

Newsletter

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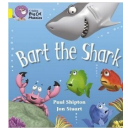


HAPPY NEW YEAR and WELCOME TO 2023!

Let's get our children reading!

Reception and Year 1 are now using the Supersonic Phonic Friends scheme to learn phonics every day.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are now using the brand new Big Cat reading books in school. The books for Reception and Year 1 use the phonics words they are practising every day in school.



Miss. Oldale led a phonics workshop for Year 1 parents this afternoon. Thank you to all those parents who took part. Mrs. Holliday will be in touch with parents next week about the phonics workshop for Reception parents.

Our **BIG READING CHALLENGE** encourages and rewards children for reading at home. I was talking to one Year 3 parent and child earlier this week and was delighted to hear that the child had read 10 books during the Christmas holidays!

Why read?

Sharing books and stories with your child is fun!

It is a great way to build special memories and moments with your child, and can easily become a favourite part of the day.

It also helps children:

- Understand the world around them.
- Develop social and emotional skills.
- Improve at school in English, science, maths and other subjects.
- Build confidence with communication.
- Strengthen their bond with you and other family members.



Dates for your diary

Tuesday 10th January

3pm-4pm school library open for parents and children. Come along and share a book together and borrow one to take home.

Thursday 12th January

1pm Pantomime - Cinderella
Please pick children up from the Municipal Hall at 3.10

Sunday 15th January

Deadline to apply for a primary school place

Friday 10th February

Break up for Half Term

Monday 20th February

Children return to school

Thursday 2nd March

World Book Day-come dressed as a book character

Friday 3rd March

Usborne Book Event

Saturday 10th June

BOOKFEST



We hope you found the reading letter sent earlier this week explaining our expectations and rewards system for home reading helpful. Thank you for your support in helping your child to read at home. BookTrust have put together some really useful information about reading with your child here:

<https://cdn.booktrust.org.uk/globalassets/resources/misc/reading-with-your-child/reading-with-your-child-booklet-for-parents.pdf>

From next Tuesday 10th January, Miss. Broadbent is opening the school library in the Key Stage 2 building for parents and children to visit between 3pm and 4pm. Come and look around, choose a book to borrow and take home, read a book with your child. The library is open for children with their parents, not unaccompanied children. The library will then be opened every Tuesday after school. We look forward to welcoming you and your child in our library!

World Book Day will be on Thursday 2nd March - come dressed as a book character. There is no need to buy a new or expensive costume. Have a go at making your own or borrow one from a friend. Check out <https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas/> for some brilliant, cheap and easy costume ideas! We can't wait to see you all dressed up! We will also be having an Usborne book event on Friday 3rd March there will be more information about that coming soon.



Finally, save Saturday 10th June when we will be holding West Street's second BOOKFEST at school!

West Street Scientists!

This half-term children from Year 1 to Year 6 are learning about Science.



Year 1 and Year 2 are investigating materials and their properties. Year 3 are finding out about Forces and Magnets while Year 4 will be getting curious about solids, liquids and gases. Year 5 are developing their understanding of materials and forces. Year 6 are building their understanding of Light and Electricity.

Children will be bringing this half-term's curriculum newsletter home next week, this explains what your child will be learning this this half-term.

It's panto season!

Next Thursday afternoon, children will be enjoying watching CINDERELLA at Colne Muni. Please look out for reminders next week.

School Dinner Options

This is the menu for school lunches next week. We are unable to provide alternative meals.

Monday

Cottage Pie or
Veg Sausage Roll

Tuesday

Sausage and Mash or
Jacket Potato

Wednesday

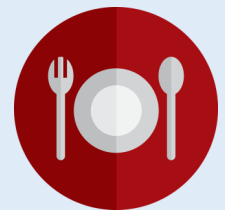
Tomato Pasta or
Curry and Rice

Thursday

Sandwiches

Friday

Pizza or
Fish



A massive well done and congratulations to our learners and readers of the week!!

GREAT JOB - You have earned 10 Dojo points!

THANK YOU to all those parents who joined us for this morning's Celebration Assembly to see your child receive an award.

Every Thursday, parents of children who will be receiving an award, will get a text inviting them to Friday morning's Celebration Assembly.



Learners of the Week

Year 1 Kalub for having a fantastic week and contributing a lot more in discussions.

Lola for blowing me away with her writing this week!

Year 2 Deacon for being an expert on money!

Texas for always being a calm presence in our classroom.

Year 3 Jayden for a positive attitude to learning and joining in with every lesson.

Oliver for settling into school well after the holidays and always using his manners.

Year 4 Lily R for brilliant improvement in speech and language especially in her reading.

Kyran for amazing positivity and improved attitude to his learning.

Year 5 Phoebe for having an enthusiastic attitude for learning in 2023!

Sienna for having an enthusiastic attitude for learning in 2023!

Year 6 Georgia for being keen and motivated to learn—keep it up!

Evie for being extremely resilient in Maths—keep trying your best!

Readers of the Week

Year 1 **Iris** for using her phonics to read accurately and spot the nonsense Nan words.

Year 2 **Ali** for reading everyday over the Christmas holidays.

Year 3 **Haajra** for reading lots at home over the Christmas holidays.

Year 4 **Tulisha** for reading with great expression in front of the whole class.

Year 5 **Riley** for improved reading at home.

Year 6 **Ismail** for having a positive attitude towards reading aloud.

Special Congratulations

Well done to Drake in Year 2 and Paisley in Year 6 for receiving a Highly Commended in Andrew Stephenson's Christmas card competition. They have each received a certificate and a book token!!





Absence Procedure

When you know your child is off school ill please call and leave us a message. Then we know why your child is not in school.

When your child is not in school, the office staff will:

- send a text message to remind parents that school needs to know why your child is absent
- make a phone call when they have not yet heard back from you
- ask Mrs. Peake to make a home visit

When you receive a text from school you can either reply to the text we have sent you OR just give us a ring.

Contacting School

The school office is open from 8.30am. Please leave a message on the answer phone before 8.30am. A member of staff will phone you back when necessary.



School Dinners

The cost of school dinners are:

£2.40 per day OR £12.00 per week

Parents who pay for their child's school dinners should pay directly to the office staff.

Payments can be made either by cash or cheque.



Are you interested volunteering in school?

We are keen to welcome more volunteers in school to support children's learning e.g. by hearing readers, helping out with practical activities such as cooking, art and crafts, help out with other activities. Volunteers must have a DBS – this is easy to organise with Miss. Watson. Interested? Then talk with Miss. Watson or Mrs. Duerden!



You have applied for a primary school place for your child to start in September 2023 - what happens next?

- Remember to apply for your child's place by January 15th 2023
- Lancashire County Council send out email offers to parents on 17 April 2023
- Schools will receive information about their new Reception children
- The school your child has been offered a place at will get a touch with parents
- At West Street we organise an induction meeting for new Reception parents in June that includes information about the school day, uniform, what children will learn and the roles of different staff
- Then we invite new Reception children to school for three transition afternoons in June and July when they spend time with Reception staff in both the Reception Indoor and Outdoor classrooms
- In July the Reception teacher arranges visits to your child's pre-school settings as well as 1:1 meetings with every child's parents. In this way the teacher gets to know about your child before they start school
- In September Reception children start school part-time for the first two weeks then full-time from the third week

You are welcome to come and look around to find out more. Just contact us on 01282 865840 and ask for our headteacher Sarah Watson.

You can find out more information about applying for a primary school place for your Reception child by following the link below

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-primary-school/?page=1>

Applying for School Places

Only 9 days left!!

If you have a child due to start school in September you need to apply for a primary school place by the 15th January. If you would like your child to come to West Street you will still need to apply even if they are currently attending our nursery or have siblings already at West Street. If you need help completing the form please ask the office staff who will find someone to help you out.



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY EAST

Do you have a child starting primary school in September 2023 and living in Lancashire?

APPLY NOW!

WWW.LANCASHIRE.GOV.UK/SCHOOLS
or give us a call on 01254 220747

CLOSING DATE: 15 JANUARY 2023

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

HAVE YOUR SAY
Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with you to make sure admissions arrangements meet future needs. To find out more please visit www.lancashire.gov.uk and search "School Admission Policies".

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www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

