

Weekly Newsletter

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*'Where children
come first'*

Queen Elizabeth II

This morning we spent time in assembly considering the sad passing of Queen Elizabeth II. We had a prayer followed by one minutes silence in assembly and we also remembered the Queen's remarkable life as an example to the world.

She lived out many of the values that we try to encourage in our children at Seven Stars including her remarkable kindness to others, sense of responsibility right to the end, her tolerance of and respect for so many, and her outstanding resilience through many challenging times over the nation's history and in her own personal circumstances. We will keep parents informed of any future events that we plan for the children to mark this historic and sad passing of the Queen and will let you know how we intend to celebrate her amazing life and example over the next few days and weeks.

We will also let you know if there will be any school closures once we have been told. The school remains open unless you hear otherwise. Children have also been thinking about her life in their class activities and there are lots of resources on-line if you want to do further work with the children at home as the country and commonwealth transitions from Queen Elizabeth II to King Charles III. This is a truly historic moment but is also a deeply sad time for many people and in particular the family at the heart of this.

Our thoughts are with them all.

First Week Back

It was so nice to see all our happy smiling children returning to school or in the case of our Reception and Nursery new starters beginning their exciting adventure at Seven Stars School. Well done for getting them to school bright and early and we look forward to a brilliant year ahead.

OFSTED Report

As mentioned on Class Dojo we have received the final Ofsted report following the inspection of the school that took place in July 2022.

We are really pleased that Ofsted have once again graded us as a 'GOOD' school in all areas.

We are especially proud of the opening lines: 'Pupils are cared for well at Seven Stars. They know staff put them first. This helps pupils to feel safe and happy. Pupils new to the school are welcomed and easily make new friends. Leaders have high expectations for pupils' achievement and behaviour.'

There are lots of other positive comments and we already have a plan in place to work on the inevitable areas to improve.

This is such a lovely school and it is a privilege working with such delightful children.

If you have any questions about the report please get in touch.

If you would like a paper copy of the report let us know.

The report will be published by Ofsted on their web-site on the 19th September.



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	
Moons	Everyone – for coming into school, settling well at tasks and making the teachers smile
Rockets	Carter – for being a superstar all week – always listening and following instructions
Dorado	Hugo – for having an amazing week and settling into Year 1 like a superstar
Orion	Mason – for having an awesome first week
Hercules	Lexi – for a fantastic start to Year 3
Pegasus	Thomas – for settling in well and having a fantastic week, working really hard
Leo	Kaiden – for listening carefully to instructions and trying to be an active learner
Phoenix	Callum – Starting Year 6 with an excellent attitude in all areas and showing determination to improve his reading

Positive Points (Top Dojo Points Rockets Only)	
Dorado	Evelyn
Orion	Lilly-Rose
Hercules	Lucas & Jacob
Pegasus	Jenny
Leo	Katie
Phoenix	Eoan

VIP Respect	
Rockets	Alex
Dorado	Stephen
Orion	Oliver
Hercules	Holly
Pegasus	Darasimi
Leo	Lilly
Phoenix	Ethan

Well Done to everyone this week

Class & School Information

For all information about class expectations (e.g. PE kits; days of PE lessons; behaviour; homework; reading books etc) please see the Guide and the Curriculum Newsletter that is being sent out on Class Dojo and will also be on our school web-site.

Please also visit our school web-site where you can find out most information OR you can message the class teacher on Class Dojo or email the office on office@seven-stars.lancs.sch.uk

Class Dojo

Class Dojo is our main way of communicating with parents (if you are struggling to get on let us know). Teachers/staff will only pick up and answer messages after 8am and before 5.30pm and not at the weekends (so they get a break and can do the million and one other things they have to do!). Messages might not be answered immediately (including messages to the office or any member of staff) unless we think it is an emergency, but we will aim to get back to you within 3 working days. If we have not done so by the end of 3 days feel free to get in touch again.

Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Meet The Team meetings 3.30pm to 4pm

For parents/carers to come into school to hear some key messages about your child's class, meet the team and ask any questions you may have:

Year 1 (Dorado): Thursday 8th September

Year 5 (Leo): Friday 9th September

Year 4 (Pegasus): Monday 12th September

Year 6 (Phoenix): Friday 16th September

Year 2 (Orion): Monday 19th September

Year 3 (Hercules): Thursday 22nd September

Nursery/Reception: Friday 23rd September

Galaxy Class: Monday 26th September

(wait by the doors that your child is released from and the teacher will invite you in after the class have been released and we have sorted out any issues).

It would be lovely to see as many parents/carers as possible.

Welcome and Staff News

Congratulations to Mrs Dickinson who has had a beautiful baby girl. Mum, baby and family are all doing well.

Welcome to our new members of staff:

Miss Thompson in Early years (Nursery and Reception) and After-school club

Miss Williams in Year 1 (Dorado)

Miss Rodgers in Galaxy Class

Mrs Rafala in Galaxy Class

Miss Smith in Year 3 (who was with us for some of last year)

Mrs McDonald in Year 1 (Wednesday) and Year 2 (Thursday)

Miss Melling in Year 2 and Year 1

OPAL Items

If you have any toys that might be good outdoors (for OPAL) that your children no longer use please donate to school.

We will also send out a further request via Class Dojo for other items e.g. crates; old bikes/scooters; old tents; dressing up clothes etc.

Please make sure your child comes to school with a coat and have wellies in school as soon as you can - thanks

Wellies Wanted!

If you have any spare wellies at home that your children have grown out of PLEASE send them into school for those families that can't afford new wellies OR if you would like to buy a pair of children's wellies and donate them to school (only if you can afford to) that would be amazing.

The weather is getting wetter but we still want to give children the chance to go on the field and in the mud as part of our OPAL lunchtimes (see the web-site).

Events Coming Up

Tuesday 20th September (2.30pm to 3.15pm) – 'Phonics Shed' meeting for all parents about the scheme we use with the children to help teach them to read and write (so you know what to do at home).

Thursday 22nd September – Pupil Parliament Elections

Friday 30th September 1.45pm - OPAL open afternoon for all parents/friends

Friday 30th September 2.45pm – Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee & Cake afternoon in the hall

Thursday 6th October 3.15pm – Year 6 Parents Hothersall Lodge (residential) meeting

Thursday 13th October – Nasal Flu Vaccinations (Reception to Year 6)

Sports Events Coming Up

Monday 12th September = Rugby sessions with South Ribble coaches Years 1 to 6 (in school time)

Thursday afternoons (in school time) over Autumn 1 = 'COVID recovery' fitness sessions for Years 1 and Reception (small groups each week): other classes will get their chance at other points in the year

Football tournaments (at Balshaws High School) Years 5/6 for those selected to be on the team:

Thursdays 15th 22nd & 29th September (letters will go out) - after school to about 5/5.30pm

Girls football competition at Balshaws (Years 5 & 6):

Tuesday 20th September (letter will go out) - after school to about 5/5.30pm

More sports events will take place throughout the year

MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING 12/09/2022

Lunch menu (subject to change depending on deliveries) 12.09.2022			
	Choice 1	Choice 2	Desserts Choice
Monday	All Day Brunch – Sausage, Omelette, Hash Brown, Beans	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta, Garlic Bread, Salad	Jam Doughnut Yogurt Fruit
Tuesday	Cheese Whirl, Peas, Corn, Salad	Selection of Sandwiches, Crisps, Salad	Ice Cream Roll Yogurt Fruit
Wednesday	Selection of Sandwiches, Crisps, Salad	Homemade Pizza, Potato Tortilla Chips, Salad	Choc Chip Cookie Yogurt Fruit
Thursday	BBQ Chicken Wrap, Mixed Rice, Salad	Cheese Potato Melt, Beans, Salad	Banoffee Cupcake Yogurt Fruit
Friday	Homemade Pizza, Chips, Salad	Battered Pollock (fish), Chips, Peas	Cheese & Biscuits Yogurt Melon

**SEVEN STARS PRIMARY SCHOOL
HOLIDAYS AND TERM DATES 2022/23**

AUTUMN TERM 2022

School INSET days: Thursday 1st September 2022
Friday 2nd September 2022

School opens: Monday 5th September 2022
School closes: Friday 21st October 2022

Half-Term closure: Monday 24th October 2022 -
Friday 28th October 2022 (inclusive)
School INSET day: Monday 31st October 2022

School opens: Tuesday 1st November 2022
School closes: Friday 16th December 2022

SPRING TERM 2023

School INSET day: Tuesday 3rd January 2023

School opens: Wednesday 4th January 2023
School closes: Friday 10th February 2023

Half-Term closure: Monday 13th February 2023 -
Friday 17th February 2023

School opens: Monday 20th February 2023
School closes: Friday 31st March 2023

SUMMER TERM 2023

School opens: Monday 17th April 2023
(May Day Closure) Monday 1st May 2023)
School closes: Friday 26th May 2023

Half-term closure: Monday 29th May 2023
Friday 2nd June 2023

School INSET day: Monday 5th June 2023

School opens: Tuesday 6th June 2023
School closes: Friday 21st July 2023

Many thanks for your support - *Mr Mitchell*

REMEMBER TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE (class and school information) Remember to like us on Facebook and Twitter

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.

