

Weekly Newsletter

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*Where children
come first*

Well done!

It has been so good to see so many smiling faces back in school over the last two weeks. The behaviour of the vast majority of our children is exceptional and their attitude to learning is amazing. I am sure it is going to be a brilliant year as we continue to work hard and have fun.

School Meals/Food supplies

As we mentioned previously we are doing our best to provide the meals on the menu but unfortunately, at the moment this is a struggle due to the situation with supply chains and drivers. We are not getting the food in that we have ordered and therefore the kitchen staff are having to offer alternative meals. We are letting the children know as soon as we can so they can select what they want but please be patient with us if your child comes home and says they have had something you were not expecting (we will of course make sure those children with allergies are considered and cared for).

Scholastic Book Fair

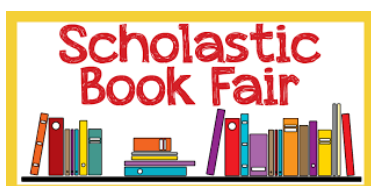
The book fair is arriving next Wednesday and will be open for people to have a look (and buy any books if you want to) on Wednesday 22nd September at 3.30pm in the school hall.

Book prices vary and there will be smaller items for sale such as rubbers or rulers.

If you want to come in to look at the books with your child that is fine, (you can wear a face covering if you want to but please sanitise hands on the way in).

Any money raised will support the school in purchasing books for our school library.

The book fair will be open every day at 3.30pm and the last day will be Tuesday 28th September.



Macmillan Coffee Morning - Friday 24th September 9am

We are excited to hold our first open parents/carers/friends event this coming Friday when we will have our Macmillan Coffee morning to support Macmillan nurses and raise money for cancer research.



Please come along to the hall where we will have teas and coffees on sale and plenty of cakes to buy and either eat there and then or take with you to enjoy at home.

The children will not be joining us this year as they will need to stay in class but we may well get some children to come and sing a song.

It is such a great chance to re-connect and all for a good cause. More details to follow.

Car Parking

We are having increasing problems with congestion of cars outside school at the start and the end of the day.

Most cars are parking sensibly (remember do NOT park on the zig-zags, by the yellow signs or in front of driveways) however there is congestion when cars are trying to go in opposite directions.

Some parents are telling children to jump out of the car while still on the road which is very dangerous and some people are getting angry.

If you are within walking distance please walk (might help with fitness after lockdown.)

We are suggesting where possible for cars to operate a one-way system using Meadowcroft Road so if you park facing the climbing frame/brook and then drive around Meadowcroft this might ease the congestion problems when cars are driving in opposite directions.

We will get advice from Traffic police about ways of solving this problem but for now please be patient, sensible and safe.

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 Settling In, Enthusiasm and Behaviour	
Moons	All of Moons
Rockets	Brooke – creating an amazing portrait using stamps and showing great enthusiasm and resilience in her work
Dorado	Matilda – for always giving 100% effort in everything she does
Orion	Thomas
Hercules	Isabella – for being friendly, welcoming to our new member of Hercules and working hard in all aspects of school
Pegasus	Kaiden B – for being a great friend to so many and helping people struggling, especially in ICT
Leo	Dylan – for a great week in school and a fantastic attitude in lessons
Phoenix	Kaysie – for settling straight into year 6 with enthusiasm and full effort all of the time

Positive Points (Top Dojo Points Rockets Only)	
Rockets	Bradley
Dorado	Alfie S
Orion	Jacob
Hercules	Lucas
Pegasus	Hayden
Leo	Tinuke
Phoenix	Bethany

Fitness Champion	
Rockets	Bodhi – outstanding fundamental movement
Dorado	Avayah – for being amazing in PE and always trying to improve
Orion	Evie-Rose P
Hercules	Ethan M – for excellent balancing and leading his group in PE
Pegasus	Lewis C – showing fantastic dancing during Rock Kidz
Leo	Lola – great effort in lessons and with Rock Kidz
Phoenix	The whole of Phoenix for all their active learning at Hothersall last week

Well Done!

Hothersall Lodge

It was such a privilege taking the Year 6 children to their start of the year residential at Hothersall Lodge. Their behaviour was exemplary and all the instructors and staff at the centre said how polite and respectful they all were.

They cared for each other, supported each other, encouraged each other and worked as a team to achieve great things while they were away.

Whether it was making their own bed, clearing the tables after lunch or learning to canoe they did it all to the best of their ability.

It was such a joy to see them get better and better at the activities they did overcoming fears to climb some very tall trees and cross high wires, get out on the water in canoes and jump into the muddy pond, get nearer the target in archery, improve their map-reading skills in orienteering and work as a team in the team challenge activities.

They demonstrated so many of our school values and in particular resilience which they showed in abundance.

We are so proud of every child and very grateful to Hothersall Lodge and to the members of Seven Stars staff who sacrificed time with their own families to support the children in making memories that will never fade. Well done Phoenix class - you are officially amazing and now you know you can achieve ANYTHING! (Photos will be available very soon so you can see for yourself the joy, the mud, the smiles and the achievements)



Rock Kidz

Rock Kidz have been in school for the last few days and the children have loved it!

It's been loud, exciting, energetic and funny, but there have also been some important messages through the song lyrics and the talks about teamwork, friendship, anti-racism, culture and resilience.

We have learnt new songs that will become firm favourites and revisited old ones that we love.

Well done to the children and staff who took part and we can't wait for the Rock Kidz to return.

Have a look at their songs on You Tube (including their new one 'Nobody Like Me')

Open Doors Curriculum and learning

Our curriculum is based around our 'Open Doors' intent (which is our knowledge-rich curriculum based on the national curriculum but focused on the needs and opportunities unique to our children and local area)

The five doors that we want to open for all our children are:

Door 1 = Key skills (Reading, Writing, maths)

Door 2 = The World (e.g. History, Geography, RE, Science exploring people, places, cultures and the world around us)

Door 3 = Healthy Lives (physical, mental & emotional, relational, financial and moral)

Door 4 = Creativity (art, music, drama, design, creative thinking & problem-solving)

Door 5 = Communication and Language (increasing vocabulary, language skills, listening well, discussions)

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/>

Outdoor Learning

Research shows that when children learn outside they are often more engaged, their language skills improve and they develop confidence.

We are exploring ways of using our brilliant school grounds more and more to support children's learning. Mrs Wheatland will be leading our outdoor curriculum and each class will get the chance to go outside for a few weeks in the year on a Thursday afternoon to do curriculum-based outdoor activities (e.g. gardening, science, team building, design skills, writing outside).

The key objectives in learning outside are:

- enhancing and developing the curriculum (including outdoor science and awareness of environmental issues)
- building character through team-building activities and projects that promote our school values of resilience, determination and tolerance
- developing communication skills and listening skills and increasing vocabulary

We are also looking at ways to transform our playtimes and will be launching a new way of doing playtimes in November. It may involve children getting a bit muddy at times but we will warn you if that is going to happen!

Homework

We are reviewing our homework policy at the moment. Many families find homework stressful and not always effective. However, we have some excited ideas for supporting home learning moving forward which we will share with you soon.

The main thing is reading. Read to your child or hear them read or encourage them to read is the best thing you can do. Communication and language is also key and so we may send home photos, images, pictures from time to time for you to chat about with your child (see the photo on the main Class Dojo page sent out this week).

We will also send home spellings or links to number bonds activities in some classes.

As the children get older expectations for home learning may increase but, like other schools, we are exploring all possibilities so you can continue to partner with us in helping your child to learn and grow in confidence in their learning.

KS2 Choir Club - Thursdays (3.30 to 4.30)

The hills are alive with the sound of beautiful music on a Thursday after school now that we have started our KS2 choir.

If anyone is interested in joining please ask Mr Stott or Mrs Pullin (ring the office on 01772 42503).

Everyone enjoyed their first session and we can't wait to hear their first performance.



Year 2 Spanish club with Miss Fletcher

We have the wonderful Miss Fletcher in our school who is a fluent Spanish speaker and teacher of Spanish to Years 3 to 6.

We are offering the opportunity for our Year 2 children to have some fun learning Spanish on a Monday after school.

Year 2 parents please read the message on Class Dojo and respond if you are interested in your child attending a Spanish club (free of charge).

Head lice

Please can you check your child's hair regularly and treat if necessary. Head Lice are one of the most common infestations that can affect the human body. Contrary to popular belief, parasites may infest the cleanest of individuals; they do not require the presence of dirt to survive.

Whilst lice are nothing more than a nuisance, it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they are allowed to spread.

We suggest that you check your child's head as soon as possible since outbreaks of head lice often happen at the start of the year.

Here is some simple advice you may wish to follow to keep head lice outbreaks to a minimum.

Check your child's hair once a week.

Use a proper detection comb – with teeth no more than 0.3mm apart to trap head lice. The comb is usually white in colour so that lice can be easily identified.

If you find live lice, consult a pharmacist to check the whole family.

Further advice on the treatment of head lice can be found on NHS website.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



Mrs Jones

We wished Mrs Jones all the best this week as she has left to have a baby. We are very excited to meet the new addition to the family and we send all our love as a whole school community to Mrs Jones and all the family over this time.

Mrs Ashcroft will be supporting in Year 5 alongside Miss Dutton while Mrs Jones is on maternity leave.

KEY DATES COMING UP THIS TERM

Wednesday 22nd to Wednesday 29th September	Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 24th September	Macmillan Coffee morning (all parents/friends invited)
Tuesday 28th September	Pupil Parliament elections
Thursday 30th September	Visit of Katherine Fletcher MP for South Ribble
Thursday 7th October	Assembly by Liz from Leyland Baptist church
Thursday 21st October	Halloween Disco (PTFA event) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3.45 to 5.15 (Years 1,2 & 3)• 5.15 to 6.30 (Years 4,5 & 6)
Friday 22nd October November	Shining Stars reward assembly 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

MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING 20/09/2021

Lunch menu (subject to change depending on deliveries) 20.09.21			
	Choice 1	Choice 2	Desserts Choice
Monday	BBQ Chicken Burger, Wedges, Salad	Selection of Sandwiches, crisps, Salad	Raspberry Bun Yoghurt
Tuesday	Homemade Pizza Slice, Wedges, Salad	Tomato Pasta Bake, Garlic Bread, Salad	Shortbread Biscuit Yoghurt
Wednesday	Roast Chicken Sandwich, Salad, Crisps	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Toppings, Salad	Cheese Crackers Fruit Yoghurt
Thursday	Chicken Korma Creamy Curry, Mixed Rice, Naan Bread	Roast Pork, New Potatoes, Carrots	Fruity Flapjack Yoghurt
Friday	Summer Picnic Mini Sandwich Roll, Vegetarian Sausage Roll, Salad Sticks, Crisps		Summer Dessert Ice Lolly

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****