



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now on our journey through Lent towards Easter, which is later than usual this year, making this term the longest spring term I can remember. However, with so many exciting events going on in our school, it is wonderful to see how happy our children are in their learning. This week alone, Year 5 have spent 3 days at Hothersall Lodge engaged in a range of challenging activities. The additional outdoor activities our Year 5 experienced in Year 4 at Stanley Park definitely prepared them well as more children than ever overcome their fears and engaged in climbing, abseiling, canoeing, river-walk and the zip-wire.

As we are in Lent, the children are all keen to raise money for CAFOD and have decided on a range of fundraising activities. May I thank you in advance for supporting these activities and contributing financially.

Finally, with reading and increasing attendance our school priorities this year, may I use this opportunity to ask once again for your support in both encouraging your child to read as much as possible at home as well as aiming for 96% + attendance, which is a national target for our school.

Mrs Allen

Attendance this term (National Target is 96%)

N - 94.9%	RC - 95.2%	RM - 95.1%
1Ha - 96.99%	1Hu - 96.91%	2BH - 96.08%
2W - 96.53%	3H - 96.96%	3Mc - 96.15%
4AD - 96.38%	4T - 96.61%	5L - 94.40%
5W - 95.35%	6B - 95.83%	6OK - 95.07%

DON'T FORGET:

Year 3 Class Trip to Eureka—3rd April

Year 2 Parent Workshop—11th April

Year 5 Showcase Parent Workshop—15th April

Year 4 Passion Play—16th April

Nursery Easter Workshop—17th April

SCHOOL CLOSES FOR EASTER —Thursday 18th April at 1:30pm and re-opens Monday 29th April.

Nursery

We have had a very exciting time in Nursery over the last few weeks-Evil Pea has been up to no good and causing havoc!!! However we have now got him under control and are hoping he will be on his way back to the supermarket very soon!!
Easter Workshop-17th April. 10:15-11:00. Children who attend at the end of the week are welcome to attend.



Reception

We have really enjoyed our topic, 'People Who Help Us' and learning about different occupations. We have had visits from a singer and from the lollipop man and lady. The children had so many questions to ask. If you have an interesting job or know somebody who does, please let us know if you would like to come into school to talk to the children in Reception. They would love to hear all about your job!

A big thank you for all your support with our fundraising activities for CAFOD - your generosity is always very much appreciated. With Easter almost upon us, it would be helpful if you could begin to share the Easter Story with your child at home.

Thank you, Beth

Year 1

Our topic this term was 'Busy Blackpool'. The children have explored maps, landmarks and attractions around our town and this has created some great discussions as well as excellent writing pieces.

The children visited Blackpool Zoo to complete this topic and this will support our learning in Science based around animals. There has been a huge phonics focus during this term and we are very proud of all the effort the children are putting in at home with reading and homework.

We would like to thank you for your support.

Mr Hardwick and Mrs Hulme

Year 2

We can't believe the start of this half term has been so busy already... we would like to thank our Parents and Guardians who attended Parent's Evening. It was a great opportunity to update you at this point in the year on your child's progress. If you would still like to make an appointment please come and see us.

Mr Walsh's class blew us away with a fantastic Book Day themed assembly 'Gangsta Granny on a scooter!' what more do we need to say?! Both classes looked fantastic and really embraced the 'Traditional Tale' theme - thank you for your help in providing the costumes.

As you know Year 2 have lots to do so anything extra you can do at home with your child will be really helpful; from Spelling Shed, Sumdog and TT Rockstars we really do appreciate it and all those little 'extra' bits really do help! ☺

This half term we are working together with Year 1 to fundraise for CAFOD during the Season of Lent. Watch out for more details to come!

Just a reminder that our next parent workshop is Thursday 11th April in the Hall at 2.30pm. We hope to see as many of you as possible then!

Year 3

First of all, thank you to all the parents who managed to attend Parents' Evening recently. It was lovely to see you again at this mid point of the year and to update you on the progress of your child. If you still need to meet with Miss Mack or Mr Horton, try and make an appointment after school one evening ASAP.

Thanks so much for the help with the 'World Book Day' costumes. All the children looked fantastic and we appreciate all the help you provide when having to sort out costumes (especially your sewing and gluing efforts!) It was a great day for the children and a good way to promote a love of reading.

In the next few weeks, both Year 3 classes will be working together to raise money for CAFOD as part of our Lent fundraising. The children have discussed some fantastic ideas about how to raise money, so we are in the process of deciding which idea is the best! More details to follow!

Thanks so much for your continued support!

Miss Mack & Mr Horton

Year 4

What a busy few weeks! In Year 4, we have been enjoying our explosive new geography topic 'shake rattle and roll' in which we have been looking at tectonic plates and volcanoes! We have been enjoying our latest novel, 'why the whales came' by Michael Morpurgo and exploring his text through different pieces of writing.

This half term the children also started their Fit2Go sessions which is led by Blackpool Community Trust, this allows the children to understand more about how to stay healthy and involves some fun P.E lessons too! We will soon be preparing a 'passion play' for Holy Week which all Year 4 children will participate in and more information will be given closer to the time.

Thank you for your continued support.
Miss Talbot, Mrs Dickinson and Mrs Acton

Year 5

It's been an exciting half term so far in Year 5. We have been enjoying our Monday afternoon Bounce Forward programme. Each week, we learn something new as part of the resilience framework. Recently, we have been thinking about being positive, as you can see from the photograph of the positivity glasses which we made.

In Literacy, we are continuing with our class reader: Time travelling with a Hamster. This has been a fabulous story so far and the children have produced lots of excellent work alongside this. We are excited to find out what happens in the end before we break up for Easter!

Please continue to ensure your child is reading at home each night and bringing in their reading record book, signed, to school each day. Thank you for your support!

Mr Lord and Miss Wills



Year 6

Last half-term the children and staff in Year 6 had a fabulous day for 'Rewind to WWII'. The children performed wonderfully at the Parent Workshop, showcasing their knowledge and learning on the topic; they enjoyed playing traditional games, making a model of an Anderson shelter and wartime baking. A big thank you for all the superb costumes. Since the holidays, the children have been enjoying our new Geography topic, 'Where does all our stuff come from?' They have had fun exploring where products are made, learning about the fabric making process and Fairtrade. World Book Day was a great success - again, many thanks for the great costumes themed around J.K Rowling. The children are all working very hard in other areas of the curriculum and revising SPaG, Reading and Maths skills in preparation for the upcoming SATs.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Bennett and Miss O'Keeffe

We've bought one!

More information regarding our new library bus to follow!



Road Safety

Please remember to park legally and safely when dropping off and collecting children from school. We have received some complaints from neighbours regarding cars parking on double yellow lines and blocking access.

Also, children should not be dropped off in the road and allowed to run into school.

We really appreciate your support with this. The safety of the children is paramount.