been able to park a little bit away from school in order to ease congestion on Peacock Hall Road.

It continues to be tough due to the work (which you can see happening) on the staff car park for the new build.

Well done for your patience during this tricky time.

Please remember it is against the law to park across driveways and drivers are also not allowed to park on the yellow zig-zags. Lancashire Road Safety team have been out for a meeting and are going to send out a number of information leaflets and posters for us, as well as work with the children on how to keep safe on the roads.

Empathy

Our value this half-term is 'empathy' and we will be teaching our children about how to know what it is like to be in 'someone else's shoes' and appreciate how they might be feeling in different situations.

On-line safety

See the internet link below which gives brilliant support and advice about how to keep your children safe on-line. <u>https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-</u> <u>safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/</u>

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<u>Swimming for Years 4 and 5 (and some</u> <u>Space Hub children) - change</u>

Due to the refurbishment at the Leyland Leisure centre we will not be able to have our usual swimming lessons at the usual time and place.

However the centre has arranged for the swimming sessions to take place at Bamber Bridge baths on a Thursday afternoon starting Thursday 8th May until we are told we can return to the Leyland Leisure centre (which we think will then revert to the morning sessions).

Seven Stars Talent Show



We are starting auditions for the end of year Talent Show next week (6th May onwards) The children are thinking about what they would like to do. We've had so many amazing acts in the past so it will be interesting to see what talents appear this year.

The auditions will take place in Phoenix (Year 6) class over the week

It is likely the Talent Show will be on Wednesday 16th July in the school hall in the afternoon (but this will be confirmed nearer the time).

Rewards for this week (Well done!)

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

Star of the Week

Awarded to children who have demonstrated brilliant learning powers and achieved something special in their learning this week

Moons	Noah W for a fantastic attitude to learning and enthusiastic retelling of stories.
Rockets	Kiana – for being a kind friend and helping another child when they hurt
	themselves.
Dorado	Hunter for brilliant computing skills, using coding (code blocks) to program the fish
	to move.
Orion	Ebony for a more settled week in class & doing a great job in P.E.
Hercules	Thomas for showing enthusiasm towards all of his work.
Pegasus	Mia R for excellent participation in music when singing a round.
Leo	Lexi T. For a very positive week in class, very focused in lessons and great work
	in Science.
Phoenix	Tyler R- For all your class input and for working really hard to improve your
	writing.
Galaxy	Oscar for excellent work in English, generating meaningful questions about
	Roman Soldiers.
Apollo	Beth for making excellent progress at swimming by kicking her legs and using
	floats to swim without an adult

Positive Points

Children who have achieved the most points for effort in work and conduct

Rockets	Mazie
Dorado	Eva
Orion	Mikey C
Hercules	Lydia-Mae
Pegasus	Robert R
Leo	Filip M
Phoenix	Thomas C and Ethan C
Galaxy	Emily

Many thanks for your support *Wr Witchell* **REMEMBER TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE** (class and school information) <u>Seven Stars Primary School (lancsngfl.ac.uk)</u>



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

Breakfast club & After-School Club

Book on and pay in advance on School Money. Breakfast club = £4.00 per child (7.30 to start of day) After-School Club = £7.00 per child (to 5.30pm) Any late collection will result in a charge of £10 (cost of staffing)