



## NEWSLETTER 26 – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Our PSHE focus this half term is **Heathy me** and our School Value focus is **Thankfulness**

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<p><b>KS2 Maths Challenge:</b> Rumaisa 4S - Won this week's weight challenge working out which box was the heavier – well done!</p> <p><b>Timetables Rock Stars:</b> 6S V 6W; 6S took the victory this week – a 1st for 6S against 6W!!          Next week sees 4S v 3M in the battle.</p> <p>Noor 6S top scorer.          Deborah 6S – most improved</p> <p><b>Numbots:</b> Muhammad P 1G – top scorer this week.</p>																													

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the final newsletter of this Spring Term! We are now 2/3 of the way through the school year, time is really flying by. There is a larger than usual item regarding attendance in this newsletter – we do appreciate that some illnesses mean children are not able to attend school, for example the current outbreak of Chicken Pox. However, we are seeing some absences that are not necessary and as you will see from the numbers at the top, we do not have any class at 96% or above which is the Government's **minimum** attendance target.

This Wednesday is our termly Parent/Carer consultation afternoon and evening where you can meet your child(ren's) teacher(s) to discuss their progress and attainment and how you can help them to achieve more.

As always, thank you for your continued support of our school. If you like what we do, please tell your family & friends (as well as us) and if there are concerns, tell us and we will do our best to address them.

Kind regards,

“Be blessed by God, be happy and aspire to be...”



### Easter Egg Raffle:

Last chance to buy your tickets for this 'eggstravaganza'! All proceeds go to the PTFA and will be used to help further improve our playgrounds for all children – we are looking to buy more equipment and better storage.

### Every day counts

Attendance across school is a growing concern. You will have seen on the newsletter that class totals have been regularly well below the expected figure of 96%. We know we have had chicken pox going round in the younger years but need we to make sure the improvements we have made in attendance continue for the rest of the school year and ask for your help with this. This gives your children the best chance at making a success of their education, no matter how young or old they are and being ready for their next stages of learning – whatever they are. This will give your child the chance to make choices and options when they are older and plan their future. We want to give all our children the chance to flourish and aspire.

96% or higher is the Government's expected attendance for ALL children in ALL schools across the whole country. This equates to only 7 days off in a school year. If your child has already had 7 days off school they have 'used up' their absences for the year.

Attendance of 90% or below is **persistent absence** – this is 20 days off in the school year and has a huge impact on a child's ability to learn and make progress effectively. 90% attendance means that your child is absent from lessons for the equivalent of one half day every week. Over five years this is the equivalent of about half of a school year. We have to report all Persistent Absence to Lancashire County Council.

It is a parent / carer's duty to ensure their child attends school regularly, and our duty as a school to do all we can to encourage and enable good attendance. Court action can be, and is being, taken by school if children have unauthorised absences. Once your child has 5 days unauthorised absence we are asked to fine for poor attendance and have been doing so, and the number of fines that have had to be issued is sadly rising. Continued persistent absence can also lead towards court proceedings and prosecution.

We are also fining ALL families who choose to book holidays / time off school and therefore miss important learning for their child. We take children's education and progress seriously – please help us by making sure they are in school every day.

### Attendance Ladder



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However, we do also celebrate great attendance! An Easter celebration for children with 100% attendance, and no more than 2 late marks in the last term will be held towards the end of each term with Mrs Naik and Miss Parkinson. We are pleased that **more than 120 children** will be invited to take part in these 100% celebrations. Well done!

### Prayer / thought for the week / reflection

#### **Reflection:**

This week we conclude our series of worships considering our school value of Thankfulness. In Psalm 100 we read the following words Give thanks to him and praise his name! For the Lord is good and his love endures forever, his faithfulness continues through all generations.

The children have been given the following challenge to reflect on: God gave you the gift of 86,400 seconds today. Can you use one of them to say thank you to someone today?

It only takes a couple of seconds at most to say thank you – not a lot of your time to take out of all those thousands of seconds is it?

Who will you thank and what will you thank them for?

#### **Prayer:**

Dear God,  
Thank you for our friends.  
Thank you for our classroom and for the adults who help us when we have a problem.  
Thank you for all the things that we have to be thankful for.  
Please help us to work together as a team.  
Please help us to realize that little things matter.  
Help us to understand the importance of listening to each other and helping.

**Amen.**



#### **Events this term**

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Parent/Carer Consultation, 2:00 – 6:00 pm

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Easter Pause Events.

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Close for Easter holiday.

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