

Weekly Newsletter

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'Where children
come first'

Welcome Back!

Well done to all of our lovely children and families who have returned this week to school and been so happy and positive.

It makes us all smile when we see the great smiles on the children and we are so proud of how hard so many of them are working. Their behaviour is brilliant and they are a credit to everyone at this challenging time.

COVID update

As you know things are changing rapidly in terms of guidance

Currently (at the time of writing) we have 11 positive cases across school which is generally good compared to many other schools and our staffing levels are still good.

As the month progresses we are expecting cases to increase but we will do all we can to keep things as normal as we can for the sake of all the children.

Please keep checking Class Dojo for messages. Any child who is off due to COVID will be set work on Class Dojo which will be very close to the kind of work they will be doing in school if they were in. Please check your child does the work so they do not fall too far behind.

Please remember:

- wash hands frequently
- wear face coverings when in school communal areas
- keep a safe distance if at all possible
- we will continue to ventilate the school/classes as often as we can
- staff are continuing with regular testing
- if your child is ill keep them off school and do a lateral flow test (or a PCR test if it is one of the COVID symptoms)
- **FROM TUESDAY 11th IF ANYONE TESTS POSITIVE WITH A LATERAL FLOW test they do NOT need to get a confirmatory PCR test but should isolate immediately**

(report the result on-line and tell school).
Information link:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/confirmatory-pcr-tests-to-be-temporarily-suspended-for-positive-lateral-flow-test-results>
- Anyone who is a close contact of a positive COVID case person should then take Lateral Flow Tests (LFDs) for the next 7 days and isolate if any of those are positive

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 Test as we have limited supply.

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

Novelty Cakes for Sale

From Monday we will be selling novelty cakes for 50p to anyone who wants a little snack.

The money will go towards resources for the school including Sand therapy resources and outdoor equipment.



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	All of Moons – for being amazing and wonderful coming back into school after Christmas
Rockets	Nelly – for fantastic effort with phonics and guided reading
Dorado	Rio
Orion	Jenson
Hercules	Marks – for having a great attitude to learning
Pegasus	Alyssa – for showing great effort in Maths this week
Leo	Jayden – for a positive start to the new term and some great contributions to lessons
Phoenix	Daniel – for enthusiasm in Music and for persevering in Maths

Positive Points (Top Dojo Points Rockets Only)	
Rockets	Jack
Dorado	Ella-Rose
Orion	Lexi
Hercules	Thomas
Pegasus	Millie
Leo	Alaila
Phoenix	Leah

VIP (Values Inspired Person) – for demonstrating GRATITUDE	
Rockets	Isabelle
Dorado	Alfie
Orion	Ellie
Hercules	Treasure
Pegasus	Katie
Leo	Ethan
Phoenix	Millie

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:

- 07/01/22 - **GRATITUDE**
- 14/01/22 – **EMPATHY**
- 21/01/22 – **DETERMINATION**
- 28/01/22 – **RESILIENCE**
- 04/02/22 – **RESPONSIBILITY**
- 11/02/21 – **RESPECT**

Well Done to everyone this week

Thank You

A big thank you to Leyland Baptist church for provision of some biscuits, cakes, chocolate bars and various items this week.

A big thank you to the Leyland Community Network for their continuing provision of bread and items for the children for their morning breakfast and snacks for the staff to keep us going!

Surveyors

You may have noticed people in high-viz jackets walking around the school with some very expensive equipment. The DfE are doing lots of surveys as part of the potential rebuild or refurbishment of the school (announced in the Summer holidays of 2021).

The surveys will include the exact measuring of the grounds, bore-holes being dug in the playground and surveys of trees and drainage amongst other things so be aware that there will be workers on the school grounds. All the workers are DBS cleared for safeguarding so are ok to be on the school grounds.

Old suitcases?

If anyone is having a clear out of old suitcases on wheels, we would very much appreciate them inschool. They can be dropped off at the front office.

Breakfast and After-School Clubs

Please be aware that our After School Club is now full for all nights (see the Class Dojo post on 9th December reminding parents to book in before Christmas).

Anyone needing a place can be put on a waiting list in case there are cancellations (if you have booked a place but do not need it now let the office know asap so we can offer it to someone else).

We are not able to go over our numbers due to legal ratios for supervision (but might be able to increase numbers in the Summer term).

We apologise for any inconvenience if you needed a place, but still contact the office in case there are cancellations on the day.

Lancashire Library Visits - Tuesday 25th January

We love reading at Seven Stars school so it will be brilliant to have the Library service lead some workshops with our Year 6 and hopefully Year 5 class.

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 10/01/2022

Lunch menu (subject to change depending on deliveries) 04.01.2022			
	Choice 1	Choice 2	Desserts Choice
Monday	Brunch – Sausage, Omelette, Hash Brown, Beans	Jacket Potato, Selection of Toppings, Salad	Varied due to the current situation
Tuesday	French Bread Pizza, Tortilla Chips, Salad	Cheese Pasty, Herby 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	Creamy Chicken Curry, Rice, Naan Bread	Sausage in a Bun, Tortilla Chips, Salad	Varied due to the current situation
Friday	Homemade Pizza, Chips and Peas	Fish, Chips and Peas	Varied due to the current situation

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