

Newsletter



24.2.2023

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term!

Parent Teacher Meetings are next week.
Parents who would like to arrange a meeting with Mrs. Gupta please email her on senco@weststreet.lancs.sch.uk

Parent Teacher Meetings Spring 2023

Day	Mon 27 Feb	Tue 28 Feb	Wed 1 Mar	Thu 2 Mar
Meetings will be in the Library in the KS2 building. Parents please wait in main entrance	Miss. Oldale Y1	Mrs. Duerden & Miss. Milner Y5	Mrs. Holliday & Mrs. Lohan YR	Miss. Dexter Y2
Meetings will be in the staffroom in the KS2 building. Parents please wait in main entrance	Mr. Smith Y4	Mrs. Gupta SENCO	Miss. Reed Y6	Mr. Filder Y3

We're being Geographers this half-term

This half-term all classes from Year 1 to Year 6 are learning about places using maps and atlases. Mrs. Duerden has bought these new atlases for everyone to use. Children will find out about the countries and counties of the U.K., the names of continents and oceans as well as how to follow routes on a map and making their own maps. Children will be using Digimaps for Schools, an award-winning online mapping service supporting Geography learning. You can find out more about what your child will be learning in Geography in this half-term's Curriculum Newsletter for each class. These will be available next week.



Dates for your diary

Monday 27th February

- Thursday 2nd March

Parent Teacher Meetings

Thursday 2nd March

Year 4 Bikeability

Friday 3rd March

World Book Day-come dressed as a book character

Friday 3rd March

3pm Usborne Book Event

Thursday 30 March

Break up for Easter Holidays

Friday 31 March

Inset Day

Monday 17 April

Children return to school

Monday 1 May

Bank Holiday

Monday 8 May

Bank Holiday

Friday 26 May

Break up for Half Term

Monday 5 June

Children return to school

Saturday 10th June

BOOKFEST

After school clubs return!

After school clubs return next week.

School are now paying for a Sports Coach to run three different clubs every week.

Clubs will change half-termly. We will make sure that all children are able to attend at least one club during the year. When clubs are full, children will be added to a waiting list. Parents will be notified when a place becomes available.

CLUB TIMETABLE

Day	Club	Which year groups?
Monday 3pm-4pm	Dodgeball with Sports Coach P.E. kit to be worn	Y1 and Y2
	Craft Club with Mrs. Duerden	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6
Tuesday 3pm-4pm	Olympic Sports with Sports Coach P.E. kit to be worn	Y3 and Y4
	Football with Mr. Filder	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6
Wednesday 3pm-4pm	Craft Club With Miss Spencer	Y1 and Y2
	Tri-golf with Sports Coach	Y5 and Y6
Thursday 3pm-4pm	Musical Theatre with Miss. James and Miss. McPherson	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6

Year 4 Bikeability

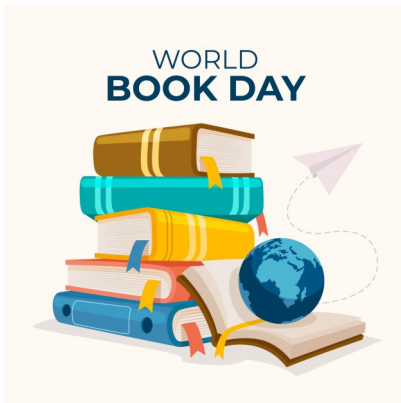
Year 4 will be doing Bikeability sessions on Thursday 2nd March. Every child will be outside for either the morning or the afternoon. Children should NOT come in uniform, they should dress appropriately for the weather. We recommend wearing trousers and/or leggings with several layers.

A good coat and trainers are essential!

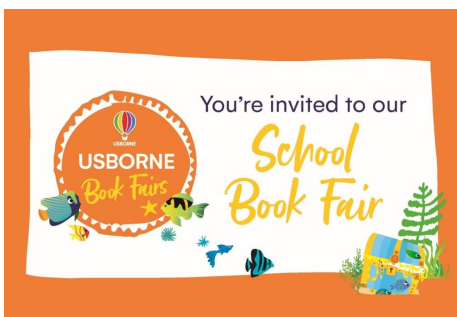
Next week we will be celebrating World Book Day on FRIDAY 3rd March. Children are welcome to come to school either dressed up as a book character or in their own clothes.



During the day all classes will be visiting the library for a story session. A mystery teacher will be appearing in each class to share a book they love. There will be lots of other fun activities during the day!



We are having a Book Fair in school on Friday. Children will have the opportunity to browse books during the day. Then parents will be able to come in to take a look with their child and buy books between 3pm and 4pm. Children will not have the opportunity to buy books during the school day so please do not send them to school with money. The book fair is being organised with Usborne Books.



Usborne will donate up to 60% of the value raised to our school in FREE books. Books can be ordered on Friday and paid for by cash or credit card.

Parents will receive their orders by the week starting Monday 20th March.

School Dinners

This is the menu for school lunches after half term. We are unable to provide alternative meals.

Monday

Veg Sausage Roll or Tomato Pasta

Tuesday

Sandwiches

Wednesday

Roast Dinner or Jacket Potato

Thursday

Curry and rice or Cheese Whirl

Friday

Pizza or Fish Fingers

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.



Learners of the Week

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| Year R | Alice for always being a super role model to others. | Jaxson for his super improvement in his phonics learning. Keep it up! |
| Year 1 | Iris for being a great artist and showing development of her skills. | Louie for showing huge improvements in all subjects and working really hard all of the time. |
| Year 2 | Skylar B for producing some incredible Art work! | Lilly for her amazing progression in phonics! |
| Year 3 | Marley-Sue for pushing herself to complete work in the time given. | Haajra for consistent effort with her beautiful handwriting. |
| Year 4 | Kyran for amazing sewing work creating his own waistcoat for a Teddy | Lily R for amazing sewing work creating her own waistcoat for a Teddy. |
| Year 5 | Inaaya for being a role model and her outstanding behaviour and effort! | Ayaan for always quietly working hard and doing his best. |
| Year 6 | Thomas for being a Maths whizz- he is very resilient when solving tricky SATS problems. | Alex for his excellent imagination when designing a spy gadget! |

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.



Readers of the Week

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| Year R | Carter for his great progress in his phonic skills and using blending when reading. |
| Year 1 | Shania for showing improvement in her reading and understanding of the text. |
| Year 2 | Scarlett for her love of reading. |
| Year 3 | India for fantastic enthusiasm with reading in her own time. |
| Year 4 | Theo N for greatly improved home reading. |
| Year 5 | Darcy for enthusiasm in reading lessons and answering questions. |
| Year 6 | Urban for reading a lot at home. You are nearly on your silver award! |

Come and join us for Colne Winter Bloom!

Next Tuesday Year 5 and Year 6 will be making lanterns for the Illuminated Parade that will take place on Saturday 4th March starting at 6.30pm. We hope that lots of children and families will join us for this magical experience !

The poster features a central title 'WINTER BLOOM' in large white letters on a dark blue background. The background is decorated with white snowflakes, purple and yellow flowers, and a black silhouette of a rabbit. At the top, it says 'HANDMADE PRODUCTIONS COMING SOON TO COLNE TOWN CENTRE' and 'COLNE - BID -'. Below the title, it lists 'ILLUMINATED PARADE SAT 4 MARCH 6.30PM - 7.30PM' and 'MARKET - HARTLEY SQUARE 12PM-8PM'. It also includes details about the parade route and the market activities.

HANDMADE PRODUCTIONS COMING SOON TO COLNE TOWN CENTRE **COLNE - BID -**

WINTER BLOOM

ILLUMINATED PARADE
SAT 4 MARCH 6.30PM – 7.30PM

Starting from St John’s Methodist Church, through Colne High Street and ending in Hartley Square.

MARKET - HARTLEY SQUARE 12PM-8PM

FOOD STALLS, FREE ARTS & CRAFTS ACTIVITIES, MUSIC PERFORMANCES

The event is being delivered by Parade specialists Handmade Productions and will feature contributions from local community groups and schools along with beautiful giant puppets, dancers and live music.

NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board

Borough of Pendle

BURNLEY PENDLE ROSSENDALE
COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE

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Useful Information

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24/02/23

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: NEU Strike Action

As you may be aware from the media, the National Education Union (NEU) has announced that its ballot of members has met the threshold required to commence industrial action. NEU staff will have the option to strike.

The proposed strike action is planned for the following days: Tuesday 28 February, Wednesday 15 March and Thursday 16 March.

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the Government over teachers' pay and not because of any issues with the school.

I can confirm that West Street will be open to all children on **Tuesday 28th February**.

I will keep in touch with you about the school's plans for future strike days later in March.

Miss. Sarah Watson (Headteacher)

DO YOU KNOW IF GENETIC CONDITIONS OR ILLNESSES RUN IN YOUR FAMILY?

Do you have children with health problems in your immediate or extended family?

Do you worry about having more children who may be affected?

Information and support is available!

Talk to the East Lancashire Community Team
Tel: 01282 690536

What we can do for you?

- Support you to access appropriate services
- Help you to understand information about your child's condition
- Provide support to your wider family
- Provide language support
- Visit you at Home

Anne Edington
Tel: 07715 651504 or

Misbah Rukhsar
Tel: 07832 161173

Jack Barker
Tel: 01832 164295

Visit our website: advice@communitygenetics.org.uk



Does your child want to...
ACT, SING & DANCE?
COME ALONG TO OUR
FREE OPEN DAY
Saturday 4th March

7-18 year-olds 9:45am - 1pm
3 - 6-year-olds from 9:30am



Open to children aged 3yrs - 18yrs

Learn about TV & Theatre
Acting, Singing & Dance
Multi-Award Winning Schools
Est. 17 years

Blessed Trinity RC College,
Ormerod Road, Burnley, BB10 3AA

For more information call Aaron on
07493 622494



footlights

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www.footlightstheatre.co.uk

Tied into a contract with another stage school? We will deduct the 'tie in' fee from your child's Footlights fees this term!

new life **Messy Church**

Fun for all the family
Crafts, Stories, Songs
Coffee, Cakes and free Pizza
Sunday 26th February
11am
@ New Life Basement, West St, Colne
 For more information contact 01282 871721



Parents supporting parents

Home-Start's volunteers work alongside families to give compassionate and confidential support tailored to each family.

Our volunteers are trained and given expert support from the local Home-Start in their community.

To find out more about volunteering for Home-Start visit our website or download our application form by snapping our QR code




We help families with children up to the age of 13, from any background through their most challenging times



HOME START
 in East Lancashire
 Registered Charity no 1106092


To find out more about Home-Start
 Please visit
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Because childhood can't wait

The earliest years make the biggest impact. Home-Start make sure that those years count so that no child's future is limited.



HOME START
 In East Lancashire



Working alongside families

Being a parent has never been easy. It can be lonely, frustrating, heart breaking and overwhelming.

- Are you struggling with your mental health?
- Are you feeling lonely, or isolated?
- Are you struggling with coping with the demands of having a baby; children under 13 or twins/triplets?
- Are you finding it hard to cope because you or your child is ill or disabled?
- Has your family been affected by stillbirth, miscarriage or the loss of a child?
- Do you need practical help with things like budgeting or healthy eating?
- Do you have family members with inherited conditions?
- Are you worried about school readiness or school-aged children with health or education issues?



- Would you like help to access local activities and support for parents and children?
- Are you feeling tired, unhappy and exhausted?

We work with families to build their strengths and use different support depending on what they tell us they need. This includes:

- Home-visiting
- Family groups
- Trips and outings

All of our services are based around the principle that volunteers offer no judgement, just compassionate, confidential help and support.

All of our volunteers undergo a thorough preparation course.

All our volunteers have parenting experience so they understand the challenges.

If you would like support, just ask!



"I am really grateful for all the help I have had from my volunteer and coordinator. We are not used to people actually caring about us and going that extra mile to help us" —Family

Contact us today to find out more about how to volunteer with Home-Start families.

Visit us - www.homestarteastlancs.org
 Email us - info@homestarteastlancs.org
 Call us - 01282 690536

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.



Holiday Dates

For school holiday dates please check our website www.west-street.org where you will find the current and next school year's holiday dates.



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!



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.