

Weekly Newsletter

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Welcome Back

It was lovely seeing all of our children coming in to school with big smiles and looking very smart over the first two weeks. We are sure it is going to be another fantastic year at Seven Stars School and we have very high expectations for our children. They are already impressing us with their determination to do well in all aspects of learning and behaviour. Seven Stars does so well because it is supported by fantastic parents, staff and governors and we appreciate all the encouragement that you give to the school and the children.



We are having a big push this year on celebrating all the 'above and beyond' children who work so hard and are consistently kind and caring

towards others. We are reviewing a lot of our behaviour systems in school and also our homework as you know to improve the outcomes for all of our children. We will let you know about all the improvements we are making.

Nursery

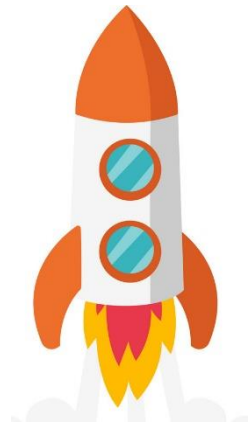
Our Nursery is up and running and Mrs Hollinghurst and Mrs Whiteside are doing a fabulous job settling our very youngest children.

Everyone is entitled to 15 hours funded from the government and if you want any additional hours then please speak to Mrs Hollinghurst.

Curriculum newsletters and website

Please visit our school website where you will find the curriculum newsletters for each class and lots of information about the school.

Rockets have taken off!



Our Reception children have settled in to school really well and we are so pleased with how they are loving their learning with Mrs Butterworth and with Mrs Draper, Mrs Salmon and Mrs Gardner

Some of you may know that Miss Murphy unfortunately broke her ankle just before the Summer holidays and it has taken a long time to heal due to some complications. Miss Murphy is unable to be in school at the moment but we are hoping that she will be back to school (she is desperate to return) ASAP!

Welcome to our New Children and Staff

We have had more children start in our Reception class than in previous years, which is wonderful and we also have a number of new children that have started in other year groups throughout the school.

A big welcome to all of them and I am sure they will settle in quickly.

We also want to say a big welcome to Miss Rimmer who is teaching in Year 6 (Reception) and Miss Sillitoe who is teaching in Year 1 (Dorado) with Miss Thomson and will take over the management of the whole class when Miss Thomson goes on Maternity leave in the middle of the autumn term. Miss Mault is teaching in Year 4 with Ms Wheatland and is doing a great job and enjoying every minute!

It is also great to have the continued support of Miss Martin in Year 5 while Mrs Jones is off on maternity leave and a big welcome to Mr McCormick who is teaching PE sessions throughout the school as well as supporting both Breakfast and After-school clubs.

In Year 3 (Hercules) Mrs Walsh and Mrs Brindle will be supported by Miss Mahmood who is teaching with us over this next term meaning that we have additional high quality support in the class.

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Free School Meals

Please be advised that if you are on a low income or certain benefits your child may be entitled to free school meals.

Even if your child prefers a packed lunch or they are already receiving free infant meals please apply if you think it may apply to you as the school will then receive additional money to help improve educational outcomes for your child. You can contact the school office for an application form or simply call 01772 531 809 to apply!



Are you entitled?

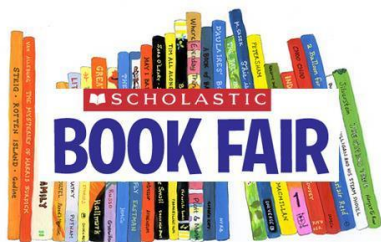
Y6 Residential

Phoenix class had a great time when they went on their residential adventure visit to Hothersall Lodge. We will tell you more in next week's newsletter of all they got up to but we want to say how proud we are of all the Year 6 pupils. We do this residential at the start of the year to build confidence and create a team of students who believe they can do anything together and I am sure they have returned with that ethos. Thank you to the fantastic staff who gave up their own time and some valued sleep in order to make sure the children were safe and happy

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is arriving at school next week on Wednesday 18th September. It will

be around for one week and we will be opening it up after school in the hall (or outside if, it is sunny) for everyone to browse and buy anything they see. There is always a good selection of books and the school receives a commission so the more books we sell the more books we can buy for the children in school. If you visit the Scholastic Books web site then you are able to purchase gift vouchers (to give to friends/family etc.) and it will show you what books are available at the fair. Thank you Mrs Wheatland for organizing this.



Pupil Parliament

Next week we will be talking to the children about Pupil Parliament.

We will be asking the children to start thinking about whether they want to be 'elected' as an 'MP' for their class or for cabinet positions in two weeks' time.

Please chat to your child and encourage them if they think they would like to run.

The Pupil Parliament is a crucial part of our school and we have lots of things we want to discuss with them.

Thank you to Miss Hickson for organising our young 'parliamentarians'.

Assemblies

We have started our assemblies with a link to the day for European Languages and culture (part of our tolerance, empathy and respect values) and the children have enjoyed finding out about various cultures around the world and learning from their friends in Seven Stars School who come from many other countries wherever it may be.

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

This will take place on Friday 27th September at 1.30pm. Please come along, enjoy some coffee and cake whilst supporting a great cause!



Homework

Homework is a crucial part of a child's education but we think there are more effective ways of doing homework than sending lots of sheets home every week for children to complete (and we realise that it can be a battle for some families to get it done).

We will still be doing homework but in a different way and will let you know very soon what is happening.

We still expect children to read every day, practice their number bonds (times tables, division facts and numbers that go together to make 10, 20 etc.)

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Dropping off and picking up younger children

Please bring your child (if they are Reception up to Year 3) to the door/gate when dropping off in case there are any crucial messages and to make sure they have arrived safely and are picked up safely (some parents are dropping children at the road and expecting them to walk in themselves)

Children from Year 4 upwards are allowed to walk home and come to school on their own **with your permission** (you need to tell us) and only if we think the child is sensible enough to do so.

If a child in Years 4, 5 or 6 is not being sensible we will ask parents to supervise and escort their child.

Playground safety (start and end of day)

Members of staff will be coming out onto the yard in the mornings at the start of the day and end of the day from the beginning of next week (we are purchasing some high-vis jackets so the children can see where we are) so that we can ensure the children are safe. We are happy to chat but our main focus is to make sure the children and parents are safe and calm.



School uniform

The children have all looked very smart on their first day back. Please remember that black shoes are a crucial part of the school uniform.

New School Website

We are updating our school website in the next half-term to make it easier to use and accessible on all devices. It is taking a bit longer than we thought but will hopefully be ready before Christmas. It will be much easier to find your way round and will feature some fantastic photos of our wonderful pupils! Watch this space...

Newsletter / Facebook page

We will put the newsletter onto the school web-site and Facebook page every week. It contains some crucial information so please read it carefully. Paper copies of the newsletter are available from the school office.

Smoking

Please remember that smoking is not permitted anywhere on the premises or at the school gates. Please also remember to dispose of your cigarette ends in an appropriate receptacle. There are blue bins on the pavement at both ends of Peacock Hall Road which have cigarette disposal on top. Thank you.



Parentpay

All new parents and people who haven't yet signed up should have now received your activation letters and we do hope that as many parents as possible will sign up. At the moment we are taking online payments for School Meals, After School Club, Nursery, Breakfast Club and school trips. We will let you know when new payment items become available. If you have any questions about Parentpay or would like assistance please contact Mrs McVicar in the school office.

Polite Reminder

Please do NOT ride bikes or scooters on the playground. We had an accident with a child this week one day after school and that is the reason why we do not allow it so please follow the rules to help keep us all safe.



This Week's Star children (Well done!)

Well done to the **Stars of the Week**.

We are so pleased with our brilliant **WOW** children who were noticed by staff in school for doing something that made us go 'wow!' in their behaviour, attitude or effort in work.

Congratulations to the **VIP** children for making good decisions or demonstrating one of our core values (we all enjoyed a hot chocolate with Mr Mitchell in the afternoon).

	Stars of the Week	WOW Award	VIP Award
Moons (N)			
Rockets (R)			
Dorado (Y1)	Jenny	Archie	Amelia
Orion (Y2)	Emmie	Heidi	Katie
Hercules (Y3)	Dylan	Jayden	Ruby
Pegasus (Y4)	Millie	Ryan	Leah
Leo (Y5)	Gift	Shelbie	Andrew
Phoenix (Y6)			

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.

HOLIDAY LIST 2019/2020

AUTUMN TERM 2019

School INSET day:	Monday 2nd September 2019
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School Opens:	Wednesday 4th September 2019
Half-Term closure:	Monday 21 st October 2019 - Friday 25 th October 2019
Re-opens:	Monday 28th October 2019
End of Term:	Friday 20 th December 2019

SPRING TERM 2020

School INSET day:	Monday 6th January 2020
School Opens:	Tuesday 7th January 2020
Half-Term closure	Monday 17th February 2020 - Friday 21 st February 2020
Re-opens:	Monday 24 th February 2020
End of Term:	Friday 3 rd April 2020

SUMMER TERM 2020

School Opens:	Monday 20th April 2020
May Day Closure:	Monday 4th May 2020
Half-Term closure:	Monday 25th May 2020 - Friday 29th May
School INSET:	Monday 1 st June 2020
Re-opens:	Tuesday 2nd June 2020
End of Term:	Friday 17th July 2020
School INSET:	Monday 20 th July 2020