

# Weekly Newsletter

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come first*

## CHRISTMAS!

We have a **Christmas shop** in school running to **Friday 10th December**. Items are now on sale for reasonable prices (from 50p upwards) if any children want to buy gifts for friends and family (or themselves!) and all money raised will go towards the PTFA fund raising campaign towards outdoor equipment (so far we have raised £200 already!)



**The Christmas Post-box** is now up in hall. If your child wants to send a card please get them to put the name of the child on the envelope (full name if possible) and what class they are in. They must then post them in the Christmas post-box and we will leave the cards in the post-box for 72 hours before delivering them (in line with COVID guidance).

**Christmas Lunch** will take place on **Thursday 9th December** and it will be a wonderful time to enjoy the delicious full Christmas lunch (make sure you book in advance on Parentpay). Children can wear a Christmas jumper that day AND the day after (10th December which is national Christmas jumper day).

We have told the children that the best thing about Christmas is friendship, being with family and caring for others. We realise that Christmas can be a challenging time for many people (and especially after the last two years) so if you need any help please let us know at 01772 422503 or email [d.wright@seven-stars.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:d.wright@seven-stars.lancs.sch.uk)



## VIPs Certificates Launch after Christmas

After Christmas, we will be re-launching our 'Values Inspired Person' (VIP) award



when we will announce a winner from each class each week who has demonstrated one of our ten core school values. The values can be found on our school web-site and are:

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

If our children can learn these values, then they will have a great life and so will those around them!

## Take Care

We have received reports that someone in a white car at the weekend tried to entice a child into their car with sweets. Thankfully the children ran to a local pub nearby but please be vigilant and remind your children (as we do constantly in school) of the need to keep safe.

## Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance and Punctuality 22.11.21 – 26.11.21	
Attendance	93.9%
Punctuality	83.1%

## 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	
Rockets	Lucas
Dorado	Faye – for trying really hard with her work
Orion	Thomas – fantastic work in phonics
Hercules	Aidon – for having a fantastic week in all areas of school
Pegasus	Hayden – for excellent effort in vocabulary in maths this week
Leo	Tonera – for being a fantastic role model and always trying her best in every lesson
Phoenix	Oscar – for some amazing answers in our poetry reading lessons this week

Positive Points (Top Dojo Points Rockets Only)	
Rockets	Emily
Dorado	Pippa
Orion	Noah
Hercules	Aurelia
Pegasus	Sophie P & Kelsey
Leo	Amelia M & Tinuke
Phoenix	Millie

Fitness Champion	
Rockets	Tommy
Dorado	Oliver – for being an encouraging team member
Orion	Kian & Alfie – for a brilliant PE routine
Hercules	Thomas & Ethan – for a great gymnastics sequence and performance
Pegasus	Mia – for joining in exercises during break time with Miss Blundell
Leo	Finlay – always giving 100% in PE lessons
Phoenix	Olivia – for good football skills and sportsmanship

# Well Done

## Great Poetry / Great Maths / Great Phonics

I have had the privilege of observing several lessons (with subject co-ordinators) throughout the school and we have seen some fantastic learning. Some of the key things we noticed:

- the children are so focused and engaged in their learning
- the enthusiasm of the children in wanting to show their work - they are proud of what they are achieving
- the excellent behaviour and attitude of almost every single child in school
- the smiles in the classes and the progress in the learning

Our Maths in Years 1 to 4 is based on the Red Rose (Lancashire) Maths Mastery scheme and in Year 5 and 6 on the Lancashire Maths scheme - the children are growing in their number confidence (please practice their times tables and number bonds with them at home - see our Maths policy and curriculum overviews on the school web-site).

Our phonics scheme is called Phonics Shed and the children are enjoying learning about the adventures of Joe from Reception to Year 2 learning the key sounds that help them read and write (see our school web-site for further information).

Year 6 have been responding to a fantastic poem called 'Invictus' by William Ernest Henley about courage this week. They've done a great job and the poem is very inspiring so I have included it below:

*Out of the night that covers me,  
Black as the pit from pole to pole,  
I thank whatever gods may be  
For my unconquerable soul.*

*In the fell clutch of circumstance  
I have not winced nor cried aloud.  
Under the bludgeonings of chance  
My head is bloody, but unbowed.*

*Beyond this place of wrath and tears  
Looms but the Horror of the shade,  
And yet the menace of the years  
Finds and shall find me unafraid.*

*It matters not how strait the gate,  
How charged with punishments the scroll,  
I am the master of my fate,  
I am the captain of my soul.*

Well done Year 6!

## Car Parking Reminder

Thank you to those people who are being considerate with parking. A few reminders:

- **DO NOT PARK ON THE ZIG ZAGS EVEN FOR A SECOND, IT IS ILLEGAL**
- Do not park in front of our neighbours' drives (they keep an eye on our school at weekends, holidays and evenings and are good friends to our school. Some of them have to get in and out of their drives at short notice for emergencies or with families)
- Do not throw children out of the car whilst in the middle of the road
- please try to operate a one-way system using Meadowcroft road parking facing the play equipment and driving in a loop to avoid cars clashing in opposite directions
- If you can walk to school please do so (it's great for mental health and chat time!)

## Parents/Carers Phone/Zoom calls

Thank you to those parents who have had their phone calls with the teachers and to all the teachers who have spent time talking to parents and carers about how the children are getting on.

## Parents/Carer Questionnaire

Thank you to those parents who have completed the survey that was sent out by Mrs Walsh on Class Dojo on November 23rd

Please complete this if you can as it will help us identify what we are doing well and where we need to improve.

## Moons Class (Nursery)

Mrs Hollinghurst has been in touch and is recovering well after a period of illness and we are so pleased that she is starting to feel stronger. Mrs Hollinghurst will return once she is back to full health and in the meantime we are so grateful to Mrs Kenworthy and our other talented supply teachers who have been in to teach the Moons children and to Mrs Whiteside and Miss Murphy for looking after our youngest pupils in school.

The children have continued to keep smiling and are a total delight. I know Mrs Hollinghurst is missing everyone but will return as soon as she is able at the right time.

Thank you as well to Miss Thomson who has done a great job helping to lead the day to day management of the Early Years Superstars in the absence of Mrs Hollinghurst.

## Web-site

Please visit our web-site regularly. It is now being updated on at least a weekly basis so there will always be something new to see.

It has upcoming events (scroll to the bottom of the home page) and news about recent things that have happened in school.

You can also find Class pages which will be updated over the next few weeks and all our policies, procedures and important information.

Find us at <https://www.seven-stars.lancsngfl.ac.uk/>

**UPCOMING KEY EVENTS**

**December**

Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch day
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Service visit to Years 2 & 3 (2pm)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Service visit to Year 6 (1.30pm)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Christingle end of school event 2pm early finish (after-school club open until 4pm)

**MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING 06/12/2021**

<b>Lunch menu (subject to change depending on deliveries) 06.12.21</b>			
	<b>Choice 1</b>	<b>Choice 2</b>	<b>Desserts Choice</b>
Monday	Sausage, Mash, Gravy, Vegetables	Cheesy Pasta Bake	Varied due to the current situation
Tuesday	Homemade Pizza, Diced Potatoes, Salad	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Toppings, Salad	Varied due to the current situation
Wednesday	Sandwiches, Tortilla Chips, Salad		Varied due to the current situation
Thursday	<b>CHRISTMAS LUNCH</b>		Varied due to the current situation
Friday	Pizza, Chips and Sweetcorn	Fish fingers, Chips and Sweetcorn	Varied due to the current situation

## COVID update

We currently have no new positive cases of COVID-19 in school this week which is a big improvement on previous weeks when we did have a small outbreak in school.

However, we must remain vigilant with the new variant and various other winter illnesses going round. Therefore, we are applying Government guidance and our own additional precautions:

- continue to wear face coverings in school in communal areas (& occasionally in classes if it doesn't impede learning & communication)
- visitors (including parents/carers) should also wear face coverings unless they are exempt
- staff are continuing with Lateral Flow Testing twice a week
- rooms are being ventilated and we have CO2 monitors in most of our classrooms (certainly for the older children and more confined spaces) to measure air quality
- hand hygiene is a continuing priority for everyone
- wiping and cleaning of high touch areas
- separated classes for lunches
- IF ANYONE TESTS POSITIVE FOR OMICRON TEST, TRACK & TRACE WILL TELL CLOSE CONTACTS TO ISOLATE FOR 10 DAYS (even if you are fully vaccinated)
- all other contacts of people with the other (mainly Delta) variants the guidance remains the same
- any children or staff who are close contacts of positive cases are requested to go for a PCR (not LFD) test
- parents/carers are requested not to come into school unless absolutely necessary (or invited by a member of staff)
- maintain social distancing where possible
- we are holding our school assemblies and larger staff meetings by Zoom
- keep any child off who is ill and take them for a PCR test (if it is one of the potential COVID symptoms)
- inform school immediately if any child tests positive on either Lateral Flow or PCR test results
- if a child comes to the end of their isolation period but is still ill contact 119 for advice (certainly keep the child off for 48 hours if they have a temperature - some children will have a cough that lingers but is ok to return)
- if you receive an isolation note from track and trace but a negative PCR test then contact track and trace / 119 to get advice before returning to school

Sadly, as a result of the recent outbreak in our school and the vulnerability of the situation at the moment we have made the decision to record our nativity performances this year rather than invite lots of people from the community into our school hall. We will send out the video via Class Dojo and I am sure it will be something you treasure.

Each event and situation is being reviewed in the light of what is best for the community in terms of keeping safe and remaining healthy for Christmas.

### **SUPPORT:**

We are aware it has been a challenging time for many families over the last few months. If you need any support in any way please get in touch ON 01772 422503 or contact Mrs Wright (our Family Support person) at [d.wright@seven-stars.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:d.wright@seven-stars.lancs.sch.uk)

or ask for Mrs Wright when phoning school. If we can't help directly we will know someone who can.

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\*\***