

Weekly Newsletter

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*'Where children
come first'*

THANKYOU

A very big thankyou to **Leyland Food Bank**, **Leyland Round Table** and **Rock FM Christmas Appeal** for their continued support this Christmas.



CHRISTMAS Performances

Well done to all the children in Superstars (Nursery and Reception) and in Years 1, 2 and 3 who put on such a brilliant and joyful Christmas nativity performances this week.

Their singing, speaking, acting and smiles were wonderful to see and have really got our Christmas off to a fantastic start.

Thank you to all the teachers and TAs who supported them to have the courage to perform and to all the parents, family and friends who came to cheer them on.

We hope you have some lovely memories and are very proud. **Please remember do not post any photos or videos you took on social media if they have other children on them (for safeguarding reasons).**

Raffle winners

Well done to Rosie's family (Reception class) and Elliot's family (Moons class) who won the raffle for the two pigs that was held during the Christmas performances. Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket and all proceeds will go towards equipment and resources for the children in school.

Thank you to Ms Dennett for organising.

Christmas Assembly

Thank you to those parents and friends who came along to our Christmas assembly on Thursday afternoon and to all those children who took part. We loved singing our Christmas songs and the dioramas and Christingles from Year 4 looked brilliant!

Kitchen competition winners

Well done to those children who won the Christmas competition that Dawn in the kitchen organised.

All the entries were fantastic but the overall winners in the end were:

Christmas Colouring competition

Year 1 Bodhi J

Year 2 Marina H

Year 3 Jenny Li

Christmas Poetry winners

Year 5 Sophie T (1st) Savannah J (2nd)

Year 6 Lola S (1st) Dylan B (2nd)

Applying for a Reception place at Seven Stars school for September 2023:

Closing date is **15th January**

Go to: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-primary-school/>

Christmas Post-box

Thank you to the Year 6 posties who delivered all the Christmas cards this year and to everyone who posted a card - I'm sure it made everyone feel remembered and happy.



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	All of Moons – for performing the Christmas Nativity for an audience.
Rockets	All of Rockets – for being stars in the Nativity performance.
Dorado	Isaac – for his Christmas writing.
Orion	Grace – for wonderful Maths.
Hercules	Cody – for making a great Christmas stocking for his friend.
Pegasus	Aidon – for his creative ideas and for working independently on his diorama.
Leo	Savannah – during a very busy week having a fantastic attitude and producing a variety of really good work.
Phoenix	Liam – for excellent understanding and answers in reading lessons.

Positive Points (Top Dojo Points Rockets Only)	
Dorado	Mila
Orion	Ella
Hercules	Kian & Lawson
Pegasus	Jenny
Leo	Katie & Lucy
Phoenix	Ethan

VIP (Values Inspired Person) – for demonstrating A SCHOOL VALUE	
Rockets	All of Rockets
Dorado	Olivia
Orion	Ava-Leigh
Hercules	Ryan
Pegasus	Lucas
Leo	Rocco
Phoenix	Tonera



SHINING STARS	
Rockets	Rosie
Dorado	Isla
Orion	Mia
Hercules	Holly
Pegasus	Amelia
Leo	Savannah
Phoenix	Lola



Well done to Pegasus class for getting the highest attendance over the last full week and Dorado for the lowest number of lates

05.12.22 – 09.12.22 ATTENDANCE		
Class	Lates	% attendance
Rockets	5	75.7
Dorado	3	78.7
Orion	7	83.8
Hercules	5	92.5
Pegasus	6	93.0
Leo	17	91.8
Phoenix	8	81.1

We would like to hear about any children who do amazing things outside of school and they MIGHT end up getting our Local Hero award - let us know with a quick message on Class Dojo to your child's teacher letting us know what they have done.

Scarlet Fever (and Strep AiGAS)

There has been a recent national increase in notifications of scarlet fever to the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), above seasonal expected levels.

Signs and symptoms of scarlet fever

Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection caused by *Streptococcus pyogenes*, or group A Streptococcus (GAS). It is not usually serious, but should be treated with antibiotics to reduce the risk of complications (such as pneumonia) and spread to others. The early symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours, the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture. The scarlet rash may be harder to spot on darker skin, although the 'sandpaper' feel should be present. Patients typically have flushed cheeks and may be pale around the mouth.

This may be accompanied by a bright red 'strawberry' tongue. If you think you, or your child, might have scarlet fever: **contact your GP or NHS 111 as soon as possible**, make sure that you or your child **take(s) the full course of any antibiotics prescribed**. Although you or your child will feel better soon after starting the course of antibiotics, you must complete the course to ensure that you do not carry the bacteria in your throat, after you have recovered stay at home, away from nursery, school or work for **at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment**, to avoid spreading the infection. You can help stop the spread of infection through frequent hand washing and by not sharing eating utensils, clothes, bedding and towels. All contaminated tissues should be disposed of immediately.

Invasive Group A Strep (iGAS)

The same bacteria which causes scarlet fever can also cause a range of other types of infection such as skin infections (impetigo) and sore throat. In very rare cases, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive group A strep (iGAS). Whilst still very uncommon, there has been an increase in iGAS cases this year, particularly in children under 10 years old. It is very rare for children with scarlet fever to develop iGAS infection. As a parent, you should trust your own judgement.

Contact NHS 111 or your GP if:

- your child is getting worse
- your child is feeding or eating much less than normal
- your child has had a dry nappy for 12 hours or more or shows other signs of dehydration
- your baby is under 3 months and has a temperature of 38C, or is older than 3 months and has a temperature of 39C or higher
- your baby feels hotter than usual when you touch their back or chest, or feels sweaty
- your child is very tired or irritable

Call 999 or go to A&E if:

- your child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs
- there are pauses when your child breathes
- your child's skin, tongue or lips are blue
- your child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake

Stop the Spread

During periods of high incidence of scarlet fever, there may also be an increase in outbreaks in schools, nurseries and other childcare settings. Children and adults with suspected scarlet fever should stay off nursery/school/work until **24 hours** after the start of appropriate antibiotic treatment. Good hygiene

practice such as hand washing remains the most important step in preventing and controlling spread of infection.

Holiday Activities - free activities and food

South Ribble Borough Council and South Ribble Leisure have planned a week of activities this Christmas by offering a 'HAF' programme of 'FREE activities and food' to children and families at local leisure centres!

This holiday provision is for school aged children from reception to year 11 (inclusive) who receive benefits-related free school meals. Benefits-related free school meals (FSM) are available to pupils if their parents are in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits, and have a claim verified by their school or local authority.

Full details of the programme and how to book are attached and can be found at <https://southribble.gov.uk/haf>



Volunteers

If anyone is interested in volunteering in school (either for fun, to help out or as a way of increasing your experience for future job applications) please get in touch.

We can then have a chat and we will send out an application form for you, sort out the DBS checks and then get your started.

Please phone the office or email office@seven-stars.lancs.sch.uk if you would like further details

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

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.

PLEASE GO TO OUR SCHOOL WEB-SITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Important Dates Coming Up

Wednesday 4th January -	School re-opens for children
Monday 9th January (9.15am):	Open morning/tour for any parents considering sending their child to Seven Stars Reception September 2023
Tuesday 10th January (9.15am)-:	Open morning/tour for any parents considering sending their child to Seven Stars Reception September 2023
Wednesday 11th January (1.30pm) -:	Open afternoon/tour for any parents considering sending their child to Seven Stars Reception September 2023
Saturday 15th January:	closing date for applying for a Reception place for September 2023
Week beginning 6th February -	Safer Internet Week
Wednesday 8th February:	Safer Internet day (workshop for parents in the afternoon on keeping your children safe on-line)
Friday 10th February :	Shining Stars assembly (parents invited)
Friday 10th February :	break up for Half-term holiday
Monday 20th February :	school re-opens

MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING 02/01/2023

	Choice 1	Choice 2	Desserts Choice
Monday	Bank Holiday		
Tuesday	INSET DAY		
Wednesday	Selection of Filled Sandwich Rolls, Veggie Sticks, Dips, Hash Brown	Creamy Korma Curry, Mixed Rice, Naan Bread (v)	Mini Shortbread Biscuit Yoghurt Fresh Fruit
Thursday	Beef Burger in a Bun, Potato Wedges, Veggie Sticks, Dips	Homemade Macaroni & Cheese Bake, Crusty Bread, Broccoli	Fresh Fruit Medley Yoghurt Fresh Fruit
Friday	Homemade Pizza Margherita, Chips or New Potatoes, Sweetcorn	Selection of Filled Sandwich Rolls, Chips, Veggie Sticks, Dips	Chocolate Muffin Yoghurt Fresh Fruit

Many thanks for your support - *Mr Mitchell*

REMEMBER TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE (class and school information)

Remember to like us on Facebook and Twitter

