

Weekly Newsletter

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15th November 2019

*'Where children
come first'*

Christmas Market

On Wednesday 27th November we will be holding our annual PTFA Christmas Market. We have a number of stalls including knitted toys, crafts, refreshments, name the teddy and much more.



Rockets & Moons Stay and Play

Miss Hollighurst in our lovely Nursery has arranged a special "stay and play" session for the parents/carers of the Rockets and Moons children which is on Wednesday 20th November 9am-10am. Please come along, everyone welcome.

Remembrance Day

On Monday when we remembered those who have given their lives for their country and for the victims of war around the world. It is 100 years this year since Armistice and Mrs Hollinghurst and the children have created a beautiful poppy display in the hall. We had a minutes silence in assembly at 11am. The children were very respectful during the silence and we listened to part of the story of a soldier from World War One (from the BBC Remembrance for Schools web-site).



Kitchen – Christmas Raffle

Our kitchen team are once again having a Christmas hamper raffle. The hamper will include lots of festive food and wine. Tickets will be sold from the office at £1 per strip. The ladies are also holding a "Decorate Olaf" competition for the children, pictures to decorate will be given out at lunchtimes on request.

Children in Need

We celebrated Child in Need day by coming to school in odd socks and making contributions towards charities supporting children with serious illnesses and who are vulnerable in one way or another. We did not dress up as we usually do since we will be doing that next Friday for the Christmas Fair chocolate donation but it was fun seeing the varied and colourful collect of odd socks that our children possess!



Anti-Bullying

It has been Anti-bullying week and on Wednesday we had a special assembly on World Kindness Day when we told the children to spread confetti of kindness. We are creating a fantastic display in our main corridor to encourage the children to be kind and we will be noticing when children have been doing something encouraging and kind. The theme across the country this year is 'Change Starts With Us'. The key theme aims are: 'Small change, big difference'. Whether it is verbal, physical, online or in-person, bullying has a significant impact on a child's life well in to adulthood. By making small, simple changes, we can break this cycle and create a safe environment for everyone. 'Change starts here. Change starts now. Change starts with us'. As adults we also want to model kind and respectful behaviour towards others as well.



Volunteers

Our Chair of Governors would like to give a massive thank you to those parents and other volunteers who have been coming in to hear children read in school. If you are free and would like to help hear our children read in school please get in touch and we will sort out Child Protection clearances (DBS) and training for you.

Tik Tok safeguarding advice and information

We are getting several problems related to an App called Tik Tok. It is being used to bully and intimidate others and is opening our children up to dangerous content and making them vulnerable.

What is Tik Tok?

TikTok is a mobile app that allows users to create unique short videos that range from 15 seconds to 60 seconds. Users can add unique filters, stickers, and all kinds of video editing software options, so anyone can become a content creator. By creating these videos, users gain "hearts," comments, and followers. The more you have, the more people view your creations.



TikTok can be downloaded worldwide by anyone with a mobile phone. **It can be dangerous for younger users. Anyone who uses the app may come across mature content via the public stream, hashtag searches, or via explicit lyrics. That is what earns this app the rating of 13+ rating or Teen rating badge for Google Play Store. If your child happens to have an iOS device, the app rating is 12+ on the Apple App Store.** Parents are advised to take the ratings under consideration, since the app is not intended for young kids. If you're still concerned, you can take steps to ensure your child has a safe experience by utilizing all of the parental control features.

Keeping accounts private:

By default, when an account is created on the TikTok app, the account is set to public. Anyone with or without an account can see all of the posts, comments, and content. To ensure that only approved users can see what your kids are up to, make sure that the account is set to private. Here's how to do it.

1. **Open** the TikTok app.
2. Select the **Me** on the bottom of the right-hand corner of the app.
3. Select the three dots in the **top left-hand corner**.
4. Click **Privacy and Safety** and turn private account on.

On-line Safety

It has recently come to light that some children have been using Instagram and have received some very worrying messages from unknown adults starting conversations, requesting pictures and requesting bank details.

The age limit for Instagram is 13+ Advice for managing Instagram and further information can be found at:

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/instagram/>

We will be holding a parents workshop on internet safety in the new year when we can help each other keep our children safe on-line. Please check your child's activity on-line (with their permission!) to make sure they are safe.

Parents Afternoon

Thank you to all those parents who came along to the parents afternoon on Monday. It was so nice seeing everyone and hopefully you had some positive reports from the teachers about how your child is settling in. It was also good to welcome Michelle and Lynsey from CAMHs who had a table at the event and had a chat with a few parents.

Thank you to everyone who completed the questionnaires and we will let you know the results later on and some of the things you have asked us to work on.

Premier League Cup and Photos

Thank you to those children who contributed to our fund for books for Key Stage One by paying for a photo with the Premier League Trophy. We will send out the photos once they are ready.



This Week's Star children (Well done!)

Well done to the children who achieved the **Star of the Week**. The Star of the Week is for Reading (Read books; Love books; Share books) every week this half-term apart from in the final week when we will be doing our usual handwriting winners and Shining Stars. It is fantastic when we see children loving their books so much! 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)	Pippa	Riley	Maddison
Rockets (R)	Esme	Jenson	Tyler
Dorado (Y1)	Ruby	Amelia	Aidon
Orion (Y2)	Savannah	Jacob	Bradley
Hercules (Y3)	Samantha	Jacob	Thomas
Pegasus (Y4)	Harry	Jasmine	Kaysie
Leo (Y5)	Alfie	Ebonie	Cyrus
Phoenix (Y6)	Ellie-May	Cody	Abbie

Many thanks for your support - *Mr Mitchell*

****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****

MORE KIDS ACADEMY.

TENNIS OPEN DAY EVENT

for 3-11 year olds

at South Ribble Tennis & Fitness Centre

Sunday 17th November 2019

MORE TENNIS ACADEMY. LEARN TO PLAY

SPECIAL JOINING OFFER ON THE DAY**

FREE Taster Sessions

Session 1 10:00 - 11:00	Session 2 11:30 - 12:30	Session 3 13:00 - 14:00
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Guarantee your place by booking or turn up on the day*

To book or find out more, visit www.southribbleleisure.com select SR Tennis Centre and click on the banner on the homepage, email janelle.brooks@serco.com or call the team on 01772 620 421.

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*Pre-bookings will be given priority to sessions.
**Direct Debit sign ups on the Open Day will get the rest of the year FREE!
First payment is taken on 1st January 2020.

Key dates for the coming half-term

Friday 22nd November - Non uniform day/chocolate donation day in aid of the Christmas Fair

Wednesday 27th November - Seven Stars Christmas Fair 3.45pm-6pm (with a special visit by Father Christmas!)

Thursday 5th December - Christmas Cracker After-school club 3.30 - 4.30 (free! - run by Leyland Baptist Church in the school hall)

Friday 6th December - St Marys Church carol concert for Years 3 to 6

Monday 9th December - Christmas Unwrapped visits to Leyland Baptist Church (Y3 to Y6)

Thursday 12th December - Christmas Lunch

Thursday 12th December - Christmas Cracker After-school club 3.30 - 4.30 (free! - run by Leyland Baptist Church in the school hall)

Tuesday 17th December - Nursery and Reception Christmas performance (9.30am)

Tuesday 17th December - Years 1 & 2 Christmas performance (1.30pm)

Tuesday 17th December - 1.15pm to 2.45pm Year 5 trip to Worden High School for performance of Mary Poppins

Wednesday 18th December - Years 1 & 2 Christmas performance (9.30am)

Wednesday 18th December - Nursery and Reception Christmas performance (1.30pm)

Thursday 19th December - Cakes and Carols event (9am).

Thursday 19th December - House-point winners' party (pm)

Friday 20th December - Shining Stars reward party + Handwriting competition winners

Friday 20th December - school closes for Christmas at 2pm (after school club on until 4pm)

REMEMBER TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE (class and school information)

Remember to like us on Facebook

