

Weekly Newsletter

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'Where children
come first'

COVID Update

Cases have been gradually coming down throughout the school over the last few days and we are almost back up to full staffing levels.

However, we are still getting a small number of positive cases in school so we must continue to take care, wash our hands, continue with testing if anyone is a close contact of a positive case.

We will keep you updated if there becomes another increase of cases in the school.

Thank you for your support and for helping each other to stay safe.

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 do not hesitate to contact me'.

Valentines Gift Balloons

The Valentine's Day balloons are selling very well and are still on sale all next week. If you would like to order one please order with the class teacher or at the office.



Playtime Fun with OPAL

Please see the letter on Class Dojo from Mrs Walsh introducing OPAL (Outdoor Play & Learning). OPAL is all about improving our playtimes for all our children.

This week has seen a mini launch of Opal. We will be properly launching OPAL after the half term holiday but this week we have started by getting out more equipment and letting our children use both playgrounds.

They have loved it and we have noticed a big decrease in fallings out, problems and behaviour issues and a huge increase in smiles, fun, teamwork and active learning as they run round exploring more than they have ever done before. We will be communicating with parents regularly about how things are going.

As the children explore and have more fun they might come home a bit messier. Primary school is about having fun as they learn together. If your child has a pair of wellies or old shoes they can bring in to leave in school, please send them in as it will give them more freedom to enjoy the outdoor spaces. It also might be good to give them an older coat if you have one.

There will be parent workshops and events to keep you informed coming up as we develop this important aspect of our school. As always, we appreciate your support.

We will be letting you know if we need anything and a big thank you to those who have already handed in old suitcases or found old tyres for us.



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	Rosie – for kind words, turn taking and waiting and knowing what it means to be a good friend
Rockets	Iyla-Rose
Dorado	Robert – for his amazing and beautiful English pirate story
Orion	Lawson – for setting an AMAZING example to others on how to behave in class
Hercules	Emily – for having a great week back and trying her best
Pegasus	Mia – for having a brilliant week in school
Leo	Jessie – for consistently being an excellent role model for the class
Phoenix	Sophie – for great maths work and fantastic responses in maths this week

Positive Points (Top Dojo Points Rockets Only)	
Rockets	Lucas
Dorado	Avayah
Orion	Marina
Hercules	Eloise
Pegasus	Ellis & Bradley
Leo	Finlay
Phoenix	Bethany

VIP (Values Inspired Person) – for demonstrating RESPONSIBILITY	
Rockets	Isaac
Dorado	Ella-Rose
Orion	Oscar
Hercules	Aidon
Pegasus	Louisa
Leo	Finlay
Phoenix	Olivia

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:

- 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

Time to Talk morning Coffee

Thank you to those parents who came to our 'Time to Talk' coffee drop-in on Thursday. Hopefully we'll do a few more coffee drop-ins at some point. The idea was to provide space, opportunity and good biscuits and a brew so we can have a quick chat and catch-up with each other.

Money Matters

Once again a big thank you to Brian from Money Matters who came in to teach our Years 5 and 6 children about budgeting and managing money - such a crucial skill for life.

Social Media

We have had to deal with a number of issues, challenges and concerns over the last few days as a result of inappropriate use of social media by both children and some parents. Most things can be dealt with by having a short chat but we are also developing our school code of conduct for communications with and about school which will be coming out soon.

The basic message to us all is to be polite, respectful and to realise that if something is posted on Social Media it is rarely private (even when we think it is) so be careful what we post.

We are talking to children about their use of social media since they are very vulnerable to on-line abuse in all its forms and we need to help them protect themselves.

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 what Muslims like Mo Farah (UK athlete), Zayn Malik (from One Direction), Mo Salah (Liverpool footballer), Dina Tokio (social media influencer), Nadiya Hussain (British Bake-off winner) believe.

It is a chance to gain better knowledge of what people believe and why (and to help our children grow in their understanding of people who might have different beliefs from themselves)

We will be studying other faiths as well throughout the year including Christianity, Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Sikhism, other beliefs and also the beliefs of those who do not have a faith position.

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.

Have a look at the following link for on-line safety advice:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/>

And our school web-site:

<https://seven-stars.lancsngfl.ac.uk/behaviour-support/on-line-safety>

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.

Yellow Lines and Pavement Parking

Please do not park on the yellow lines to drop off or pick up children and do not park on the pavement. The RAC has issued clear guidance from the Highway Code which states:

'Yellow zig-zag lines outside schools, hospitals, or fire, police or ambulance stations indicate **the length of road where stopping or waiting is strictly prohibited**. The Highway Code states that you should keep these areas clear of stationary vehicles, even if picking up or setting down children'

'DO NOT park partially or wholly on the pavement unless signs permit it. Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs, the visually impaired and people with prams or pushchairs'

As a school we do have constant patrols from the police, and car registration numbers are passed to us to pass on to the police. Please follow the Highway code for the sake of our children and the safety of everyone.

MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING 07/02/2022

Lunch menu (subject to change depending on deliveries) 07.02.2022			
	Choice 1	Choice 2	Desserts Choice
Monday	Pork Sausage, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetables	Pasta Bake, Tortilla Chips, Salad	Varied due to the current situation
Tuesday	Homemade Pizza, Potato Wedges, Salad	Fishfingers, Potato Wedges, Peas	Varied due to the current situation
Wednesday	Roast Beef Dinner with Gravy, Potatoes, Vegetables	Jacket Potato, Selection of Toppings, Salad	Varied due to the current situation
Thursday	Sweet Chilli Chicken and Rice	Cheese or Tuna Panini Melt, Diced Potatoes, Salad	Varied due to the current situation
Friday	Picnic Day Selection of Sandwiches, Sausage Roll, Crisps, Salad		Fruit Cookie

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 11th February 2022

Half-Term closure: Monday 14th February 2022 -
Friday 18th February 2022

School opens: Monday 21st February 2022

School closes: Friday 1st April 2022

SUMMER TERM 2022

School opens: Tuesday 19th April 2022

(May Day Closure: Monday 2nd May 2022)

School closes: Friday 27th May 2022

Half-term closure: Monday 30th May 2022
Friday 3rd June 2022

School additional holiday: Monday 6th June 2022 (Jubilee)

School INSET: Tuesday 7th June 2022

School opens: Wednesday 8th June 2022

School closes: Friday 22nd July 2022