## **Weekly Newsletter**

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#### 18th March 2022

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#### **Parent Phone Calls**

Teachers have made appointment slots for a conversation with parents/carers by phone about how your child is getting on in school.

We are doing this by phone while there are still a number of positive cases and because for many parents it is a lot more convenient.

The phone call will last for 5 minutes and will need to finish strictly on time due to other parents waiting by their phone for their call.

Teachers will let you know how your child is getting on in terms of their learning, their relationships, their engagement with their learning and anything else so you know how well your child is doing.

We are very proud of our children and how they have settled back in despite the many challenges and this is a chance to find out about the great things they have been doing in school.

Thank you to those parents/carers who have already had their calls

Unfortunately we do have some members of staff who are ill at the moment so we have had to rearrange those appointments for which we apologise but hopefully everyone will be fighting fit for next week.

#### **Comic Relief/Red Nose Day**

We celebrated Red Nose Day on Friday when children came to school dressed in something funny for charity and told a joke. Please see Class Dojo and Facebook for some of the results.

#### **Commonwealth Baton Relay**

Well done to the Year 6 children - Harry O, Olivia and Emily for taking part in the Commonwealth Games Leyland primary schools baton relay. We received the baton from St Annes RC Primary school to much waving of flags and cheers, and then the children from Year 6 took the baton on the last leg to Moss Side primary school.

### **School Office**

We are experiencing some temporary shortages of staff in our school office at the moment. Therefore if you are able to avoid coming to the office between 9am and 9.45am it would be appreciated.

If you are able to phone instead (leave a message if noone picks up) or email:

office@seven-stars.lancs.sch.uk (or if it is a class matter message on Class Dojo).

#### Year 4 Assembly

Our Pegasus class (Year 4) will be presenting a short assembly on Thursday  $24^{th}$  March at 1.30pm in the school hall.

All parents/carers are invited and we will be joined by PCSO Tony.

The children have been doing some work around Antisocial Behaviour and how to stay safe in the neighbourhood and respect those around us.

#### **Parentpay Accounts**

Please ensure that you keep your Parentpay accounts topped up and ensure that there are enough funds to cover all payments. We will be sending out some reminders to settle all accounts in line with the financial year end deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> March.

#### Fonetti

We are introducing a new speech recognition reading app which uses the power of the child's own voice to accelerate and embed their reading confidence. It requires the use of ipads or tablets which we have in school but if you have either of those devices at home then your child will be able to also access it at home. It is for children who have passed the Phonics phase of their reading (for which we use Phonics Shed) so will be more

for children from Year 3 upwards (and some year 2 children) See the link below for more information https://www.fonetti.com/



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#### Safer Internet and Social Media

We are continuing to find that some children are struggling to keep to the social media rules.

We have some excellent posters up in school and have spoken to the children a lot about it.

A small minority of children are still using inappropriate language, still befriending people they don't know and are going on gaming or sending messages very late at night meaning they are tired for school the next day.

We will keep repeating these messages but please remind your child as well:

- make sure your privacy settings are only set for family and friends
- do not invite or talk to strangers on-line at all
- do not befriend or talk to anyone on-line that you don't know in real life
- do not share any personal information publicly that could identify you or what school you go to
- remember that once you send something online it creates a 'digital tattoo' that is there for life and can't be deleted (be careful what you say)
- Remember that threats on-line are still a criminal offence for anyone 10 years old or over and anyone sending threats on-line can get a criminal record.

#### **Increase in charges**

Unfortunately, it will be necessary to increase our charges for school meals, nursery paid sessions, breakfast and after school club from Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April. This is due to rising costs in food, energy and staff.

The new charges will be as follows:

School Meals	£ 2.35 per day
Breakfast Club	£ 3.50 per session
After School Club	£ 6.00 per session
Nursery paid session	£13.00 per session

The prices will be automatically adjusted on Parentpay for when we return after the Easter Holidays.

#### Nursery places available

We have some places available in our Nursery for children aged 3 starting in the Summer Term and for September. If you would like to apply, please call into the school office for an application pack. We offer 15 and 30 hours funded places and also paid sessions. Please get in touch if you would like any more information.

If you have already applied for a place, we will contact you within the next two weeks.



#### 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	Carter – for being awesome in all aspects of class.			
Rockets	Hugo – for consistently putting in lots of effort and having a good attitude towards learning.			
Dorado	Chloe – for always trying her best and for being helpful.			
Orion	Evie Rose A – for reading her reading paper until she found the right			
	answer.			
Hercules	Thomas – for having an excellent week in all areas of school life.			
Pegasus	Millie- for working independently and for always smiling.			
Leo	Amelia – for a fantastic attitude all week in class and when representing the school at the girls football tournament.			
Phoenix	Bethany – for putting in 100% effort and having a fantastic attitude at the girls' football tournament.			

Positive Points (Top Dojo Points Rockets Only)				
Rockets	Bradley			
Dorado	Billie-Mae			
Orion	Jacob			
Hercules	Amelia N			
Pegasus	Lucy			
Leo	Amelia			
Phoenix	Matilda			

VIP (Values Inspired Person) Kindness			
Rockets	Emily		
Dorado	Davis		
Orion	Marina		
Hercules	Lily-May		
	Amelia W		
Pegasus	Louisa		
Leo	Tinuke		
Phoenix	Olivia		

#### **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 kindness

# Well Done to everyone this week

#### **COVID Update**

We have a new risk assessment in place (see the school web-site COVID-19 page). The advice is still that if a child is unwell with COVID symptoms or tests positive to stay off school and only come back on day 5 if there has been two negative tests on consecutive days.

#### Sickness (Diarrhoea and Vomiting)

If your child has diarrhoea or vomiting they must stay off school for 48 hours (2 full days) after the last episode of diarrhoea and vomiting before they can return to school. If they have diarrhoea or vomiting in school they will be sent home and must be off for 2 full days after the last episode.

This is in line with the guidance on our web-site based on Lancashire Public Health guidance and is to protect the rest of our community (families and staff).

We realise this is a big inconvenience but crucial to keep us all healthy.

Attendance is a big priority for us but it is important if a child is ill that they stay off school for the correct period of time (even if it seems like they are not ill anymore).

#### Do You Need Help?

'If any families are isolating and need support please contact me at d.wright@seven-stars.lancs.sch.uk or phone 01772 422503.



The office will order vouchers on Fridays for children who are entitled to free school dinners (not the infantFSM). Children will get £2.20 for everyday they are absent, these will be similar to the ones provided in the holidays.

School also have some laptops for children, this will enable them to access the class DOJO to continue with t heir education.

Unfortunately school will be unable to provide Lateral Flow Test as we have limited supply. If you have any queries please not not hesitate to contact me'.

#### Need Support?

Speak to Mrs Wright (01772 422503) or go to our family support page where you can find brilliant links. https://www.seven-stars.lancsngfl.ac.uk/parents/family-support

#### Homework

As you know over this last period of time we have not been sending lots of homework home for the children to do while they have been settling back into school. However, we do ask that parents talk to their children about their work in school and hear them read. You can also go on TTRocks at home to help the children with their times tables skills.

We will soon be introducing a Reading app called Fonetti (see below) and will over the Summer term start to reintroduce various ways of encouraging our children to continue learning while they are at home.

#### **Clubs (After-School)**

**PASTA Sports and Healthy Food Club** - every Friday for children entitled to Free School Meals - a chance to taste some healthy food, do some sport and take home the ingredients for a healthy meal.

KS2 Choir - every Thursday for children in Years 3 to 6 who love to sing.

**Year 2 Spanish Club** – every Monday for any children in Year 2 who would like to get a head start on learning Spanish ready for the Key Stage 2 Spanish curriculum and for their holidays abroad!

Year 5 & 6 Football Club - every Friday for any budding footballers.

#### **Other Dates Coming Up**

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Year 4 'Anti-social behaviour' assembly (Y4 parents invited) Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March - 'Search for Easter' event in school with Leyland Baptist Church Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April - Shining Stars Assembly

# **MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING 21/03/2022**

Lunch menu (subject to change depending on deliveries) 07.03.2022				
	Choice 1	Choice 2	Desserts Choice	
Monday	French bread pizza, tortilla chips and salad	Cheesy pasta bake, tortilla chips and salad	Varied due to the current situation	
Tuesday	Spaghetti Bolognese Garlic bread	Jacket potato with a variety of toppings and salad	Varied due to the current situation	
Wednesday	· •	Cheese or Tuna Pannini melts, Noisette potatoes and salad	Varied due to the current situation	
Thursday	Creamy chicken curry, rice and Naan bread	Fish finger wraps with potato wedges	Varied due to the current situation	
Friday	Homemade pizza, chips and peas	Fish, chips, peas	Varied due to the current situation	

Many thanks for your support - *Mr Mitchell* **REMEMBER TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE** (class and school information)









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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.