

Weekly Newsletter

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*'Where children
come first'*

School Meals/Food Supplies

We are continuing to experience challenges with food supplies but the kitchen are doing a great job creating amazing meals out of the ingredients that are getting through. Well done to Dawn and her team. Please keep your eyes open for the menus that we are creating.

Hopefully normal service/meals will resume after half-term.

Halloween Disco

We are having our very first PTFA disco for over two years next week.

Monday 18th October 3.30 to 4.30pm will be Years 1,2 and 3.

Tuesday 19th October 3.30 to 4.30pm will be Years 4,5 and 6.

Hopefully everyone has got their tickets (anyone whose behaviour is not safe will not be allowed to attend this after-school event but hopefully most people will be able to come along for a great bop and jive!).

Costumes should be age appropriate with no weapons of any kind and all money raised will go towards books, equipment and trips for the children.

We're going to have a fun, spooky time!



Halloween Dress-Up Day in Early Years (£1 Contribution)

Our Nursery (Moons) and Reception (Rockets) children are invited to come to school on Tuesday 19th October in their spookiest Halloween outfits (we felt the discos may be too scary and too late for them but wanted them to have a spooky fun time as well!)

We will take photos and post them on Class Dojo of all the fun. £1 contribution is requested for snacks etc.



Jungle John - Thursday 21st October

Our good friend John Vale (who is a lecturer at Edge Hill University and who has travelled the world) will be coming in to school on Thursday 21st October and bringing with him his spiders, giant snails, centipedes and other wonderful creatures to talk about their habitats and characteristics as part of developing all our children's science understanding and knowledge of the world.

We are asking for a donation from all parents of only £1 for this brilliant event (send it in either before or on the day or on Parentpay).



Non-Uniform Day (for chocolate) - Friday 22nd October

We are raising money for the school by having a special chocolate tombola near to Christmas. We are therefore asking children to come to school in non-uniform on Friday 22nd October in exchange for bringing in a chocolate bar of any kind.



Remembrance Day Poppies for Sale

We will be selling poppies in school from Monday (all week) to raise money for the British Legion who support UK service men and women who have suffered in conflicts around the world. We will be having a Remembrance Assembly on 11th November after the half-term holidays.



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	Sofia – for enthusiastic retelling of The Enormous Turnip and answering questions thoughtfully
Rockets	Emily – for responsibility, she will make a great teacher one day
Dorado	Riley – for always being kind and sensible
Orion	Lawson – for always trying his best
Hercules	Aurelia & Amelia – for extra work at home on Stone Age animals
Pegasus	Katie – producing some outstanding RE work
Leo	Joey – amazing work in Maths and really quick mental maths skills
Phoenix	Gracie Mae – for always putting in full effort, showing respect and being ready to participate in all lessons

Positive Points (Top Dojo Points Rockets Only)	
Rockets	Thomas
Dorado	Davis, Ava-Leigh
Orion	Holly
Hercules	Kylan
Pegasus	Millie, Ellis, Sophie
Leo	Ethan
Phoenix	Bethany, Harry

Fitness Champion	
Rockets	Hugo
Dorado	Joseph – for trying new, tricky challenges
Orion	Lois – for being able to use more than one tactic in a single game
Hercules	Darasimi – for having determination when balancing and travelling on equipment in PE
Pegasus	Kelsey – for completing a 100 skip challenge set by Mrs Wheatland and Miss Blundell
Leo	Tyler – Terrific effort in swimming and overcoming some fears
Phoenix	Olivia – for brilliant swimming and also putting in lots of effort in her boxing club

Well Done!

Shining Stars

We will be announcing our first Shining Stars of the year next week and will invite parents to come in to celebrate. (No party this time I'm afraid but a chance to say well done to those children who have been a brilliant role model over this half-term)

PCSO support

We have had visits over the last two weeks from our neighbourhood policing team PCSOs Tony, Macey, James and Michael who have said hello to our wonderful children. They are good friends to our school and are here to support all our families and community. Please say 'hello' to them when you see them out and about. It's a tough job but they do it because they care about all of us.

Mayor of South Ribble Jane Bell

The mayor of South Ribble has recorded herself reading some stories on Facebook (see the link below to watch the videos - they are fun!)

<https://www.facebook.com/SRBCMAYOR/>

We are hoping that Jane will pop into school after half-term and read some stories to our children and talk to us all about the role of the Local Council and her role as Mayor.

Reading at School and at Home

Thank you to those governors and staff who are coming in voluntarily to school to hear children read. Colin Sharples and Carol Stunell as well as Anna Stafford are all coming in to support our children in their reading. Please make sure your child brings their book in each day so they can read and we are hoping that we can start sending home library books to all classes. Please however make sure the children value the books and do not lose them. They are very precious!

Research shows that if children are not read to before they start school they will only have met 5000 words, BUT children who are read to twice or more a week will have met 70,000 words and 5 times a week will have met 1.5 million words - before they have even started school!

You can see the importance of reading TO children as often as possible (and it makes children feel loved).

Phonics Shed

We are very excited about a new Phonics Scheme that we are introducing to the children from Nursery through to some children in Year 3.

Phonics Shed is a story based multi-sensory systematic synthetic phonics programme that introduces children to the sounds and letters (the phonemes and graphemes) that they need to read and to write. The scheme also has 'decodeable' books that the children will read using their new phonics skills. We will run parent workshops all about it and you can visit the web-site at the link below:

<https://www.phonicshed.com/en-gb/>

Year 1 Parent Visits

Thank you to all those parents/carers who have popped in

South Ribble Football

Matt from South Ribble has been coming in to train our footballers each week and we are hopeful that we may have some skillful players in our school this year to take on some of the local schools once we return to competitions.

Great Work!

There has been so much amazing work going on round school:

- In Year 5 a great reading lesson took place based on a book called the Breadwinner- it is about a young girl in Afghanistan at the time of the Taliban and is not allowed to go to school. It linked in very well with the current news and provoked some excellent discussion in class.
- In Year 6 there was another excellent reading session based on a whole class book with superb responses demonstrating empathy and understanding in a text about diversity
- In Year 4 the children have been really engaged writing their own Greek Myths based on Theseus and the Minotaur. They created their own mythical monster for Theseus to defeat.
- In Year 3 some super work on the inspirational Martin Luther King 'I have a Dream' speech has been taking place
- In Year 2 the children have been investigating how objects made out of different materials could be changed by twisting, bending, stretching and squashing. The engagement from the children was fantastic and the children were able to make links between the materials used and the ways they could be changed
- Our younger children have been doing some terrific story telling of The Little Red Hen (actions, recount, a collaborative painted story board, 'scooting' the story on a Little Red Hen story trail outdoors, putting their own spin on the story using different characters, and building the story in construction) two children wrote and drew their own A2 story book and these are now laminated and on our bookshelf for the children to share together: they love them!
- Classes from Years 3 to 6 have been enjoying their Spanish lessons with Miss Fletcher (and Year 2s have also enjoyed their Spanish club on a Monday) - the Year 5s and Year 6s now know how to ask to go to the toilet in Spanish! (amongst other things)
- The Year 5 and Year 6 children are having great fun learning the ukulele in their music lessons with Mr Stott and the choir are sounding beautiful on a Thursday after school.

NURSERY PLACES (in our amazing Moons Nursery)

We now only have a few places left in our Nursery to start in January 2022. If you require a place and haven't filled in an application pack, please contact the office to arrange to pick one up. We offer 15 and 30 hour funded sessions as well as paid sessions. More information about claiming 30 hours is available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-freechildcare>

or if you have any queries, please contact Mrs Pullin in the office. Children in Nursery can also attend breakfast and after school club too.

If you have already requested a place and filled in the application pack, we will be contacting you soon to arrange a look round the nursery and meet with Mrs Hollinghurst, ready to start in January.

KEY DATES COMING UP THIS TERM

Monday 18th October	Remembrance Day poppies for sale all week
Monday 18th October	Halloween Disco for Years 1 to 3 (PTFA event)
Tuesday 19th October	Halloween Dress-up day (Reception, Nursery)
Tuesday 19th October	Halloween Disco for Years 4 to 6 (PTFA event)
Thursday 21st October	Jungle John visit (Creepy Crawly Roadshow)
Friday 22nd October	Shining Stars reward assembly
Tuesday 9th November	Brass instrument workshop for Years 3 & 4
	Parent appointments will take place by phone call or Zoom in November (letters will go out to book appointment times)
Thursday 11th November	Remembrance Assembly (11am)
Friday 12th November	Child in Need day
Monday 15th November	Friendship week (anti-bullying)
Thursday 9th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 10th December	Christmas Cracker event at Leyland Baptist Church
Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th December	Possible Christmas performances
Friday 17th December	Shining Stars reward assembly
	Christingle Assembly
	BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS 2pm

MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING 18/10/2021

Lunch menu (subject to change depending on deliveries) 18.10.21			
	Choice 1	Choice 2	Desserts Choice
Monday	Hot Ham/Cheese Toastie, Veg Sticks, Tortilla Chips	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Toppings, Salad	Varied due to the current situation
Tuesday	Roast Chicken Salad Wraps, Salad Sticks, Tortilla Chips	Mascarpone Pasta, Tortilla Chips	Varied due to the current situation
Wednesday	Minced Beef Loaded Cheesy Fries, Salad	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Toppings, Salad	Varied due to the current situation
Thursday	Chicken Curry with Mixed Rice	Selection of Finger Rolls, Salad, Tortilla Chips	Varied due to the current situation
Friday	Picnic Day – Sandwiches, Salad		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****