

Weekly Newsletter

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*'Where children
come first'*

'One Kind Word'

We are continuing to focus on kind words in our school. It is a key skill that we are all learning. When children fall out and call each other names it can really hurt so we are encouraging all our children to be powerful in the words they use to each other (and this is true when they are on-line as well as face to face)

One of our core values is KINDNESS and we will be returning to VIP (Values Inspired People) certificates and rewards after Christmas.

Listen to the song below:

[One Kind Word song](#)

and also click on the link below for a story about the power of kind words:

[The Bloom story](#)

Whenever we find out children have not been kind to each other we will address the situation in school. The vast majority of the children in our school are kind and caring. Thank you for making our school a happy place to be!

Parents/Carers Phone/Zoom Calls

Thank you to those parents who have arranged and already had their phone calls with the class teacher.

Those parents in Reception class will be having your conversations with Miss Thomson very soon. Mrs Hollinghurst is still off not well at the moment and we will update the Nursery parents very soon on what we will do about your phone calls.

A big thank you to Mrs Kenworthy who has been doing a wonderful job with our lovely Nursery Moons class children while Mrs Hollinghurst has been recovering.



Parents/Carer Questionnaire

Thank you to those parents who have completed the survey that was sent out by Mrs Walsh on Class Dojo on 23rd November. Please complete this if you can as it will help us identify what we are doing well and where we need to improve.

CHRISTMAS!

We've been told that some people already have their Christmas trees up!

We have a **Christmas shop** in school running from **Monday 29th November to Friday 10th December**. Items will be on sale for reasonable prices, if any children want to buy gifts for friends and family (or themselves!) and all money raised will go towards the PTFA fund raising campaign towards outdoor equipment.

We will be putting our **Christmas Post-box** up in hall on **Wednesday of next week**. If your child wants to send a card please get them to put the name of the child on the envelope (full name if possible) and what class they are in.

They must then post them in the Christmas post-box and we will leave the cards in the post-box for 72 hours before delivering them (in line with COVID guidance).

Christmas Lunch will take place on **Thursday 9th December** - it will be a wonderful time to enjoy the delicious full Christmas lunch. Nursery children are also invited to enjoy a Christmas lunch.

We will be recording a short Christmas performance like last year with our youngest children in school (we have hoped we could invite parents in but at the moment we are taking as many precautions as possible to keep people safe and well for the Christmas holidays so we will not be having 'live' audiences in school at the moment)

We are in negotiations with Leyland Baptist Church about a possible Christmas activity event but will let you know as it depends on COVID arrangements.

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	
Rockets	Best
Dorado	Alfie – for always being kind, polite and determined to try his best
Orion	Lois – for an amazing 'Night Sky Poem'
Hercules	Eloise – for an amazing drama performance of the Prince of English
Pegasus	Harry – for great engagement and use of vocabulary in Maths
Leo	Tyler – for fantastic work all week, particularly in English and Swimming
Phoenix	Bethany – for always contributing to lessons enthusiastically

Positive Points (Top Dojo Points Rockets Only)	
Rockets	Isaac
Dorado	Kian
Orion	Marina
Hercules	Jenny & Michael
Pegasus	Liam & Mia
Leo	Freya
Phoenix	Bethany & Harry

Fitness Champion	
Rockets	Tommy
Dorado	Brandon – for determination and encouraging his team members
Orion	Lucas – for being resilient and winning man of the match at football
Hercules	Ellie – for having great tactics in handball
Pegasus	Derry – for winning trophies at his hip hop dance competition
Leo	Lilly-May – for excellent effort and achievement in both dance and swimming
Phoenix	Harry – for always showing good sportsmanship

Well Done

Knife Crime Talk in Year 6

Thankyou to the police officers who came into our school on Thursday afternoon to talk to our Year 6 children about the dangers of knife crime. It was a hard-hitting presentation about a very serious situation and we wanted our children to be aware of what to do in these situations and how (and why) to avoid getting into trouble related to knife crime.

NURSERY PLACES (in our amazing Moons Nursery)

We now only have a few places left in our Nursery to start in January 2022. If you require a place and haven't filled in an application pack, please contact the office to arrange to pick one up. We offer 15 and 30 hour funded sessions as well as paid sessions. More information about claiming 30 hours is available here: <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare> or if you have any queries, please contact Mrs Pullin in the office. Children in Nursery can also attend breakfast and after school club too.

If you have already requested a place and filled in the application pack, we will be contacting you soon to arrange a look round the nursery and meet with Mrs Hollinghurst, ready to start in January.



Reading at School and at Home

Please make sure your child brings their book in each day so they can read and we are hoping that we can start sending home library books to all classes. Please however make sure the children value the books and do not lose them. They are very precious!
ALSO don't forget to read TO your child - it will build a true love for reading for the rest of their lives!



Great Writing

We've been looking in the children's writing books and the amount of excellent writing going on in school is impressive.

Children are applying the learning into their writing really well with some exciting stories about myths, legends, traditional tales and writing linked to stories and topics studied in class.

We will 'publish' the next writing outcome at the end of the current unit onto Class Dojo and create a book for our school library of the children's writing.

Well done everyone.

Phonics Shed and Spelling Shed

As a whole school we have received training in new linked Phonics and Spelling schemes which the children can access at home. Details are being sent out if they have not been sent out already.

Children in Early Years to Year 2 will have daily phonics sessions based around the Phonics Shed scheme and their reading books will be matched to the phase of phonics they are working at.

There are lots of fun activities and the children are enjoying the way the new schemes are supporting their learning.

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/>

Car Parking Reminder

Thank you to those people who are being considerate with parking. A few reminders:

- do not park in front of our neighbours' drives (they keep an eye on our school at weekends, holidays and evenings and are good friends to our school. Some of them have to get in and out of their drives at short notice for emergencies or with families)
- do not park by the yellow signs and zig-zags (this is for the safety of our children)
- do not throw children out of the car whilst in the middle of the road
- please try to operate a one-way system using Meadowcroft road parking facing the play equipment and driving in a loop to avoid cars clashing in opposite directions
- if you can walk to school please do so (it's great for mental health and chat time!)

Pupil Parliament

SEVEN STARS PUPIL PARLIAMENT		
Elected members of Pupil Parliament		
Year 1 Dorado	Grace	Kian
Year 2 Orion	Lois	Kian
Year 3 Hercules	Aurelia	Lucas
Year 4 Pegasus	Isabelle	Sophie
Year 5 Leo	Jayden	Freya
Year 6 Phoenix	Emily (Prime Minister)	Bethany (Deputy)
Member of Children's Parliament for South Ribble: Olivia (Year 6)		

UPCOMING KEY EVENTS

December

Wednesday 1 st	Christmas Post-box goes out in the hall
Thursday 2 nd	Liz from Leyland Baptist church assembly
Thursday 9 th	Christmas Lunch day
Thursday 9 th	Fire Service visit to Years 2 & 3 (2pm)
Friday 10 th	Christmas Cracker events at Leyland Baptist Church
Tuesday 14 th	Fire Service visit to Year 6 (1.30pm)
Friday 17 th	Christingle end of school event 2pm early finish (after-school club open until 4pm)

MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING 29/11/2021

Lunch menu (subject to change depending on deliveries) 29.11.21

	Choice 1	Choice 2	Desserts Choice
Monday	Mascarpone Pasta Bake, Tortilla Chips, Salad	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Toppings, Salad	Varied due to the current situation
Tuesday	French Bread Pizza, Tortilla Chips, Salad	Cheese Pasties, Herby Diced Potatoes	Varied due to the current situation
Wednesday	Roast Dinner, Potatoes, Vegetables, Gravy	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Toppings, Salad	Varied due to the current situation
Thursday	Chicken Curry, Mixed Rice, Naan Bread	Sausage in a Bun, Tortilla Chips, Salad	Varied due to the current situation
Friday	Pizza, Chips and Peas	Fish, Chips and Peas	Varied due to the current situation

COVID Update/Clarification

Just to make you aware we have had LESS positive cases in school this week and last week compared with 2 weeks ago and we are no longer in an 'outbreak' situation.

Thank you for being vigilant and doing your bit to help us keep safe.

I have been in touch with Track and Trace (119) and with the Lancashire COVID advice team and with the DfE because some parents have been getting negative PCR tests but sent isolation notes by Track and Trace.

The advice they have all given me is that the guidance now is that if a child gets sent an isolation note but has a negative PCR test they are ok to come to school according to the guidance but the parent must contact Track and Trace to tell Track and Trace that they have received a negative PCR test and they will give advice before you ignore the Isolation not.

Pupils can only come to school if they do NOT have symptoms.

The current guidance also says that anyone in close contact with a positive case should go for a PCR test but CAN still attend school while waiting for the test result.

I realise this is opposite to the advice in the summer but that is the guidance being given.

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****