

# Headteacher's Newsletter

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PRIMARY SCHOOL

30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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## Our Value for this term is COURAGE

Our children regularly show courage each day in so many ways

- Tackling a tricky piece of work in lessons
- Facing up to challenges
- Performing or presenting in front of others
- Asking questions or contributing ideas
- Choosing to do the right thing (when their friends or others are doing the wrong thing)

We will be celebrating those children who show courage in their class on the last day of term in the Assembly on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February (when they will also have a VIP party)

## **Mad Science Club**

Following our visit from Scientific Sarah they will be running a Mad Science After-School Club after half-term for anyone who has signed up at the link below:

<https://northengland.madscience.org/parents-register-a.aspx>

The dates are 25 February 2026 - 25 March 2026 (15:25 - 16:25)

We will let you know the venue/class that the club will be in nearer the time



## **Young Voices**



The choir has been practising hard and will be attending the Young Voices event in Manchester on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February. The children will be leaving at 11.30am by coach from school and returning at 10.30pm by coach after the event. The teachers who are accompanying the children will be posting regularly on Dojo so that you can see they are having a great time and have an idea where they are up to.

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## New School Business Manager

*Mr Hansrot, our new School Business Manager, has visited school now a few times and is beginning to get to know the staff, families and systems in school.*

*Ms Dennett (our Assistant Business Manager) and Mrs Devlin (our temporary School Business Manager) are working alongside Mr Hansrot until he finds his feet.*

*Welcome to the team and this wonderful school Mr Hansrot! Mr Hansrot will be starting officially on 2<sup>nd</sup> February.*



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## Mr Buchanan (and Year 5)

*As you know Mr Buchanan is retiring on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February after 33+ years of teaching at Seven Stars Primary School. He has supported many children, families and staff during his time with us and we are immensely grateful and inspired by Mr Buchanan for his commitment to the children and community of Seven Stars School.*

*We will be having a special assembly for Mr Buchanan on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February in the afternoon and it is open for any parents to attend who would like to celebrate with us.*

*We have a new teacher called Mrs Leigh who will be taking the Year 5 class to the end of this academic year and she is visiting the school on Wednesday and Thursday of next week to meet the children. Mrs Leigh is a very experienced teacher and comes highly recommended so we are looking forward to working with her and I am sure the Year 5 children will continue to make progress under her care, and of course with the continuing care and support of Mrs Conaghan.*

## Reminders

*Please do not park in front of driveways*

*Please do not park in the Taxi drop-off point (unless your child is in Apollo or Galaxy classes)*

*We have been informed of a lot of dog mess along the path outside school. We have contacted the council and they have said they will wash it down and are sending us some posters that state there is a £500 fine for anyone caught allowing their dog to foul the path.*

*Let us know if it continues to be a problem*

### **Website photographer**

We have a photographer coming into school on Monday who will be taking new photos of our children in the new school so we can update our school website.

### **My Happy Mind**

My Happy Mind is going really well and the children are learning all about the brain

Here is a short video explaining what this is:

<https://myhappymind.lpages.co/myhappymind-parent-app-introduction/>

### **Slippers**

*Children are continuing to wear slippers in school and are very sensible about it. It seems to be making a difference and if anyone else would like to then feel free to send slippers in at any point (the children keep them in class). But it is optional so do not feel you have to.*



### **Social Media**

It has come to our attention that some children are participating in group conversations late into the night. Within some of these chats, unkind messages have been shared, which has caused some pupils to feel anxious about coming into school. In addition, children are arriving at school extremely tired due to being online well after midnight, which is having a clear impact on their concentration, wellbeing, and the quality of their learning.

We strongly urge parents and carers to actively monitor their child's access to social media and messaging apps, ensure appropriate privacy and safety settings are in place, and set clear limits on screen use during the evening and night.

### Attendance

*I realise some parents have been in touch asking why there are unauthorised absences on the attendance records when messages have been sent to teachers on Class Dojo.*

*This is because the teachers get so busy teaching and managing the class that they occasionally do not pass the message on.*

*Therefore **if your child is off please contact the office** on 01772 422503 to let us know (or reply to any messages left from the office) since it is the office that updates the records. Do not use Class Dojo to tell us about your child's absence. Thanks*

### The Word Guerilla is coming!

*The Word Guerilla is visiting our school again next week (on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> February)*

*See the link below to find out what he does. The children always love it.*

<https://wordguerilla.com/>



### **SLEEP IS OUR SECRET SUPERPOWER!**

*A number of children are not getting enough sleep and we can tell! The result is poor concentration, tiredness in lessons, poor behaviour (increased grouchiness!), and higher levels of anxiety.*

*The opposite is true for those who do get sleep – better resilience, good concentration, happier children, better relationships, less moodiness, learning more and learning faster.*

*Sleep deprivation causes increased hyperactivity and other behavioural problems, as well as damaging physical and mental development. Poor sleep habits from an early age can lead to long term sleep problems.*

*The link below has some great resources to help parents/carers ensure children get some good sleep:*

<https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/information-support/children/>

**Future Dates**

**Monday 2nd February Website photographer** in school taking new photos for the school website

**Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th February Word Guerilla** (performance poet) in school

**Thursday 5th February all day Young Voices** choir at Manchester

**Monday 9th to Friday 13th February Place2Be Mental Health Week**

**Tuesday 10th February Safer Internet Day**

**Tuesday 10th February (2.30pm)** chat for parents of Years 5 & 6 on **how to keep our children safe (when they are on-line)**

**Wednesday 11th February Valentines Disco**

**Thursday 12th February 1.30pm Special Assembly**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February Mr Buchanan's last day in school**

***Holiday and Term Dates 2026-27***

***The holiday term dates for the academic year 2026-27 are now on the school website.***

***<https://seven-stars.lancsngfl.ac.uk/>***

**Rewards for this week (Well done!)**

**Well done to all those amazing children who have achieved awards this week.**

<b>Handwriting (children who have shown effort and improvement in their handwriting over the last few weeks)</b>	
<b>Dorado</b>	
<b>Orion</b>	Finley B – for huge improvements with presentation & letter formation.
<b>Hercules</b>	Alex- for putting a huge amount of effort into his handwriting, trying to join more consistently.
<b>Pegasus</b>	Emily C-C – for making sure to take her time with her handwriting to ensure her work is neat and unrushed.
<b>Leo</b>	Robert R for working hard to develop a consistently neat handwriting style.
<b>Phoenix</b>	Filip M- For amazing improvement in your joining and presentation
<b>Galaxy</b>	
<b>Apollo</b>	

<b>Star of the Week Awards</b> <b>(children who have demonstrated brilliant Learning Powers and achieved something special in their learning this week)</b>	
<b>Moons</b>	Raima for loving stories, playing well in a group and being a fantastic friend.
<b>Rockets</b>	Maxwell - For working hard and making fantastic progress in phonics!
<b>Dorado</b>	Ayman – For completing learning challenges independently to a high standard.
<b>Orion</b>	Harper B - for working hard in maths with money. Well done, keep it up.
<b>Hercules</b>	Carter- for consistent, excellent effort in all lessons.
<b>Pegasus</b>	Jack N – for working extremely hard in gymnastics and pushing himself every single lesson.
<b>Leo</b>	Wonderful A- for a good week in school and fantastic effort at swimming
<b>Phoenix</b>	Maisy K – For excellent effort in your work and always being keen to make improvements
<b>Galaxy</b>	Eli for showing great enthusiasm in our new topic in English, creating interest and asking some super questions!
<b>Apollo</b>	Beth R for excellent exploring and trying new things in Forest School!

<b>Positive Points</b> <b>(children who have achieved the most points for effort in work and behaviour/attitude)</b>	
<b>Rockets</b>	
<b>Dorado</b>	Neave
<b>Orion</b>	Sammy
<b>Hercules</b>	Alex, Lucy-May and Sofia
<b>Pegasus</b>	Ella H
<b>Leo</b>	Mira F
<b>Phoenix</b>	Isla-Mae P
<b>Galaxy</b>	Ryan
<b>Apollo</b>	

Many thanks for your support

*Mr Mitchell*

**REMEMBER TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE** (class and school information)

[Seven Stars Primary School \(lancsngfl.ac.uk\)](http://lancsngfl.ac.uk)

**School Code of Conduct**  
**Please be kind and respectful at all times**



**Breakfast club & After-School Club**

Book on and pay in advance on School Money

Breakfast club = £4.00 per child (7.30 to start of day)

After-School Club = £7.0 per child (to 5.30pm) Any late collection will result in a charge of £10 (cost of staff)