

# Weekly Newsletter

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*Where children  
come first*

## CHRISTMAS!

Thank you to the PTFA for organising the Christmas shop. It was lovely seeing the children excited about the gifts they had bought and all the money will go towards equipment for outdoor learning (which is the key focus for the PTFA fund raising this year).



## 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:

# VIP

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

## 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). We also have our Christmas tree up in the hall and our lovely nativity scene up in the front of school.

We had our **Christmas Lunch** on Thursday and the children had a lovely time eating their delicious Christmas meal, pulling crackers, wearing hats and having fun. Thank you to dawn, Kerry and Emma in the kitchen for their skills and for the wonderful way they have decorated the kitchen area to make it more fun for the children. Our youngest ones are especially excited about the elf that keeps hiding all over the dinner hall.

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)

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



Next week we are asking children to make a nativity scene and there will be a prize for the winner. If you would like to make a nativity scene at home and bring it into school so we can display them.

## 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<br>Enthusiasm and Behaviour |                                                                                                                                      |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Dorado                                              | <b>Joseph-</b> for trying super hard in his phonics, English and reading.                                                            |
| Orion                                               | <b>Olivia-</b> for a great first week.                                                                                               |
| Hercules                                            | <b>Darasimi</b> – for an amazing start on her own magical story.                                                                     |
| Pegasus                                             | <b>Kaiden</b> – for showing some fantastic work on Time.                                                                             |
| Leo                                                 | <b>Liam</b> – for a fantastic week in school and producing a variety of very good work.                                              |
| Phoenix                                             | <b>Harry</b> – for putting 100% effort in all lessons over the past two weeks and giving really detailed answers in reading lessons. |

| Positive Points<br>(Top Dojo Points Rockets Only) |                           |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Dorado                                            | <b>Grace</b>              |
| Orion                                             | <b>Holly C</b>            |
| Hercules                                          | <b>Ethan C</b>            |
| Pegasus                                           | <b>Hayden</b>             |
| Leo                                               | <b>Jessie</b>             |
| Phoenix                                           | <b>Bethany and Millie</b> |

| Fitness Champion |                                                                                 |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Dorado           | <b>Ava-Leigh-</b> for doing 100 skips at active 10 time.                        |
| Orion            | <b>Lois-</b> for coming 3 <sup>rd</sup> out of 50 at her dance competition.     |
| Hercules         | <b>Jensen-</b> for a good gymnastics sequence.                                  |
| Pegasus          | <b>Kayla</b> – for showing great teamwork and skill in PE.                      |
| Leo              | <b>Amelia B</b> – for persevering at swimming even when she finds it difficult. |
| Phoenix          | <b>Leah</b> – for amazing effort in swimming this week.                         |

# Well Done

## COVID update

Following the announcement of Plan B by the UK Government with effect from Friday 10th December we will continue to show extra vigilance and caution at school so that everyone can enjoy Christmas.

Thankfully we have not had any new positive cases reported this week.

We will continue to wear face coverings as staff in school and anyone coming into school will need to wear a face covering unless they are exempt.

If anyone tests positive with the Omicron strain then any close contacts will also need to isolate for 10 days.

We will continue to ventilate rooms and emphasise hand hygiene.

## Phonics Shed and Spelling Shed

Please read our information on Class Dojo and Phonics Shed which is our fantastic new Phonics Scheme for our very youngest children.

## Pupil Parliament

| SEVEN STARS PUPIL PARLIAMENT                                             |                        |                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Elected members of Pupil Parliament                                      |                        |                  |
| Year 1 Dorado                                                            | Grace                  | Kian             |
| Year 2 Orion                                                             | Lois                   | Kian             |
| Year 3 Hercules                                                          | Aurelia                | Lucas            |
| Year 4 Pegasus                                                           | Isabelle               | Sophie           |
| Year 5 Leo                                                               | Jayden                 | Freya            |
| Year 6 Phoenix                                                           | Emily (Prime Minister) | Bethany (Deputy) |
| Member of Children's Parliament for South Ribble: <b>Olivia (Year 6)</b> |                        |                  |

We are sorry we that we have not been able to invite families into school this Christmas to enjoy the usual events. We have had to make the decision to restrict the number of people coming in to the building due to the outbreak we had a few weeks ago and the new Omicron variant. We are looking forward to things improving as the new year progresses.

## Fire Service presentations

We had the local fire service into school this week to talk to Years 2 and 3 (and they will be visiting our Year 6s next week).

## Holiday Activities Monday 20th December to Thursday 23rd December

South Ribble are organising some holiday activities for any children on Free School Meals ( Pupil Premium) which includes:

- FREE Activities for all children on free school meals
- FREE Meal with every session
- Food parcels available
- Activities include swimming, tennis, gymnastics, boxing, kick boxing, football, arts & crafts and dance
- PLUS our incredible 'jungle and football' inflatable play zone and Christmas Grotto

For children aged 5 - 16 at Seven Stars School (and other venues)

to book a place visit:

[southribble.gov.uk/haf2021](https://southribble.gov.uk/haf2021)

or email [haf@southribble.gov.uk](mailto:haf@southribble.gov.uk).

## Breakfast and After School Clubs

We are now taking bookings for breakfast and after school club for the next half term. Please book in by phoning the school office. We do not automatically transfer bookings over as we have a limited number of places. You must ensure that you have money on your Parentpay account to cover your booking costs for the week you have booked in.

## 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!)

## 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                |                                                                                           |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> | Christingle end of school event<br>2pm early finish<br>(after-school club open until 4pm) |

## MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING 13/12/2021

| Lunch menu (subject to change depending on deliveries) 13.12.21 |                                   |                                            |                                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                                                                 | Choice 1                          | Choice 2                                   | Desserts Choice                     |
| Monday                                                          | Pasta Bake                        | Jacket potato with a selection of toppings | Varied due to the current situation |
| Tuesday                                                         | Fish wrap, wedges and sweetcorn   | Sausage roll, wedges and sweetcorn         | Varied due to the current situation |
| Wednesday                                                       | Roast Dinner                      | French Bread Pizza                         | Varied due to the current situation |
| Thursday                                                        | Burger in a bin, wedges and salad | Cheese whirl, beans and salad              | Varied due to the current situation |
| Friday                                                          | Picnic lunch                      |                                            | Varied due to the current situation |

## Take Care

- Please remind your children not to talk to strangers (following the recent incident involving someone in a white car stopping some of our children and offering them sweets).
- Be careful about scam callers. There are a lot of people being phoned up at the moment by people impersonating banks and other agencies.

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\*\***