Weekly Newsletter

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Welcome Back!

It was so nice to see all our happy smiling children returning to school or in the case of our Reception and Nursery new starters beginning their exciting adventure at Seven Stars School. Well done for getting them to school bright and early (and looking so smart) and we look forward to a brilliant year ahead..

Staff welcome (new to school)

A big welcome to Mr Gornall who is supporting in Year 6 for most of this year and to Miss Blundell who will be teaching in Apollo class on Wednesdays, Year 6 on Friday afternoons, and in various other classes throughout the week.

For a full list of which staff are in which class please see the letter that went out on Class Dojo and the school website class pages.

It is also lovely to welcome Ms Mault and Ms Melling back to school from their respective maternity leaves

Also a huge congratulations to formerly Miss Murphy in Year 1 who has got married in the holidays and is now **Mrs Ensor**

Healthy School and Healthy Eating



We take eating healthily really seriously at school, we discuss healthy eating with the children and encourage them to make healthy choices. We have a policy that only fruit, vegetables and suitable cereal bars can be eaten at playtimes and request that parents do not send in sweets or fizzy drinks at all. All children are asked to bring in their own water bottles which they are encouraged to drink from regularly throughout the day. It needs to be water rather than juice. WHY? If children have food that is not healthy for them during the school day it affects their behaviour. They become irritable, fidgety and distracted if they are full of sugar. Unhealthy food also affects their long term health. (A treat every now and then at home is fine!)



PE DAYS reminders

<u>Nursery</u> (Moons): to be confirmed (come in school uniform) <u>Reception</u> (Rockets): Monday (children bring PE kits in and get changed in school) <u>Year 1</u> (Dorado): Thursday and Friday <u>Year 2</u> (Orion): Monday and Thursday <u>Year 3</u> (Hercules): Monday and Friday <u>Year 4</u> (Pegasus): Tuesday and Swimming is on Thursday morning <u>Year 5</u> (Leo): PE on Tuesday and Swimming is on Thursday morning <u>Year 6</u> (Phoenix): Wednesday and Friday

<u>Meet the Team meetings</u> for parents/carers to find out what is happening in your child's class this year,

Monday 9th September: **Year 3** Wednesday 11th September: **Year 1** Thursday 12th September: **Galaxy/Apollo** Monday 16th September: **Year 5** Thursday 19th September: **Year 2**

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Free School Meals – if you are eligible apply:

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

Universal Credit with a household income of less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

- Income-Based Jobseekers' Allowance
- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, not entitled to Working Tax Credit and household income less than £16,190
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Income Support
- Working Tax Credit 'run on' the payment you receive for a further four weeks after you finish work
- If your child is currently eligible for free school meals, that eligibility will be protected until Universal Credit is introduced (expected 31 March 2025) even if your circumstances change. If your child is still in education on this date, they will be eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they are in.

If you have a younger child starting school in September and you are no longer eligible, they will not be protected because this would be a new claim

https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/?page=3

We are introducing our '3 Bes' to the children

Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe

We are discussing what this means in class and around school There is a Parents Charter that is going home linked to the '3 Bes' to help all parents ensure your child reaches their full potential



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)

Rewards assemblies

Over the end of last week and this week the following children below achieved awards. Well done to every single one of them - we are very proud!

Star of the Week Awards Focus on Learning	
Moons	Everyone (What a lovely beginning for our very youngest children)
Rockets	EVERYONE! (For a brilliant week when all children have settled in so well!)
Dorado	Elsie-Rose
Orion	Jaxson S
Hercules	Best E
Pegasus	Daisy-Lou G
Leo	Jack N
Phoenix	EVERYONE! (What an amazing start - well done!)



<u>Contacts/information updates</u> Please complete the forms handed out and return them to school. We MUST be told if there is a change in contact details or childcare arrangements or parental responsibility or medical needs. Anything that we would need to know about to keep your child safe in school

<u>Class Dojo</u>

Please make sure you are signed up to Class Dojo and check it regularly Teachers will only post things / respond to messages between 8am – 5.30 and not weekends or holidays

ASDA Cashpot

We have been recommended to share the link below for the ASDA Cashpot to raise money for school. It would be great if as many parents as possible could do this if you can: <u>https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools</u>

Many thanks for your support,

Mr Mitchell

REMEMBER TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE (class and school information)

Seven Stars Primary School (lancsngfl.ac.uk)

