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#### **VE DAY CELEBRATIONS**



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

It was so great to see so many parents join us on such a beautiful day to enjoy a picnic with the children and to also take part in some of the activities in classes.

Dawn and Kerry prepared special picnic lunches for school dinner's children and the children absolutely loved sharing the day. The staff and children (and some parents!) dressed in VE day outfits and even Winston Churchill made an appearance to cheer the troops on.

We have also collected a number of photos and memorabilia which have formed a display in the hall and which we looked at in the school assembly.

It was a great day and so important to remember, honour and respect all those families and brave heroes who gave so much during World War 2 to keep us safe and fight for freedom.

#### **NEW RECEPTION PARENTS MEETING –**

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Thank you to all the parents of Reception children (for September 2025) who came along to our initial getting to know you sessions in school.

A reminder that we will be holding 'Taster Sessions' for children (details below): Pupils should be dropped off and collected at the front of school (entrance/ office) for their sessions (unless they are already in Moons class in which case Mrs Hollinghurst will take them through.

#### Dates:

Group 1 (surnames A-K) 9:30am – 10:30am Tuesday 3rd June and Tuesday 10th June.

1:15pm – 2:15pm

Tuesday 17th June and Tuesday 24th June.

Group 2 (surnames L-Z) 1:15pm – 2:15pm Tuesday 3rd June and Tuesday 10th June.

9:30am - 10:30am

Tuesday 17th June and Tuesday 24th June.

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

#### **PARENT COFFEE MORNING**



It was great to see some of our wonderful parents at the coffee morning this week we also had our school nurse Stacey who came along to talk to us about sleep and how to ensure good sleep routines for the children.

## **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.

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### **Money Matters**

Brian is coming in to year 5 on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May in the morning to talk to the children all about budgeting and managing money - a great skill for life.

### Sports clubs

The children are enjoying some of the sports clubs we have up and running for the Key Stage 2 children with Football on a Wednesday with South Ribble AND on Thursday with Mr Collier and Mrs Wrigth, and Rugby with South Ribble on a Friday.

## Rugby Tournament



Our Year 5 and 6 children did amazingly well at the initial Rugby tournament stages on Thursday evening and won 2 out of their 3 matches

Well done and the behaviour as ever was excellent.

## **REMINDERS**

#### Attendance

Please remember that we are aiming for our 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 previousl

### **Makaton**

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 'wait'. This week they have learnt 'work'

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



work

## Dates coming up:

12th May - Y6 SATs (Grammar, Punctuation, Spellings)

13th May - Y6 SATs (Reading)

14th May - Y6 SATs (Maths)

14th May - Year 5 Money Matters talk

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 (weather permitting)

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### Year 6 SATs

The children in Phoenix class will be sitting their Year 6 SATs all of next week (see the days for each one below).

We are so proud of all of our Year 6 children and we are sure they will do their very best. SATs are useful to give us an idea of how the children perform in English and Maths in test conditions but they do not tell us the full story of each child as they don't measure other key skills or curriculum areas. Every child is unique and wonderful!

However I am certain each child will work hard and do well.

Year 6 children are invited in to a free breakfast in Year 6 at 8.30am each morning please make sure they get plenty of rest over the weekend.

(any questions please come and ask).

## On-line safety

See the internet link below which gives brilliant support and advice about how to keep your children safe on-line.

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-childrensafe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/

## Road Safety

We are continuing with Road Safety sessions with our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children so they are more aware of how to keep safe amongst traffic and near our busy roads.

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> July (evening) and 9<sup>th</sup> July (afternoon) and more information will go out nearer the time.

#### 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.

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## Seven Stars Talent Show



Auditions for the talent show have started The children have been 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.

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)

# Swimming for Years 4 and 5 (and some Space Hub children) - change



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)

The children went for their first swim this week at the new venue and did really well. This will only be for a short time and we will return to Leyland we hope by the second week in June.

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## 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		
Rockets	Aria for having an amazing week. Following instructions and being a good friend.	
Dorado	Avayah for a fantastic setting description using nouns and adjectives.	
Orion	Jaxon.W - for creating a well designed clay tile in art.	
Hercules	Lucas for an excellent clay pot, showing resilience and enthusiasm	
Pegasus	Mira for practising the skills learnt in DT at home and considering the likes and dislikes of her target audience.	
Leo	Jay-Jay, for a good, settled week in school and sone amazing work in PSHE about Fair Trade chocolate.	
Phoenix		
Galaxy	Alex for excellent work all week, in particular English and for being kind and helpful in class.	
Apollo	Eli for a super newspaper report about VE Day	

Positive Points Children who have achieved the most points for effort in work and conduct		
Rockets	Issac	
Dorado	Phoebe	
Orion	Brion	
Hercules	Jack	
Pegasus	Mia Rose and Mia	
Leo	Nyko P	
Phoenix		
Galaxy	Oscar	

Many thanks for your support

Mr Mitchell

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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)