

Weekly Newsletter

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*'Where children
come first'*

COVID Update

The Local Authority are hopefully releasing their updated COVID risk assessment guidance (which we base our risk assessment on) on Monday 28th February. Therefore we are sticking with the current procedures until that revised risk assessment is released (and especially because we continue to have some cases in school). Therefore anyone testing positive for COVID-19 or showing symptoms should continue to isolate for 5 days and only return after 2 negative tests until the guidance and risk assessment is updated following further guidance.

Whilst no-one is 'legally' obliged to isolate it is still 'advised' that people do so in the Government guidance so we are following that advice. If cases rise, we will revert to further measures. Teachers/staff in school are continuing to do regular self-testing until the risk assessment changes.

Thank you for your patience and support.

Do You Need Help?



'If any families are isolating and need support please contact me

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 infant FSM). 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 their education.

Unfortunately, school will be unable to provide Lateral Flow Tests as we have limited supply.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me'.

Safer Internet and on-line safety

Well done to those children who entered our half-term holiday homework safer internet poster competition.



We had some great entries but the top three winners were:

Brandon in Year 1 (Dorado)

Kylan in Year 3 (Hercules)

Finlay in Year 5 (Leo)

We will be putting their on-line posters up around school so everyone can remember the important messages:

'Be Fine On-Line'

'There is no excuse for computer misuse'

'Be aware, connect with care'

You can look at the links below for further help:

<https://families.google.com/familylink/>

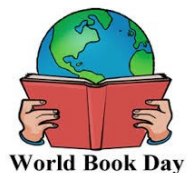
<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/>

<https://seven-stars.lancsngfl.ac.uk/behaviour-support/on-line-safety>

On Tuesday 1st March (next Tuesday), we have the early support police team in school to talk to our Year 5 and Year 6 children about on-line safety. All Year 5 and Year 6 parents are invited to attend at 1.30pm until about 2.30pm.

World Book Day - Friday 4th March

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 4th March (next Friday) and children can come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book, poem or rhyme (or anything book related).



Dawn in the kitchen will also be putting on a special meal that day.

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	Kevin – for super speaking, recognising numbers 1-5 and joining in and having fun with his friends in class
Rockets	Best – excellent independent writing
Dorado	Chloe – for always working hard and being a kind friend
Orion	Cairo – for always trying his best
Hercules	Mya – for having a positive attitude towards her learning and caring for others
Pegasus	Kaiden – for having a great first week back and showing real understanding during Maths
Leo	Isabelle – for some fantastic ideas in English when planning a UFO diary and great work with the football coach
Phoenix	Gracie-Mae – for showing amazing perseverance and determination this week in Maths

Positive Points (Top Dojo Points Rockets Only)	
Rockets	Hugo
Dorado	Riley
Orion	Lois and Lawson
Hercules	Isabella
Pegasus	Isabelle
Leo	Jessie
Phoenix	Bethany

VIP (Values Inspired Person) – for demonstrating HONESTY	
Rockets	Harper
Dorado	Logan
Orion	Jenson
Hercules	Kylan
Pegasus	Lewis
Leo	Dylan
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 HONESTY.

Well Done
to everyone this week

OPAL Playtimes

We are in the process of launching an exciting new project to make our play times even better, in conjunction with OPAL.

(<http://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/>). OPAL has won the best active schools' programme in Europe award and been cited in two Parliamentary Reports as outstanding practice. OPAL is working closely with Sport England to promote more active childhoods. Why are we doing it? Many reasons but the main ones are:



- **Behaviour** - happy children don't cause nearly as much trouble as bored children
- **Accidents** - OPAL schools have up to 80% less reported accidents
- **Self-regulation** - children in OPAL schools learn to self-regulate through practice, trust and freedom
- **Physical activity** - all children, including girls, SEN and non-sporty children are significantly more active
- **Mental well-being** - Research shows OPAL children are happier and self-reporting improved mental health
- **Social and emotional development** - Good play in the laboratory of life where relationships are practised
- **Risk** - OPAL schools report significant improvements in children's ability to identify and manage risk

The project began just prior to half term and we hope that it will change the way we think about the importance of 'play' and how we play together.

This change in mind-set does involve changing our ideas about how dirty children get at school!

We need to accept that our climate brings a lot of rain and mud and in order for our children to enjoy being outside, they will at times get muddy!

We are asking parents to send their children to school with a spare set of clothes and a pair of wellies they can leave in school. If anyone has any spare, which they are willing to send in for us to keep in school this would be very much appreciated. Items such as leggings, trousers, jackets, coats, socks, underwear. We will take anything as spares for our children.

We are also asking for your patience if your child comes home muddy.

Try to remember that if they come home dirty, they have most likely had a LOT of fun and their learning has been enhanced by the power of play!

We will have an open day at some point so you can see what they are up to and we have an OPAL page on our school web-site which you can visit here:

<https://seven-stars.lancsngfl.ac.uk/school-life/opal-outdoor-play-and-learning>

Storage for equipment is a challenge so if any parents have unused sheds/storage or connections to getting a container or storage please get in touch.

Yoga Workshops

Danielle from The Yogi Ltd group came in today (Friday) to help our children with their mental well-being by delivering 30 minute yoga sessions for children from our classes (Mrs Hollinghurst did it as well with her Nursery children in their class).

This is part of supporting our children with strategies to help them with the mental health and hopefully they will pass on a few tips to parents/carers and family!

Fire Safety Talk (Year 3)

The Fire Service will be coming to school on Tuesday 1st March in the afternoon to talk to the children in Year 3 about keeping safe.

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

(visit our school web-site for other information)

Wednesday 16th March - Parents meetings /Zoom calls /Phone calls (so you can find out how your children are getting on). Letter will go out soon so you can make an appointment

Thursday 17th March - Science Investigation afternoon in school (all parents/carers/family invited)

Friday 18th March - Red Nose / Comic Relief (come to school a bit 'odd' and tell a joke to make us all laugh)

Tuesday 29th March - 'Search for Easter' event in school with Leyland Baptist Church

Friday 1st April - Shining Stars Assembly

MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING 28/02/2022

Lunch menu (subject to change depending on deliveries) 21.02.2022			
	Choice 1	Choice 2	Desserts Choice
Monday	Pork Sausage, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetables	Cheese or Tuna Panini Melt, Potato Wedges, Salad	Varied due to the current situation
Tuesday	Homemade Pizza, Diced Potatoes, Salad	Cheese Pasty, Herby Diced Potatoes, Beans	PANCAKES
Wednesday	Roast Beef Dinner, Yorkshire Pudding, Vegetables, Gravy	Jacket Potato, Selection of Toppings, Salad	Varied due to the current situation
Thursday	Creamy Chicken Curry, Mixed Rice, Naan Bread	Cheese Whirl, Potato Wedges, Beans, Salad	Varied due to the current situation
Friday	WORLD BOOK DAY - Mad Hatters Tea Party Selection of Sandwiches, Homemade Pizza Slice, Salad Sticks, Crisps		Jelly Pots Yogurt Pots

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.