

Newsletter



10.3.2023

Dates for your diary

Thursday 16 March

Mother's Day Breakfast
hosted by Reception
children

Movie Night fundraiser
after school

Friday 17 March

Comic Relief

Tuesday 21 March

Wear odd socks for World
Down Syndrome Day

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

Lantern Procession at Winter Bloom Festival

THANK YOU to all those children and their families who joined Mrs. Duerden and myself last Saturday evening to take part in the Lantern



Procession. Last Tuesday, Year 5 and Year 6 worked with Laura, an artist, to create the lanterns using a wicker structure then covering it



with layers of tissue paper. The lanterns were lit by fairy lights. They looked lovely lit up in the dark. There was a really great atmosphere while the procession walked up from

St. John's Church to the centre of Colne. Lots of people came to watch the procession. One parent told Mrs. Duerden that he had never seen so many happy smiling people in Colne! Well done everybody!

Changes for next week following Friday 10th March school closure

- Celebration Assembly on **Tuesday 14th March at 9.05am** to present awards that should have been presented on Friday 10th
- Movie Night rescheduled to after school on **Thursday 16th March**

A taste of World Book Day



School Dinners

Due to delivery issues we are unable to provide the menu for next week. Sorry for any inconvenience.

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.



World Book Day was a great success because.....

- ◆ We dressed up as our favourite book characters
 - ◆ We browsed through books in the library
 - ◆ We listened to stories read by different adults
 - ◆ We shared stories with each other
 - ◆ We checked out all the exciting books in the Usborne Book Fair
 - ◆ We relaxed with a book and enjoyed having the time and space to read
- WELL DONE EVERYBODY!**

Parent drop in with Governors

On Wednesday 16th March from 9.00am in the staffroom

Come and have a brew and a chat with the governors



NEU Strike Action Update

As you are already aware, 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: 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 **Wednesday 15 March and Thursday 16 March**.

Miss. Watson

RED NOSE DAY 2023 - Friday 17th March

Wear something to make everyone SMILE!

HOW YOUR MONEY MAKES A DIFFERENCE
Every penny you donate on Red Nose Day will help people through the toughest times of their lives.

FEED UK FAMILIES	SUPPORT HOMELESS YOUNG PEOPLE	IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING
£5 could help feed a child for a day at a community hub in the UK during school holidays.	£10 could go towards buying a hygiene pack so that a young person sleeping rough in the UK can keep clean.	£20 could help deliver a mental health session for a group of young people in India.
GIVE DISABLED CHILDREN LIFE-CHANGING SUPPORT	PROVIDE FOOD SECURITY	PROVIDE HOT MEALS FOR THE ELDERLY
£50 could help provide an intensive therapy course for a young disabled person in Malawi.	£100 could provide four months of food parcels to a family in South Africa.	£200 could provide hot meals for 50 elderly and vulnerable women in the UK.

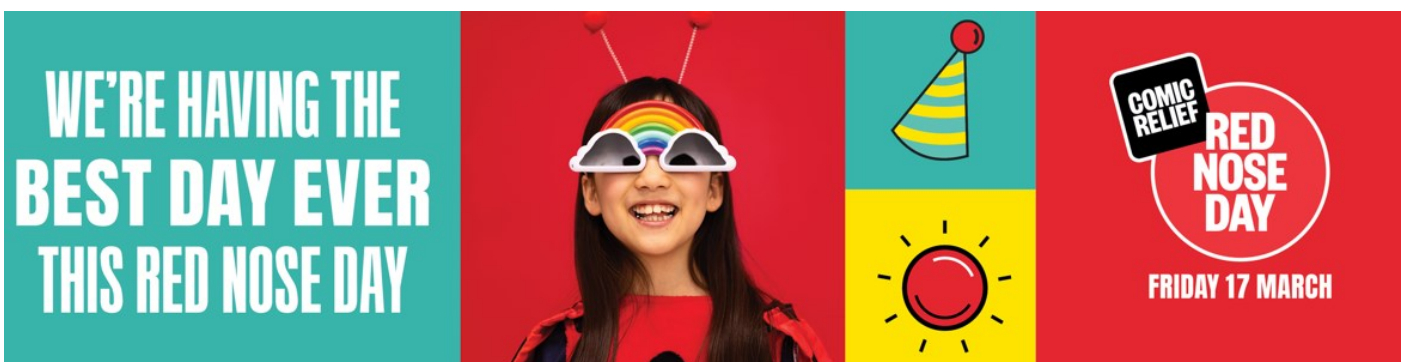
FRIDAY 17 MARCH

Wear a funny hairstyle or a funky wig; wear your clothes back to front or inside out or as many different colours as you can; use make-up to make yourself a clown smile or a huge red nose; create an outfit using your imagination that costs nothing AND still makes everyone SMILE!

School will not be selling red noses this year - these are easy to buy from Amazon.

Bring a donation for RED NOSE DAY, whatever you can afford, every little counts!

There will be a RED NOSE DAY raffle with one of Jac Bird's amazing cakes and other prizes. Raffle ticket draw in Friday's Celebration Assembly. Further details to follow...



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.



Readerŝ of the Week

- Year R** **Lydia** for reading regularly at home. This is reflected in her writing. She always presents her work neatly too! Keep it up!
- Year 1** **Harry** for trying really hard with his blending.
- Year 2** **Ronnie** for confidently reading aloud to the class.
- Year 3** **Bailey** for fantastic reading aloud of our class novel and trying really hard with her reading.
- Year 4** **Ade** for great work finding the definition of unfamiliar words when reading.
- Year 5** **Eli** for his super reading to the rest of the class and engagement with our class book.
- Year 6** **Charlotte** for reading Alex Rider confidently and with expression to the class.

Learnerŝ of the Week

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| Year R Suleman for his growing confidence and enthusiasm for learning. | Levi for always asking the most amazing questions. He is always so keen to develop his |
| Year 1 Chaise for doing really well at reasoning questions in Maths and | Cersei for having excellent knowledge of the countries in the UK and the capital cities. |
| Year 2 Ali for being amazing at fractions! | Scarlett for having great map skills! |
| Year 3 Daisy-May for being a superstar, participating in every lesson and | Keira for writing an amazing letter in English and always trying her best. |
| Year 4 Brandon for an improved attitude towards his learning! | Zaeem for brilliant work using the 8 points of a compass to write a set of instructions for a |
| Year 5 Darcy for being a ray of sunshine and always being kind to others! | Adam N for making everyone smile and always being engaged during teaching time! |
| Year 6 Miley for ALWAYS being hardworking and putting 100% effort into every subject. | Georgia for engaging more in lessons, it is brilliant to see you putting your hand up more! |

Upcoming Events



Over 40 stalls from local artisan crafters & makers

Sunday 16 April

Come along and bring the whole family

Open: 10.00am - 3.00pm
Tickets: £1 (adult - includes entry into a theatre prize draw)
Free (under 16s accompanied by an adult)

Box Office: 01282 661234 | www.themuni.co.uk 

The Muni Theatre | Albert Rd | Colne | BB8 0AE | Box Office Opening: Mon - Fri, 10am - 2pm 



Mothers' Day Breakfast

Thursday 16th March 2023

9.30—10.30 am

Reception Class invite all Mums/ loved ones (one adult per child) to our Mother's Day Breakfast. Please bring a contribution of £1 and confirm your place with Reception staff by Tuesday 14th March so that we can accommodate all parents/guardians.

Parent Workshops

As parents, you may have heard terms such as 'child exploitation', 'grooming' or 'County Lines', but not be confident about what exploitation is, or how you might know if your child becomes a victim

Join us for 'An Introduction to Child Exploitation'.

This is your opportunity to improve your knowledge and ask questions in a supportive environment with other parents.

Session Part 1 – An Introduction to Child Exploitation 4th April 2023

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parent-information-session-part-1-an-introduction-to-child-exploitation-tickets-575872579387>

Session Part 2 – Responding to Child Exploitation 11th April 2023

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parent-information-session-part-2-responding-to-child-exploitation-tickets-575880783927>

Session Part 3 – Online Child Exploitation 18th April 2023

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parent-information-session-part-3-online-child->

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.