

# Weekly Newsletter

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*'Where children  
come first'*

## SEN Review - Great Feedback

We have had an outside consultant come into school over the last two weeks to review our SEN provision in the school. He was very positive about everything we are doing and gave us some great feedback as well as good pointers for our next steps. His report will be out in four weeks' time. Thank you to those parents, pupils and staff who spoke to the consultant.

He was impressed with how our 'Open Doors' curriculum is a brilliant way of opening doors for ALL of our children into an exciting curriculum that prepares them for life:

1. Key Skills (Reading, Writing and Maths)
2. The World (people, places and environment including History and Geography knowledge and understanding of other cultures, ideas and beliefs)
3. Healthy Lives (including healthy relationships, financial health, physical fitness and mental well-being)
4. Creativity (which means the arts such as music, art and performance but also creative thinking, problem-solving and design skills)
5. Communication and Language (increasing the children's vocabulary, improving their speech and language and giving them the knowledge and skills to express themselves)

He was also impressed with the level of interventions we offer to our children and our nurturing and caring way of supporting them.

## Twitter

Please follow our new twitter page



## OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)

On **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm** we will be opening up the school to parents for a Play Assembly where you can hear about how we are progressing with OPAL and you will also be able to go outside with the children to see what OPAL looks like in action.

**We are still collecting any items you would like to donate to the OPAL play scheme. If anyone has any wheeled toys they would like to donate, we would be very grateful. Small trikes, scooters, balance bikes, skateboards, roller skates, heelys etc. We are also looking for donations of pushchairs (not dolls prams). The children love to play and have great fun with the wheeled toys and thoroughly enjoy the role play with prams/pushchairs.**

## Attendance

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

03.05.22 – 06.05.22		
	%	Lates
Rockets	93.1	5
Dorado	90.6	2
Orion	94.8	6
Hercules	93.1	5
Pegasus	84.9	1
Leo	97.3	0
Phoenix	90.7	7



Our target for all Children is 96%.



**PLEASE GET YOUR CHILD INTO SCHOOL ON TIME - we have a few children who are arriving late to school and it means they are missing out on the start to the day which is difficult for them and difficult for the teachers too when a child walks in after the main part of the lesson.**

## 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	Ronnie – for showing great enthusiasm and interest in our mystery egg and thinking of some amazing questions to ask the adults in school
Rockets	Darcy – for her enthusiasm with her learning this week
Dorado	Mason – for coming into school happy and completing all of his work
Orion	Lois – for an excellent story about Flotsam
Hercules	Tyler – for amazing effort in his learning
Pegasus	Ioan – for making great contributions in all of his lessons
Leo	Freya – for doing some fantastic work in maths and using resources to find the fraction of amounts
Phoenix	Brooklyn – for an excellent attitude towards his outdoor learning

Positive Points (Top Dojo Points Rockets Only)	
Rockets	Mila
Dorado	Kian
Orion	Jenson
Hercules	Holly
Pegasus	Harry
Leo	Jayden
Phoenix	Daniel

VIP (Values Inspired Person) – for demonstrating DETERMINATION	
Rockets	Isaac
Dorado	Christian
Orion	Olivia
Hercules	Michael
Pegasus	Kayla
Leo	Samantha
Phoenix	All Year 6

## 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 DETERMINATION.

**Well Done**  
to everyone this week

## WELL DONE YEAR 6!

Our Year 6 have completed their Years SATs (Standardised Assessment Tests) this week.

It is a daunting experience but they have all had a brilliant go, demonstrated superb resilience and been focused throughout. This is the first official 'test' in over two years. We are immensely proud of every single one of them.

On Friday they went out to Worden Park as a way of celebrating their success.

Thank you to all the teachers and Teaching assistants who helped with the administration of the tests and providing breakfast for the children. Thank you parents for getting the children to school on time and supporting them at this challenging time (especially after what has been a challenging two years).

### **What next for Year 6?**

The Year 6s will continue to work hard in all subjects as they prepare for the next stage of their journey to High School. They will also be working hard on their writing which will be moderated so we can send results off in the Summer term. Teachers from High Schools will be visiting to talk to teachers and possibly children in preparation for moving up.

## Other 'Tests'

We try to keep any national 'tests' as low key as possible with the children so that they do not become too anxious (especially during this time when children have experienced so many challenges to their mental well-being). Over the next few weeks we will be participating in other national assessment 'tests' which will give us an idea of how we are doing as a school in relation to the rest of the country and support us with planning for the children moving forward.

The national assessments coming up are:

Key stage One (Year 2) assessments in Reading, Grammar, Maths and Writing

Year 1 Phonics 'screening check'

Year 4 Multiplication check

We do assess our children in every lesson and will be doing some further assessments in every class at the end of the Summer term. In our latest Spring term assessments we were impressed with the high percentage of children who have made progress in their learning in their key skills from September 2021 to now.

**PLEASE GET YOUR CHILD IN TO SCHOOL ON TIME** - we are still experiencing a lot of children who are arriving late to school which is disruptive to them, to their class and to the staff in the office.

When a child falls below that we monitor the situation and if absence falls below 90% it becomes persistent absence

We are currently looking at all children who are below 96% and seeing if there are improvements or if we need a meeting with some parents to work together on improving the situation.

Every second counts for our children with their education and if they are not here they can't learn and that puts them behind.

## Reception New Starters

If you have a child starting in September in Reception, we have sent out an electronic admission form to be completed as soon as possible to the email address that was on the application. If you haven't received a form please let our office know by emailing: [bursar@seven-stars.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@seven-stars.lancs.sch.uk)

There will be a meeting for all parents of children starting Reception in September 2022 on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June (further details to come out soon).

## Queen's Platinum Jubilee

As you know there is an additional bank holiday to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and we will be taking that on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June. The day after (Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June) is an INSET (training day) for teachers so school will be closed and we will be opening on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June** for everyone.

Over Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of that week we will be doing activities in school about this most significant moment in history.

On **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June** we will be having a special Platinum Jubilee picnic lunch outside (weather permitting) with bunting and balloons.

A further letter will go out with more details over the next few days.



## 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](mailto: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.

## SENDING HOME

There are two reasons that we send children home once they are in school and both reasons are to protect the school community:

1. If a child is ill - the Lancashire policy (and ours) is that we will send children home if they are sick (thrown up) or have diarrhoea. We are not doctors but must follow guidance and the current guidance states 48 hours from the last episode before they are able to be back in school. This is to prevent is spreading around the school which would impact the learning and well-being of others.
2. If a child's behaviour is dangerous or disruptive - i.e. if they are being physically or verbally aggressive or acting in a way that stops the learning of other children in the school. We will do our very best to keep children in school and support them using all our strategies but if it impacts the well-being of other children in the school then we will ask parents/carers to collect while we put plans into place to support a more successful return.

We realise this creates disruption to parents/carers with work and other commitments and we don't like doing it but we must follow policy for the sake of all children in the school.

## Communication with School - Reminder

Please remember that teachers are not required to answer Class Dojo messages in the evenings or at the weekends.

They do a brilliant job and work hard all week, and they need time with their families and re-energise for the week to come (and do all the planning they often do at the weekends!).

## MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING 16/05/2022

Lunch menu (subject to change depending on deliveries) 16.05.2022			
	Choice 1	Choice 2	Desserts Choice
Monday	BBQ Chicken Wrap, Potato Wedges, Mixed Vegetables	Crispy Battered Fish, Potato Wedges, Mixed Vegetables	Varied due to the current situation
Tuesday	Pork Meatball Sub with Tomato Sauce, Tortilla Chips, Salad	Jacket Potato, Selection of Fillings, Salad	Varied due to the current situation
Wednesday	Roast Pork Dinner, Yorkshire Pudding, Gravy, Vegetables	Sandwich Bap, Tortilla Chips, Veggie Sticks	Varied due to the current situation
Thursday <b>Spring Theme Lunch</b>	Beef Tower Burger Bun, Crispy Onion Rings, Paprika Wedges, Salad	Quorn Dippers, Dips, Paprika Wedges, Salad	Chocolate Chip Shortbread
Friday	<b>Summer Picnic</b> Selection of Sandwiches, Sausage Roll, Crisps, Salad Sticks		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 and Twitter



**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.**

## **Whole School Events/Dates Coming Up**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May** – Outdoor Curriculum day. Parents invited in at 2pm to assembly and to experience OPAL playtimes for themselves.

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May** – school closes for half-term holiday

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June** – School closed (Queen's Platinum Jubilee)

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June** – School closed (Teacher training day)

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June** – School re-opens for Summer 2

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June** – Platinum Jubilee Celebration and Learning week

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June** – Special Platinum Jubilee Picnic (more details to follow)

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June** – Meeting for all parents of Reception children starting in September 2022

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June** – Sports morning for Years 1 to 6

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** – Sports morning for EYFS (Nursery and Reception)

**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 (with option to come and talk to teacher if would like to)

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

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