

Weekly Newsletter

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24th November 2023

*'Where children
come first'*

New Build

As you have seen the builders have been laying the foundations for the temporary classrooms at the edge of our school field near Pegasus and Hercules classes. We will send out a letter before Christmas to let you know where the classes will be going (most classes will stay where they are). No classes will be moving until 16th January 2024 and we will let you know in plenty of time the arrangements for moves and then what to do about dropping off and picking up (as the main playground will be out of use from 16th January).

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 have been showing a lot of parents around school recently of children who are starting in September 2024.

Please get in touch if you would like to look around the school.

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

Rock Kidz



On Monday the Rock Kidz are joining us in school for workshops and a big, loud end of day concert. Their focus will be on anti-bullying and we will make sure the message of being kind and caring to each other is loud and clear to everyone. The children can come to school dressed as a Rock Star and we are asking for a donation towards Rock Kidz of £2 per child.

Anti-Bullying

We have a motto in school 'Be kind or be quiet!' There are a minority of children who are saying mean things to others. We are teaching our children to be kind and caring in how they speak to each other and asking children to let us know if anyone is not being kind in their words.

Pupil Mental Health Day & Yogi Group Visit

On Thursday of this week we focused on Pupil Mental Health and we had the Yogi group who came in to lead the children in exercises to promote relaxation and stress reduction. The trainer was very impressed with all the children and said how wonderful ALL the classes were with their participation and behaviour. Well done!

Visiting Author for Yrs 5 and 6 - SF Said

We had a brilliant visit on Tuesday by published author S F Said who has written 'Varjak Paw', 'Phoenix' and has recently published Tyger. He told the children all about being an author and was really inspiring.

The children were so excited to receive a free copy of Tyger which the author then signed for them.

Rewards for this week (Well done!)

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

Star of the Week Awards Focus on Learning	
Moons	Mazie – for amazing play in class and love of books
Rockets	Vincent
Dorado	Hattie
Orion	Jack – for showing resilience and determination in PE when doing a two feet jump off equipment
Hercules	Daisy – for being an active learner in all lessons, working really hard in class which has been noticed by the adults
Pegasus	Lexi – for 100% effort in Writing and Maths and concentrating well
Apollo	Eli – for persevering with his writing
Leo	Holly – for fantastic work all week, enthusiasm in Maths lessons and being welcoming to new members of staff
Phoenix	Teejay – for being such a kind and generous member of Phoenix class

Positive Points (Top Dojo Points Rockets Only)	
Dorado	Alex
Orion	Iyla-Rose
Hercules	Robert
Pegasus	Purity
Leo	Aurelia
Phoenix	Bradley

Respect Awards	
Dorado	Charlotte
Orion	Zuzanna
Hercules	Chloe
Apollo	Chase
Galaxy	David
Pegasus	Elennah
Leo	Jasmine
Phoenix	Katie

We would like to hear about any children who do amazing things outside of school and they MIGHT end up getting our Local Hero Award – let us know with a quick message on Class Dojo to your child's teacher letting us know what they have done.



OPAL News

Thankyou for your continued support with donations to school.
Very shortly Miss Moor will once again be opening our very special Christmas shop. If you have any unused packaged gifts lying around at home or any soft toys in excellent condition, which you are willing to donate to the shop, we would be very grateful. Items can be dropped off at the office. Thankyou

PARENTS AFTERNOON / EARLY EVENING

Wednesday 6th December 2023 (from 1.30pm to 5.30pm)

We are inviting all parents/carers to sign up for a 5 minute slot to meet your child's teacher and talk about how your child is getting on.

We are asking every parent/carer to come to the main entrance of school and sign up for a slot. Please remember the times you have chosen yourself.

The sheets will be available from 3pm on Friday 24th November and will be out until 5pm Monday 4th December which will be the cut off date/time to make an appointment.

This is a great chance to talk to your child's teacher about how your child is getting on. We will not be looking at books but will talking about 'strengths' and 'next steps' in their learning and let you know how they are doing with their Learning Powers (Participation, Concentration, Resilience and Pride).

We will also have a display up of what our new school is going to look like and Mrs Walsh will be available also.

'Stars in our School'

Stars in Our Schools is an annual celebration of school support staff.

It takes a whole team to make a school a safe and happy place for all children. School support staff help children learn, keep them safe and happy and make sure schools run smoothly. They are the caterers, admin staff, finance officers, teaching assistants, librarians, ICT technicians and many more roles.

We are so proud of all our support staff in school who work above and beyond to provide our children with the best possible education, support and care. Parents who come round are always amazed at the level of support our children receive.

Thank you to every member of our support staff for all you do throughout the year!



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

Monday 27 th November -	ROCK KIDZ anti-bullying event with a live rock band and lots of fun
Thursday 30 th November -	Nasal flu vaccinations (for those who have agreed to the vaccinations)
Wednesday 6 th December -	temporary classrooms arriving on-site (at the edge of the school field near Year 4)
Wednesday 6 th December -	Parents afternoon/early evening
Thursday 14 th December -	Christmas Lunch (and jumper) day
Monday 18 th December -	School Library Bus in school
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)

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