

Weekly Newsletter

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*Where children
come first*

OPAL Playtimes

As you know we are continuing with our new OPAL project to make our play times a fun learning experience, please see the following link: <http://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/>

OPAL has won the best active schools' programme in Europe award and been cited in two Parliamentary Reports as outstanding practice. OPAL is working closely with Sport England to promote more active childhoods.

We have an OPAL page on our school web-site which you can visit here:

<https://seven-stars.lancsngfl.ac.uk/school-life/opal-outdoor-play-and-learning>

Thank you so much to those parents who have supported the project with equipment, ideas and even a donation of two large storage sheds that are being delivered soon.

We are having play assemblies every other Monday when we award the Golden Welly award (last week it was Daniel from Year 6 who was awarded it for caring, looking after others, showing responsibility and taking safe risks outside) **Please see the back page for a few photos of playtime.**

Fonetti

We are introducing a new speech recognition reading app which uses the power of the child's own voice to accelerate and embed their reading confidence. It requires the use of ipads or tablets which we have in school but if you have either of those devices at home then your child will be able to also access it at home. It is for children who have passed the Phonics phase of their reading (for which we use Phonics Shed) so will be more for children from Year 3 upwards (and some year 2 children)

See the link below for more information

<https://www.fonetti.com/>



Safer Internet Talk

Dave and Pam from the Police Early Intervention Support team came in on Tuesday afternoon to talk to groups and classes from Years 5 and 6 about internet safety and in particular about how our children conduct themselves on-line.

They watched a video about not sharing personal information on-line and gave out key messages including:



- make sure your privacy settings are only set for family and friends
- do not invite or talk to strangers on-line at all
- do not befriend or talk to anyone on-line that you don't know in real life
- do not share any personal information publicly that could identify you or what school you go to
- remember that once you send something on-line it creates a 'digital tattoo' that is there for life and can't be deleted (be careful what you say)
- remember that threats on-line are still a criminal offence for anyone 10 years old or over and anyone sending threats on-line can get a criminal record.

Thank you to those parents who came along and we will be doing further workshops for parents in the Summer term to help you help your child stay safe

World Book Day

Well done to all those children and staff who came to school today dressed as a book character to celebrate World Book Day. Our children love reading and it was great seeing them talking about favourite books and book characters throughout the day.



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	Jaxon – asking amazing questions about Space
Rockets	Olivia – independently completing addition calculation
Dorado	Kian – for working incredibly hard across all areas of the curriculum and always trying his best
Orion	Jay-Jay – for great Maths
Hercules	Treasure – for being very caring and considerate towards the class teacher
Pegasus	Lily – for showing a massive improvement from the start of Year 4
Leo	Zack – for amazing work in Maths explaining to the class how to find the perimeter of irregular shapes as well as working really well in his Maths group this week
Phoenix	Lacey – for a fantastic piece of work about the Maya Rainforest

Positive Points (Top Dojo Points Rockets Only)	
Rockets	Jack
Dorado	Matilda
Orion	Holly
Hercules	Darasimi
Pegasus	Millie
Leo	Dylan
Phoenix	Brooklyn

VIP (Values Inspired Person) – for demonstrating TOLERANCE	
Rockets	Elizabeth
Dorado	Mia
Orion	Lois
Hercules	Holly
Pegasus	Isabelle
Leo	Charlie
Phoenix	Emily

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 have been focusing on a different value each week and this week it has been TOLERANCE.

Well Done
to everyone this week

COVID Update

We have a new risk assessment in place (see the school web-site COVID-19 page).

The advice is still that if a child is unwell with COVID symptoms or tests positive to stay off school and only come back on day 5 if there has been two negative tests on consecutive days.

Sickness (Diarrhoea and Vomiting)

If your child has diarrhoea or vomiting they must stay off school for 48 hours (2 full days) after the last episode of diarrhoea and vomiting before they can return to school. If they have diarrhoea or vomiting in school they will be sent home and must be off for 2 full days after the last episode.

This is in line with the guidance on our web-site based on Lancashire Public Health guidance and is to protect the rest of our community (families and staff).

We realise this is a big inconvenience but crucial to keep us all healthy.

Attendance is a big priority for us but it is important if a child is ill that they stay off school for the correct period of time (even if it seems like they are not ill anymore).

Do You Need Help?

'If any families are isolating and need support please contact me at 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 infantFSM). 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 Test as we have limited supply.

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



Need Support?

Speak to Mrs Wright (01772 422503) or go to our family support page where you can find brilliant links.

<https://www.seven-stars.lancsngfl.ac.uk/parents/family-support>

Homework

As you know over this last period of time we have not been sending lots of homework home for the children to do while they have been settling back into school. However, we do ask that parents talk to their children about their work in school and hear them read. You can also go on TTRocks at home to help the children with their times tables skills.

We will soon be introducing a Reading app called Fonetti (see below) and will over the Summer term start to reintroduce various ways of encouraging our children to continue learning while they are at home.

Fire Safety Talk (Year 3)

The Fire Service came into Year 3 but had to leave for an emergency so will be coming back again soon to talk to the children about how to stay safe around fire, what to do if there is a fire and how to prevent fires from happening.



Clubs (After-School)

PASTA Sports and Healthy Food Club - every Friday for children entitled to Free School Meals - a chance to taste some healthy food, do some sport and take home the ingredients for a healthy meal.



KS2 Choir - every Thursday for children in Years 3 to 6 who love to sing.



Year 2 Spanish Club - every Monday for any children in Year 2 who would like to get a head start on learning Spanish ready for the Key Stage 2 Spanish curriculum and for their holidays abroad!



Year 5 & 6 Football Club - every Friday for any budding footballers.



Other Dates Coming Up

(please visit our school web-site for other information)

Wednesday 16th March - Parents meetings /Zoom calls /Phone calls (so you can find out how your children are getting on). Letter will go out soon so you can make an appointment

Thursday 17th March - Science Investigation afternoon in school (all parents/carers/family invited)

Friday 18th March - Red Nose / Comic Relief (come to school a bit 'odd' and tell a joke to make us all laugh)

Tuesday 29th March - 'Search for Easter' event in school with Leyland Baptist Church

Friday 1st April - Shining Stars Assembly

MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING 07/03/2022

Lunch menu (subject to change depending on deliveries) 07.03.2022			
	Choice 1	Choice 2	Desserts Choice
Monday	Meat Balls, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetables	Jacket Potato, Selection of Toppings, Salad	Varied due to the current situation
Tuesday	Ham Sandwich, Tortilla Chips, Salad	Crispy Fish Finger Wrap, Diced Potatoes, Salad	Varied due to the current situation
Wednesday	Roast Pork Dinner, Yorkshire Pudding, Vegetables, Gravy	Cheese Pasty, Potato Wedges, Beans	Varied due to the current situation
Thursday	Beef Burger, Potato Wedges, Salad	Sausage Roll, Potato Wedges, Beans	Varied due to the current situation
Friday Chip Shop Day	Sausage, Chips, Gravy	Fish, Chips, Gravy	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.