

# Weekly Newsletter

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*'Where children  
come first'*

## Monday 8th March

We are looking forward to welcoming all the children in all the classes back on Monday 8th March.

It is CRUCIAL that you read the 're-opening' letter to parents that has gone out on Class Dojo, the school web-site <https://www.seven-stars.lancsngfl.ac.uk/> Facebook and email because it has IMPORTANT INFORMATION and will answer your questions. A Facebook video will also be going out about it.



## Class Dojo

It is important that the children still engage with Class Dojo learning as much as they can at this time.

We realise it is tough but we will be monitoring the engagement and rewarding those children who put in additional effort over this last week before the return on 8th March.

## Jungle John

'Jungle John' (& his creepy crawlies) joined us by Zoom both to the children currently in school and those at home, he chatted to all our children about his creepy crawly collection. You can find his web-site at [www.minibeasts4all.co.uk](http://www.minibeasts4all.co.uk)

John showed us and taught us about giant cockroaches, huge spiders, snakes, butterflies, stick insects (did you know there are only girl stick insects? They just copy themselves!), giant snail (who have teeth that can chew through diamonds, are half boy and half girl, and have a great sense of smell), ladybirds (who have poisonous knees!) and some highly poisonous millipedes. We also found out there are 240 types of centipedes in this country and their feet are like velcro. What a lot of interesting facts!

We're really looking forward to having John back again face to face so we can hold the insects in our hands and see our creepy crawly friends face to face!



## Outstanding Debt

We are now approaching the end of the schools financial year and we still have many outstanding balances for school dinners, breakfast club, after school club and nursery. If you have an outstanding balance, please could this be addressed before the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 (end of the school financial year).

## World Book Day

Thursday 4th March

This year will be celebrating World Book day virtually.

We will be celebrating books, stories and poems we know and love.

Teachers and staff will become 'The Masked Readers' - each member of staff will wear a mask/disguise and read an extract from one of their favourite books.

Videos will be released on Facebook or Dojo and on actual World Book day, children can guess who is behind the mask.

We will also be have a whole school Zoom session in the morning with Mr Mitchell when we will be asking children at home and in school to show us their favourite book or story (the link will go out nearer the time).



## Community Fridge Support

Leyland Community Network are starting a new service. They are extremely excited about this and the additional support it will provide to members of our community.

### What is the Community Shop?

CNOS Community Shop is a new membership-based food support service, whereby for a nominal membership fee per week you can access a wide range of food/household groceries.

### Who can use the service?

Anyone that will benefit will be able to join the service, however it is only for those with Leyland/South Ribble postcodes and we will initially be offering 20-25 places.

## Rewards for this week (Well done!)

Well done to the following children who have done so well with their Class Dojo work (either in school or at home)

Moons	Nelly	Enthusiasm on dojo and keen to share dance moves.
Rockets	Pippa Mia	Trying your best to complete activities this week. Being kind and thoughtful to others
Dorado	Holly	Amazing home learning.
Orion	Emily	Completing all home learning this week.
Hercules	Sophie	Excellent engagement at home and in school.
Pegasus	Lola	Working really hard.
Leo	Olivia	Excellent engagement in school and at home.
Phoenix	Amy Ba	Consistently completing all work and asking for help when needed.

A big well done to the parents as well of all those children who have engaged with their home learning because we know it is not easy for families to find a quiet place to work but if you are doing your best then you are a hero in our eyes!

## 'Our Local Nature' Wall Mural Design Competition

We have a competition running at the moment for children to design a mural about 'Our Local Nature'. The winning design will go onto the wall on the side of our building and will be painted by a local artist. So get designing and send in your design ideas as soon as possible either by post, by email/Dojo or pop it into school.

## Tree Planting and Bulbs and Vegetable Patch

It is fantastic to see the first signs of Spring around the building. In particular the daffodils coming up at the front of school and it won't be long before Mrs Porter's Cherry Blossom Tree will be in bloom.

We have already planted 100 trees on the little field at the back of school which will be good for the planet and for wildlife, thanks to the Leyland Community Network, we will be receiving even more trees which we will be planting over the next few weeks.

We will also be planting some seeds for our vegetable patches and reinvigorating our school greenhouse so we can start to produce a harvest for the children to enjoy later in the year.

## Red Nose Day Friday 19th March

Come to school dressed as a superhero (which might be Superman or it could be real-life superheroes such as a Health worker, a police person, a lolly-pop person, or anyone who has inspired you during this time. We will be thinking of fun things we can do to raise a bit of money and put a smile on our children's (and our) faces.

Get your best jokes ready and see if you can win the 'Make the School Laugh' Zoom competition.

## Contact Details

Please ensure your contact details are up to date. Any changes in telephone numbers or email addresses please let school know either by email, Class Dojo or telephone the office. We are using these methods to communicate updates and changes as we are in lockdown and beyond so it is vital we hold the right details for you.

## THIS IS A CHALLENGING TIME

Please ask for help if you need it and we will do our best to support you

We are linking with the Leyland Community Network led by one of our dynamic mums to support the community and in particular the families and children of Seven Stars School

If you need any support at all from us or from the Leyland Community Network please get in touch (in confidence) and we will see what we can do to help.

We also have links and contacts for other support groups and organisations

We are really grateful to many local businesses who are pledging to help and if you know of anyone else who may be able to support our struggling families please get in touch at the numbers below

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d.wright@seven-stars.lancs.sch.uk (Mrs Wright)

OR on 07561693865 (School mobile) within school hours (9 to 5 Monday to Friday)

head@seven-stars.lancs.sch.uk (Mr Mitchell)

(If you need the school nurse then please telephone: 0300 247 0040)

This service is available Monday to Friday 8.30am-4.30pm)

### **SEE THE LINKS BELOW FOR FURTHER HELP AND SUPPORT**

National Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 2000 247 <https://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/>

NSPCC helpline: 0808 800 5000 If you're worried about a child, even if you're unsure, contact NSPCC professional counsellors for help, advice and support.

Childline 0800 1111: Offers free, confidential advice and support for any child 18 years or under, whatever the worry. MIND: Mental Health Support with specific advice on 'Coronavirus and your wellbeing'. [www.mind.org.uk](http://www.mind.org.uk)

YoungMinds: Supporting children and young people and their parents/carers with their mental health and wellbeing. Specific advice on managing self-isolation and anxiety about coronavirus. <https://youngminds.org.uk> ICON: Babies cry: You can cope. <http://iconcope.org/> SafeLives: Specific resources for domestic abuse and COVID. <http://safelives.org.uk/news-views/domestic-abuse-and-covid-19>

IRISi interventions: [irisi.org/iris/find-your-local-iris-site](http://irisi.org/iris/find-your-local-iris-site)

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT <http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/education/specialist-educational-support/educational-psychologists/>

Click on the pdf and link above for lots of great links to web-sites and advice for talking to children about COVID-19 from the Lancashire Educational Psychology team

Kooth is a BRILLIANT on-line for support for children from 10 to 16. It is free to sign-up. Just go to: <https://www.kooth.com/>

The Anna Freud foundation which is a great site for support for parents: <https://www.annafreud.org/parents/>

The NHS also has some great advice to deal with anxiety: <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/anxiety/>

If you are struggling in any way during this challenging time, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Wright at school on 01772 422503 or [d.wright@seven-stars.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:d.wright@seven-stars.lancs.sch.uk) OR on 07561693865 (School mobile) within school hours (9 to 5 Monday to Friday)

Many thanks for your support - *Mr Mitchell*  
Remember to like us on Facebook

REMEMBER TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE (class and school information)

**\*\*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\*\***