

# Weekly Newsletter

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'Where children  
come first'

## COVID Update

Once again it has been a challenging week in some classes with positive COVID cases and we have had a number of staff absences this week but we have managed to make it to the end of the week and the children have continued to learn and have a great time with lots of achievements.

We are hopeful that things will settle soon (speaking to a number of schools it appears that there seems to be a peak of about two weeks and then it calms down).

## Do You Need Yelp?

*'If any families are isolating and need support please contact me*

*d.wright@seven-stars.lancs.sch.uk or phone 01772 422503.*

*The office will order vouchers on Fridays for children who are entitled to free school dinners (not the infant FSM). Children will get £2.20 for everyday they are absent, these will be similar to the ones provided in the holidays.*

*School also have some laptops for children, this will enable them to access the class DOJO to continue with their education.*

*Unfortunately school will be unable to provide Lateral Flow Tests as we have limited supply.*

*If you have any queries please not not hesitate to contact me'.*

## Valentines Gift Balloons

With Valentine's Day being upon us very soon we will be selling red, heart shaped, foil balloons with a small pack of loveheart sweets and ribbon. These gifts can be bought by the children from next week (or order at the office). Please be aware we only have a limited number. The balloons are £2 each and a picture will be posted on class Dojo very soon.



## OPAL Playtimes

We will be introducing after half-term a new way of doing playtimes at Seven Stars.



It is very exciting and is something which a lot of schools around the country are doing.

It will be very different to how we have done playtimes over the last few years and we will be sending out more details to parents in the next few weeks.

Basically we want our children to have a great playtime everyday, to be able to explore, develop social skills, build dens, dig in the soil, climb, play and improve their vocabulary and learning at the same time.

You can see what OPAL is about at the following link:

<https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/>

but it will look unique to our school.

We will be asking for items and wellies and all sorts (the children are likely to get a bit muddy sometimes but we will warn you about that!)

We will be talking to the children about it all as well over the next few weeks.

## Wall Paper/Dressing Up?

If anyone has any unused or part rolls of wallpaper they no longer need we would very much appreciate them in school. Also dressing up items such as, hats, bridesmaid dresses, costume jewellery, accessories etc. they can be dropped off at the front office anytime. Many Thanks.



## 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 Enthusiasm and Behaviour	
Moons	Charlotte – for fantastic use of size words
Rockets	Lydia
Dorado	Christian – for his efforts and progression to write independently
Orion	Thomas – for excellent work in maths
Hercules	Marquis – for settling in and trying hard with his writing
Pegasus	Bradley – for showing great progress in reading and swimming
Leo	Amelia – a very good week in class and much improved effort and attitude in all lessons
Phoenix	Laycie S – for brilliant work all week and fantastic contributions to lessons

Positive Points (Top Dojo Points Rockets Only)	
Rockets	Bradley
Dorado	Rio
Orion	Lois
Hercules	Lucas
Pegasus	Bradley
Leo	Charlie
Phoenix	Oscar & Bethany

VIP (Values Inspired Person) – for demonstrating RESILIENCE	
Rockets	Mila
Dorado	Jeremy
Orion	Nyko
Hercules	Jasmine
Pegasus	Emmie
Leo	Lexi
Phoenix	Leah

## VIP certificates (Values Inspired Person)

Over the next few weeks we will be celebrating and rewarding any children who demonstrate our school values which are:

- Resilience, Determination, Kindness, Tolerance, Courage, Honesty, Empathy, Respect, Responsibility, Gratitude/Thankfulness

We will focus on one Value a week (so the children can learn what each value means)

The values we will focus on over this half-term will be:

- 04/02/22 – RESPONSIBILITY
- 11/02/21 – RESPECT

Our value for next week that we are focusing on is 'RESPONSIBILITY': 'being dependable, making good choices, and taking accountability for your actions. A responsible person looks out for the well-being of others and understands we all have a part to play in making the world a better place'

**Well Done**  
**to everyone this week**

## WE LOVE READING!

### Fantastic Book Awards - Lancashire Library Visits

We had a visit from Dawn from the Lancashire Library service on Tuesday in school and this is the email she sent after the visit:

Many thanks for such a FANTASTIC time in your classes yesterday.

It was a great session! Your pupils were so polite, well-mannered and engaged. They shared their ideas about reading and books so openly. They seem very excited to get the FBA (Fantastic Book Awards) started and I'm sure you will have lots of volunteers to read the books in the box! Some had already spotted the titles in the library and shared their ideas wonderfully. You are clearly promoting a love for reading in your school!

The details for the FBA this year are all here <https://my.nicheacademy.com/lancashireschoollibraryservice>.

There are videos and resources including a super video from Frank Cottrell-Boyce reading part of 'Noah's Gold' Dawn

Year 5 also watched Frank Cottrell-Boyce read 'Cosmic' and mentioned Seven Stars Primary school.

You can see the clip here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SRllvCzmtB8>

## Mini Book Competition!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tdr2jkW0Jx0>

We are asking children to create a miniature book for our library in school. The above link will take you to a YouTube video with famous illustrator of the Gruffalo, Alex Scheffler.

In the video, he explains how you can make miniature books and gives ideas to create your own miniature books.

There are further ideas and examples on the website below.

<https://www.bl.uk/childrens-books/activities/national-library-miniature-books>

There will be prizes available and all miniature books will be put on display in the library to be shared with each other.

If possible, please find time for children to create their miniature books. They can be about absolutely anything!

We will aim to collect the miniature books by the last week of half term.

Have fun and enjoy.

## Surveyors

Thank you for your patience with the surveyors this week as they have been drilling down beneath our playgrounds to test the foundations, substructures and drainage around the school as part of the feasibility study for a potential new build (not guaranteed but once the DfE have agreed it we will let you know).

## RE focus: Islam Awareness Workshops - Tuesday 8th February

We have a visitor to school in February called Imran Kotwal who is a teacher that leads workshops raising awareness for our children about Islam which is one of our key religions we teach at Seven Stars School.

This will be a great opportunity to consider the basic beliefs of Islam and especially in the context of our focus that week of Respect.

### Safer Internet Day - Wednesday 9th February

We will be talking to the children about the importance of staying safe on-line and how to make sure they know what to do to stay safe when they are on the internet.

### SHINING STARS AWARDS - Friday 11th February

These are the highest awards we give at Seven Stars school and anyone who achieves this have worked and behaved brilliantly well over the whole of the half-term.

## **MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING 31/01/2022**

<b>Lunch menu (subject to change depending on deliveries) 31.01.2022</b>			
	<b>Choice 1</b>	<b>Choice 2</b>	<b>Desserts Choice</b>
Monday	All Day Brunch (Sausage, Hash Brown, Beans, Omelette)	Jacket Potato, Selection of Toppings, Salad	Varied due to the current situation
Tuesday	French Bread Pizza, Tortilla Chips, Salad	Cheese Pasty, Diced Potatoes, Beans	Varied due to the current situation
Wednesday	Roast Pork Dinner with Gravy, Potatoes, Vegetables	Jacket Potato, Selection of Toppings, Salad	Varied due to the current situation
Thursday	Sausage in a Bun, Tortilla Chips, Salad	Selection of Sandwiches, Crisp, Salad Sticks	Varied due to the current situation
Friday	Homemade Pizza, Chips, Peas	Fish, Chips, Peas	Varied due to the current situation

Many thanks for your support - *Mr Mitchell*

**REMEMBER TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE** (class and school information)

Remember to like us on Facebook



**If you have changed your contact details, need to update medical information or any other personal details please let us know in the office so we can update our records.**

## **HOLIDAYS AND TERM DATES 2021/22**

### **SPRING TERM 2022**

**School opens:** Tuesday 4th January 2022

**School closes:** Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Half-Term closure: Monday 14th February 2022 -  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**School opens:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022

**School closes:** Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

### **SUMMER TERM 2022**

**School opens:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022

(May Day Closure: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022)

**School closes:** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Half-term closure: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022

School additional holiday: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 (Jubilee)

School INSET: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**School opens:** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**School closes:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022