

# Weekly Newsletter



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## Criminal Behaviours/Police

PCSO James Slater, that some of you will have met, has come in to school to talk to our older children about criminal behaviours and how to stay safe and not get caught up into trouble. It is a talk he has done before and helps to reassure our children but also makes them aware of the law and various sanctions that are in place to stop criminal behaviours.

## Building Update

Building work continues and they are in the process of doing all the groundwork which will take a while. The structure we hope will start to go up in June. Charlie CONLON is coming to do an assembly on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May where the children will be told all about Health and Safety around construction sites and they will be able to have their photo taken with Charlie CONLON.

You can see details of the new build plans on our school website under the 'school life' page.

## Hothersall Lodge November 2024

We have sent out a letter to our Year 5 children about our Residential **20<sup>th</sup> November to 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024** (when they will be in Year 6). It is a fantastic opportunity to have fun in the big outdoors, take part in activities they wouldn't usually do (such as climbing, abseiling, archery, canoeing) with trained instructors (and enjoy some great time together team building and growing in confidence).

The deadline for deposits (of £20) is Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April - please speak to the school office about payment plans.

There is a meeting on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May all about the visit where we will be able to answer any initial questions you may have (in the current Year 6 classroom).



## Reception Class September 2024

We are excited to meet all the children who will be joining us in the Reception class ('Rockets') in September 2024. A lot of the children we know already as they attend our Nursery class but there will also be some new friends and I am certain they too will become a happy part of our Seven Stars family. A letter has gone out to all parents who have been offered a place and there is a meeting for those parents at school on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 4.30pm (next week)** in the school hall (this is only for adults so you are able to listen to all the crucial information being given out about your child's start at our lovely school). If you have not been given a place as you have not applied yet then you **MUST** contact Lancashire



- Tel: 0300 123 6707  
Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm
- Email: [enquiries@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@lancashire.gov.uk)

or go to the web-site:

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

## Break-Time Snacks

We are wanting our children to be healthy and have good habits for life. A number of children are bringing in chocolate bars and sweets/sugary snacks for morning break. Please try to avoid sugary snacks and send in something healthy for your children to have in the morning (they do also have toast first thing in the morning in most classes most mornings).



## 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	
<b>Rockets</b>	Vinnie-a super week!
<b>Dorado</b>	Rosie-Wonderful work again!
<b>Orion</b>	Killian –for being noticed by different adults all week for completing lots of hard work and participating well in all lessons
<b>Hercules</b>	Steven-for taking responsibility for his learning and working hard on time problems
<b>Pegasus</b>	Nyko- for settling odwn to work quickly and always having beautifully presented work.
<b>Apollo</b>	Beth- for using her loud reading voice and joining in lots in PE
<b>Leo</b>	Treasure- for having great participation in lessons and taking great pride in her work
<b>Phoenix</b>	Joseph- for having a brilliant first week and for producing some excellent maths work on ratio and proportion.

Positive Points (Top Dojo Points Rockets Only)	
<b>Dorado</b>	Ronnie
<b>Orion</b>	Hayden
<b>Hercules</b>	Brandon
<b>Pegasus</b>	Dominic
<b>Leo</b>	Aurelia, Thomas
<b>Phoenix</b>	Hayden



## High School Open Days and Transitions

Open days (for the current Year 5 parents wanting to decide on High School places for September 2025) will take place in the second part of the Summer term and once all the High Schools have announced their open day dates we will let you know.

For those children going to High School this September 2024 there will be a transition visit for most of the current Year 6 pupils to their High School on 3<sup>rd</sup> July. We will send more details nearer the time once we have been told by the High Schools. As a school we will also be meeting with the transition leads from each High school to pass on key information, discuss the progress of the pupils and what their needs are and work with the High School in the transition process. For some pupils this may mean additional visits and support if we feel they may struggle but for most pupils the arrangements are very good and I am sure they will settle in to their new school in September really well.

## Parent Feedback Survey

Many thanks to those parents who came to our Parents Evening and completed the parent survey. The results of the survey are below.

<i>47 replies = 21% of parents responded</i>	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't know
My child likes school.	70%	30%			
My child is making good progress.	62%	38%			
The behaviour system is effective.	57%	32%	4%		6%
My child is not bullied or harassed at school.	51%	23%	17%	4%	4%
Teaching is good.	74%	26%			
I am kept well informed about how my child is getting on.	66%	34%			
I feel comfortable about approaching the school with questions or concerns	77%	23%			
Staff expect my child to work hard and do their best (show pride in their work)	77%	23%			
The school is led and managed well.	81%	19%			
Staff treat my child fairly.	77%	23%			
The school seeks the views of parents and takes account of their suggestions and concerns.	70%	28%			2%
Class Dojo is an effective means of communication between school and home.	70%	30%			
Staff encourage my child to become mature and independent.	74%	26%			
There is a good range of activities that my child finds interesting and enjoyable.	66%	32%			
The arrangements for my son/daughter to settle in when they started school were good.	74%	23%			

We are already putting actions into place to address some of the concerns including:

1. an ongoing review of our behaviour and anti-bullying systems in school which we will be reporting to parents about by the middle of the Summer term (a further behaviour survey will be going out to parents soon and pupils are completing their behaviour specific survey this week). The behaviour of the vast majority of our pupils is exemplary but there are some pupils that do struggle and we want to ensure they learn quickly how to respond and react appropriately throughout the school day
2. exploring additional ranges of activities during and after school (i.e. clubs) that we can offer to children
3. reviewing our reporting systems to all parents so you are fully aware of what progress your child is making in all subjects throughout the year.

It was so encouraging to see these excellent results and we want to build on the many strengths identified so the children can continue to enjoy school and make the best possible progress in their learning.

Some of the comments from parents about what we do well (these are just a few - there were lots more): 'Staff know and understand my child and treat them individually'.

'Staff and leadership are approachable'.

'Children love the school'.

'Good support network for parents'.

'Everyone knows and cares for each other'.

'My children have settled well in school and are both thriving well'.

Some of the suggestions from parents of areas to develop (these are just some of the ideas): More extra-curricular clubs (see above).

Teacher-parent communication about progress (see above). More Music opportunities.

Homework (this will be explored for the Summer term and reviewed moving forward).

Improving behaviour, bullying responses and responding to challenging pupils (see above).

All of the above will help with our School Development Plan moving forward and we will let you know what we are putting in place.

### **3 things (behaviour)**

We are focusing on three key things with the children in their behaviour which are:

- **language** (no swearing or inappropriate language - only kind, respectful and encouraging words). This is also when they are on-line. Please monitor their language when they are on social media or games
- **walking** (when they are in school we want them to walk calmly through school)
- **listening** (one of our learning powers is concentration and we want the children to listen well to adults and each other - even if they are cross or frustrated)

### **Responsibility VIPs (Values Inspired Person)**

We have started to teach our children all about our current focus value of 'Responsibility' (for themselves, their learning, their behavior and also for others in how they care and for their school and wider environment such as in looking after and keeping tidy the school grounds and building)

## Dates Coming Up

**Wednesdays after school:** Sports club for Key Stage Two pupils

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April – am:** Bowls Competition at Fox Lane Cricket club (selected Key Stage Two pupils)

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May:** Library Bus will be arriving and children choosing new books for our library

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - 4.30pm:** Parents of Reception children for September 2024 meeting in the hall

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May:** Charlie CONLON visit to school (Health and Safety talks)

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May:** Bank Holiday Monday (school closed)

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May am:** Money Matters in Year 5 (budget and money talks)

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May:** Handwriting Pride / improvement awards

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May to Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May: Year 6 SATs**  
a letter will be going out with details of times and information

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May: School Photographs -Tempest Photography: individual, family and class 8am to 11am**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May am:** Sports Morning for Years 1 to 6 (weather permitting)

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> May am:** Sports Morning for Nursery and Reception (weather permitting)

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May pm:** Money Matters in year 6 (budget and money talks)

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May am:** Shining Stars Assembly (and Responsibility VIP certificates & Milk Shakes)

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May:** Break up at the usual time for the half-term holidays

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June:** Children back in school for Summer 2 term

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**