



Dear Parents, Grandparents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone!

We have already had a very busy start to the term, and the focus for reading is once again really taking off, aided by our new Reading bus. The children love it!

We are also elevating the importance of spelling accuracy and widening our children's vocabulary understanding, and we will be sharing with you how you can support your child with these priorities at home. We have planned in an earlier parents' evening for the 23<sup>rd</sup> October so we can discuss this information with you as soon as possible.

Our school attainment results are now on our website and we are once again very proud of them. You will be able to see that once again we have achieved successful outcomes in each key stage. We are **above national** for expected level in reading, writing and maths at KS2, and our greater depth results for reading (our target last year) continue to improve gradually. This remains our focus again this year as we want **all** our children to be competent readers and have a passion for reading. Competent reading supports learning in all areas of the curriculum, including mathematical reading and problem solving. It also supports our children beyond primary school.

Please continue to support us in achieving this target, by hearing your children read daily if possible.

Thank you.

Dr Allen

Headteacher

### Bookings for After School Club

Please ensure that you book After School Club in advance. This should be done at least 48 hours before as the system will be locked after that. If you need a space as an emergency, please contact school on 311248. However, we are not able to guarantee that there will be spaces available.

### Changes to/from School dinners

If you wish your child to change from school dinners to packed lunches or vice versa, two weeks notice is required. Forms are available from the school office. Thank you

### Free School Meals

If you believe your child could be entitled to Free School Meals, please apply to:-

<https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Residents/Education-and-schools/School-meals/Free-school-meals>

### Open Afternoon for Reception 2020

Tours are at 2pm and 4pm on the 15th October. We would love to welcome prospective families for a tour of our fantastic school!

### School Dog

Unfortunately the School Dog will not begin her work in school due to being unsuitable for the requirements.

We hope to recruit a new addition very

### Key Dates:

6OK Class Assembly—16th September  
Y5 Parent Liturgy—23rd September  
6B Class Assembly—30th September  
Y3 Parent Liturgy—7th October  
4T Class Assembly—21st October  
Parents Evening—23rd October  
Last day of Term—25th October  
Return to school—5th November  
4A Class Assembly—5th November  
Book fair—6th November  
Y2 Parent Liturgy—18th November  
5W Class Assembly—25th November  
Y1 Parent Liturgy—2nd December

### 2020 Sports Days

KS2 Sports Day—1st July  
KS1 Sports Day—2nd July

### PTFA

The next meeting will be held on Friday 4th October at 2.45pm. Any new members would be very welcome.

### Attendance to date (National Target is 96%)

N -	RR -	RM -
98.07	97.58	96.70
1Ha -	1Hu -	2M -
98.75	98.79	98.12
2W -	3H -	3M -
99.03	97.02	97.81
4A -	4T -	5L -
97.81	97.49	98.77
5W -	6B -	6OK -
99.39	97.40	93.74

What a fantastic start to this new school year.

Congratulations to all the children who have achieved this!

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

MacMillan Coffee Morning 10 am Friday 27th September. Cake donations would be very much appreciated.

Children will have the opportunity to buy cakes at playtime. Parents and families are welcome to join us in the School Hall at 10am for coffee and cake.



## SJV Reading Festival

What an exciting start to the year we have had in sharing our love of Reading at SJV! In our first week back, we celebrated the launch of our new Library Bus with our very own 'SJV Reading Festival'.

The children all took part in various workshops throughout the day; with 'Mrs G and her Reading Teepee' visiting Nursery and Reception classes with her 'Teepee Tales', Phil Fairhurst from The Grand Theatre working with Years 1 and 2 on an excellent performance based on the well-loved children's story 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'.

Local Author and Illustrator Andrew Green returning to work with Years 3 and 4 to design their very own magical vehicle and we had a visit from Blodwen Dragonsblood from 'Fantastic Beasts' to work with Years 5 and 6, creating their very own magical beast. We had such a fun-packed day, full of lots of wonderful reading activities and this is just a little taster of what is to come in the year ahead, as we celebrate everything we know and love about reading!

## SCHOOL ADMISSIONS – SEPTEMBER 2020

### PRIMARY APPLICATIONS

If your child was born between **1st September 2015** and **31st August 2016**, you must apply for a Primary School Reception place for September 2020.

**(Applications are required for all children with a 4th birthday between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020).**

### SECONDARY APPLICATIONS

If your child is in the final year of primary education (Year 6), you must apply for a Secondary School Year 7 place for September 2020.

**(Applications are required for all children who are in their final year at a primary school).**

If you live in Blackpool (pay council tax to Blackpool) –

**APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE ON-LINE AT:  
[www.blackpool.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.blackpool.gov.uk/schooladmissions)**

Before you complete and submit your application you are advised to read Blackpool Council's guide for parents at: [www.blackpool.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.blackpool.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

The on-line system offers a quick and secure means of applying for places.

Paper applications and information booklets are available from [schoolaccess@blackpool.gov.uk](mailto:schoolaccess@blackpool.gov.uk) or telephone **01253 476637**.

### CLOSING DATES FOR APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

**PRIMARY APPLICATIONS – BY 15TH JANUARY 2020**

**SECONDARY APPLICATIONS – BY 31ST OCTOBER 2019**

Applications received after the closing dates will be processed after all those which are received on time. If you apply late this may reduce your chances of an offer for one of your preferred schools.

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!**

If you pay your council tax to Wyre or Fylde then you will need to access Lancashire's on-line application system at [www.lancashire.gov.uk](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk). You can still express preferences for Blackpool schools on Lancashire's application system.