

# Weekly Newsletter

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## Parent Phone Calls

Teachers are putting a message on Class Dojo inviting you as parents/carers to book an appointment slot for a conversation by phone about how your child is getting on in school.

Please book your appointment slot by 5pm Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March or sooner.

We are doing this by phone while there are still a number of positive cases and because for many parents it is a lot more convenient.

The phone call will last for 5 minutes and will need to finish strictly on time due to other parents waiting by their phone for their call.

Teachers will let you know how your child is getting on in terms of their learning, their relationships, their engagement with their learning and anything else so you know how well your child is doing.

We are very proud of our children and how they have settled back in despite the many challenges and this is a chance to find out about the great things they have been doing in school.

## Comic Relief/Red Nose Day



We are celebrating Comic Relief on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March by letting the children come to school in odd / strange clothes or something funny (don't buy anything - it could be hair done differently; odd shoes on; a wig; backwards clothes; silly socks etc).

We are asking for a donation towards the Comic Relief charities helping children and families who are struggling around the country and around the world.

We will also have a 'tell a joke' mini-competition and will choose a winner from each class of the person that tells the best joke (and we will try to video them and send it out on Class Dojo or the School Facebook page).

## Commonwealth Baton Relay

The Commonwealth Games will take place in July 2022 and all the primary schools in Leyland are doing a baton relay from school to school on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March. We will be receiving the baton from St Annes RC Primary school at 2pm and then three children from Year 6 will be taking it on the last leg to Moss Side primary school where they will hand it on.

The children are decorating flags of the commonwealth (they can do some at home as well if you like) to wave and we will clap the runners as they start and finish their part of the relay.

## Fonetti

We are introducing a new speech recognition reading app which uses the power of the child's own voice to accelerate and embed their reading confidence. It requires the use of ipads or tablets which we have in school but if you have either of those devices at home then your child will be able to also access it at home. It is for children who have passed the Phonics phase of their reading (for which we use Phonics Shed) so will be more for children from Year 3 upwards (and some year 2 children)

See the link below for more information.

<https://www.fonetti.com/>



## School Office

We are experiencing some temporary shortages of staff in our school office at the moment. Therefore if you are able to avoid coming to the office between 9am and 9.45am it would be appreciated. If you are able to phone instead (leave a message if no-one picks up) or email:

[office@seven-stars.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:office@seven-stars.lancs.sch.uk) (or if it is a class matter message on Class Dojo).

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## OPAL Playtimes

As you know we are continuing with our new OPAL project to make our play times a fun learning experience. See the following link:

<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.

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>

A big thank you to Biggar Groundwork and Construction Ltd. who have donated two storage units for some of our OPAL equipment. They will be a huge help in keeping our equipment safe and longer lasting and hopefully help to keep the grounds a bit tidy.

If anyone would like to offer support at all please get in touch on 01772 422503 and speak to Miss Moor or someone in the office.

## COVID update

See our school web-site for the latest Risk Assessment

The advice is still that if a child is unwell with COVID symptoms or tests positive to stay off school and only come back on day 5 if there has been two negative tests on consecutive days.

## World Book Day

Please see the back page for some photographs from lunchtime.

## Safer Internet and Social Media

We are continuing to find that some children are struggling to keep to the social media rules.

We have some excellent posters up in school and have spoken to the children a lot about it.

A small minority of children are still using inappropriate language, still befriending people they don't know and are going on gaming or sending messages very late at night meaning they are tired for school the next day.

We will keep repeating these messages but please remind your child as well:

- make sure your privacy settings are only set for family and friends
- do not invite or talk to strangers on-line at all
- do not befriend or talk to anyone on-line that you don't know in real life
- do not share any personal information publicly that could identify you or what school you go to
- remember that once you send something on-line it creates a 'digital tattoo' that is there for life and can't be deleted (be careful what you say)
- remember that threats on-line are still a criminal offence for anyone 10 years old or over and anyone sending threats on-line can get a criminal record



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## Sickness (Diarrhoea and vomiting)

- If your child has diarrhoea or vomiting they must stay off school for 48 hours (2 full days) after the last episode of diarrhoea and vomiting before they can return to school. If they have diarrhoea or vomiting in school they will be sent home and must be off for 2 full days after the last episode.
- This is in line with the guidance on our website based on Lancashire Public Health guidance and is to protect the rest of our community (families and staff).
- We realise this is a big inconvenience but crucial to keep us all healthy.
- Attendance is a big priority for us but it is important if a child is ill that they stay off school for the correct period of time (even if it seems like they are not ill anymore).

## Need Support?

Speak to Mrs Wright (01772 422503) or go to our family support page where you can find brilliant links.

<https://www.seven-stars.lancsngfl.ac.uk/parents/family-support>

## Homework

As you know over this last period of time we have not been sending lots of homework home for the children to do while they have been settling back into school. However, we do ask that parents talk to their children about their work in school and hear them read. You can also go on TTRocks at home to help the children with their times tables skills.

We will soon be introducing a Reading app called Fonetti (see above) and over the summer term we will start to reintroduce various ways of encouraging our children to continue learning while they are at home.

## Parentpay – polite reminder!

Please remember to keep up to date with payments and if you are using the breakfast club and after school club, please ensure you have money on your account to cover the cost of your bookings. If you need any help accessing Parentpay, please contact the school office.

## Easter Holidays

A reminder that school closes for the Easter holidays on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 2.00pm. The after school club will run till 4.00pm for those who have booked a place. **School reopens on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April.** All our term dates including the dates for next year can be viewed on our school website.

## Mother's Day Shop

Miss Moor will be running a Mother's Day "pop up" shop from Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Children can bring money into school to buy a present for their mum/grandma/aunt or anyone special. Gifts will start at £1.00 with a maximum of £3.00 per item. There are a range of gifts including chocolate, plants, wax melts and mugs and will be in a gift bag. All proceeds will go towards OPAL.

THANK  
YOU!

A big thank you to the Blackwell family who have donated some sensory resources to school. It is very much appreciated and the children will benefit a great deal from them

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## 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	Jaxon – asking amazing questions about Space.
Rockets	Isaac – for excellent effort in the continuous provision areas and completing all the rainbow challenges.
Dorado	Jeremy – for his efforts with both phonics and number work.
Orion	Jenson – working hard in all lessons.
Hercules	Jasmine – for a great attitude to learning at all times.
Pegasus	Teejay – for being able to swim the whole length of the training pool on his back.
Leo	Reuben – making a conscious effort in class and with his friends at break time.
Phoenix	Kaysie – for putting in lots of effort and producing fantastic work this week

Positive Points (Top Dojo Points Rockets Only)	
Rockets	Zuzanna
Dorado	Riley F
Orion	Thomas
Hercules	Treasure
Pegasus	Riley M
Leo	Ruby L
Phoenix	Harry O

VIP (Values Inspired Person) – for demonstrating TOLERANCE	
Rockets	Elizabeth
Dorado	Matilda
Orion	Ellie
Hercules	Thomas
Pegasus	Heidi
Leo	Callum
Phoenix	Brooklyn

## 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 TOLERANCE.

**Well Done**  
to everyone this week

## 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

(please visit our school web-site for other information)

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

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

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

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March - 'Search for Easter'** event in school with Leyland Baptist Church

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April - Shining Stars Assembly.**

## MENU FOR WEEK COMMENCING 07/03/2022

Lunch menu (subject to change depending on deliveries) 07.03.2022			
	Choice 1	Choice 2	Desserts Choice
Monday	Brunch – Omelette, hash brown, sausage and beans	Jacket potato, selection of Toppings, Salad	Varied due to the current situation
Tuesday	Chicken Tikka curry, mixed rice and Naan bread	Sausage bun, tortilla chips, salad	Varied due to the current situation
Wednesday	Roast Pork Dinner, Yorkshire Pudding, Vegetables, Gravy	Sausage rolls, Potato Wedges, Beans	Varied due to the current situation
Thursday	Ham sandwich salad sticks, crisps	Cheesey Pasta Bake, tortilla chips, salad	Varied due to the current situation
Friday Chip Shop Day	Homemade pizza, chips and peas	Fish, chips and peas	Varied due to the current situation



## Here are some pictures of the World Book Day Lunch



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.**