# **Weekly Newsletter**

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# 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022 Where children come first

# **Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

We had a great day on Friday celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee following a week of class



activities around this historic event.

We will let you know what exciting things we got up to in further newsletters.

# Teddy Bears Picnic Story-Telling Sessions

Our children in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 all enjoyed some story-telling sessions on Wednesday when the Library service came in to read to the children. We love story reading at Seven Stars and the children enjoyed taking part in this celebration of books.

# **Dog's Trust**

We had a presentation from the Dog's Trust on Friday to children in Years 1 to 3 (they will be returning to do sessions with older children later this term)



The presentations were based around getting the children to understand and appreciate how their actions and behaviour can make a dog feel and react, leading to more mindfulness around animals and preventing negative dog incidents as we have unfortunately read about in the press recently.

# **School Photos**

Tempest photography were in school before the half term holidays and proofs have sent home. Please follow the instructions to order online as soon as possible otherwise delivery before the end of term may not be guaranteed. Thankyou.

# **Ice-Lollies for Sale**

Thank you to Mrs Warner and her team who are still selling ice lollies (£1 each) every Friday for the Summer term (from the back playground probably, but keep your eyes open in case it moves!)

Any proceeds will go towards buying new ipads for the school.



### **Opal Playtimes**

We are still collecting donations for our OPAL scheme playtimes. If anyone has any dolls, dolls clothing, newborn baby clothes, dolls accessories we would love to give them a new home.

#### **Attendance**

The table below shows attendance and lates for the classes, for last week:

	23.05.22 - 27.05.22				
		%	Lates		
¥	Rockets	94.1	4		
	Dorado	90.4	7		
	Orion	85.7	7		
	Hercules	96.1	8		
	Pegasus	88.2	3		
	Leo	88.2	3		
	Phoenix	89.3	7		

Our target for all Children is 96%.





# 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 Focus on Learning				
Moons	Whole of Moons – for just being awesome			
Rockets	Lucas – for a great attitude towards his learning and behaviour			
Dorado	Mia – for producing lovely Jubilee writing and creating a lovely party for			
	the Queen			
Orion	Olivia – excellent work creating a Jubilee list			
Hercules	Holly – for trying really hard when sewing this week			
Pegasus	Isabelle – for returning to school and showing 100% effort in everything			
Leo	Dylan – for a fantastic start in the new half term and a very interesting			
	piece of holiday homework			
Phoenix	Kaysie – for an excellent piece of Jubilee work			

Due to it being a short week we are only awarding a Star of the Week this week. Positive Planet points will carry over to next week and the VIP (Values Inspired Person) will be carried over too (it will be for our school value of HONESTY).

# Well Done

# to everyone this week

# **ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY**

Being in school and on time is really important so children do not miss out on their learning any more than they have done already due to the pandemic.

We currently have 12 children who have had 100% attendance since September (which is amazing) and a lot of children who are over 96% (which is our attendance target).

We realise it can be tough if your child has medical issues and we are pleased to see so many children who might be below 96% but whose attendance has improved over the year.

The following diagram shows us what the %s mean for days of lost learning.



## **School Money- New Payment System**

We are no longer using Parentpay and have now gone over to School Money. You should have received an email and a text message with a user name and password to login. You can login here <a href="https://login.eduspot.co.uk/public/portal/parent/?app=schoolmoney&source=website&version=2019">https://login.eduspot.co.uk/public/portal/parent/?app=schoolmoney&source=website&version=2019</a> 0314

You can now book and pay online for breakfast and after school club and pay for school meals. You can also pay for school lunches and we will be transferring the trip payments this week. If you pay through the government childcare vouchers you are able to reserve breakfast and after school clubs and the office will allocate the vouchers once they have been received. We apologise for the technical problems which resulted in delays but these were beyond our control and have hopefully now been resolved.

The reason we have transferred over to School Money is that we feel it is more user friendly than Parentpay, parents can book breakfast and after school club independently rather than having to book a whole half term at a time, it also links with a text messaging system which allows us to send messages. We can also take card payments in school now which is something Parentpay didn't offer.

Please bear with us as the staff get used to using the new system and there will obviously some teething problems but if you contact us we will endeavour to resolve any problems as soon as possible. If you haven't received your login, please contact the school office who can reset this for you. We have uploaded parent user guides on to our school money page on our website which can be found underneath the Parents tab. We have also uploaded the guides on Class Dojo on previous posts.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

# Welcome Meeting for Parents of Reception New Starters (September 2022)

A reminder that there is a meeting next Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June (you can choose either 9.30am or 4.00pm and the meeting will last for just over 1 hour).

Please come to the school office and we will show you where to go.

The meeting will go over our arrangements for September (please come even if you have been before with older children because there will be new things you need to know).

It is a great time to meet everyone (including the teachers who will be teaching your child), ask any questions you might have and make sure you know what is happening.

# **Phonics**

Over this week (and some of next week) we are carrying out Phonics Screening Checks with our Year 1 and some of our Year 2 children. These are national checks that all schools are doing to see where our children are in terms of their Phonics understanding.

Phonics is a way of teaching children how to read and write. It helps children hear, identify and use different sounds that distinguish one word from another in the English language.

At Seven Stars we have introduced Phonics Shed to teach our children and despite the huge gaps left by the pandemic and missed school we are seeing children making accelerated progress in their phonics understanding.

We will be holding parent workshops in the near future so we can explain further what Phonics Shed is all about and how parents can support their children in this crucial skill.

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#### **Year 4 Multiplication Check**

Our Year 4 children are in the middle of doing their on-line Multiplication Check.

This is a national check which all Year 4 children in all schools are doing.

We have been working hard to prepare the children for these checks which will give us a good idea of where the children are up to, following the pandemic, on their basic number understanding and in particular their times tables.

### **Support**

If anyone is struggling during these difficult times in any way at all please contact Mrs Wright on 01772 422503 or d.wright@seven-stars.lancs.sch.uk who will be able to either give support or point you in the right direction.

You can also visit the Support page on our web-site where there are lots of links to groups and organisations that can help with whatever challenge you are facing at the moment.

# **MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING 13/06/2022**

Lunch menu (subject to change depending on deliveries) 13.06.2022						
	Choice 1	Choice 2	Desserts Choice			
Monday	Jacket Potato, Selection of Toppings, Salad	Soft Sandwich Roll, Choice of Filling, Salad, Crisps	Varied due to the current situation			
Tuesday	French Bread Pizza, Potato Wedges, Salad	Crispy Fish Finger Wrap, Potato Wedges, Salad	Varied due to the current situation			
Wednesday	Roast Beef Dinner, Yorkshire Pudding, Vegetables, Gravy	Selection of Sandwiches, Salad, Crisps	Varied due to the current situation			
Thursday	Homemade Creamy Chicken Curry, Rice, Naan Bread	Sausage in a Bun (v), Tortilla Chips, Salad	Varied due to the current situation			
Friday	Summer Picnic Selection of Sandwiches, Sausage Roll, Crisps, Salad Sticks		Varied due to the current situation			

# Whole School Events/Dates Coming Up

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June** – Meeting for all parents of Reception children starting in September 2022 (9.30am **or** 4.00pm).

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June** – 9.15am – 11.15am Sports morning for Years 1 to 6 (all parents/families welcome).

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – 9.15am – 10.30am Sports morning for EYFS (Nursery and Reception all parents/families welcome)

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** 10.30am Tour of the whole school for any parents of Reception children who want to join us, with Mr Mitchell (so parents can see where your children will be going in the new academic year)

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Reception and Year 6 health screening checks (height and weight) Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Summer PTFA BBQ (everyone invited after school to raise money for school and to get together as a whole school community for the first time in over two years)

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July – End of Year Reports go out to parents

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July** – 'The Lion King' - end of year show: Years 4 to 6 (afternoon and evening performances) **please see below for more information** 

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July** 9.15am Reception (Rockets) class 'graduation' assembly (all parents invited)

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July** 1.30pm 'Seven Stars has Talent' Show (parents/family/friends invited) **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 9.15am** - Year 6 'Leavers' assembly

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2pm** - school closes for the Summer holidays – After School Club open until 4pm

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022 - school re-opens for the 2022-23 academic year

(other dates to be added when they have been arranged)

Many thanks for your support - Mr Mitchell

**REMEMBER TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE** (class and school information) Remember to like us on Facebook and Twitter



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# **The Lion King**



End of year show (Years 4 to 6) 'The Lion King'

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July** (evening performance 4.30pm)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July (afternoon performance 1.30pm)

Tickets are £2 (cash only please)

(towards the cost of the costumes etc and to raise money for school) Tickets are initially limited to 2 tickets per family per performance (due to numbers and size of hall)

> Tickets will be on sale from <u>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June</u> (from the School Office – cash only)