

Newsletter

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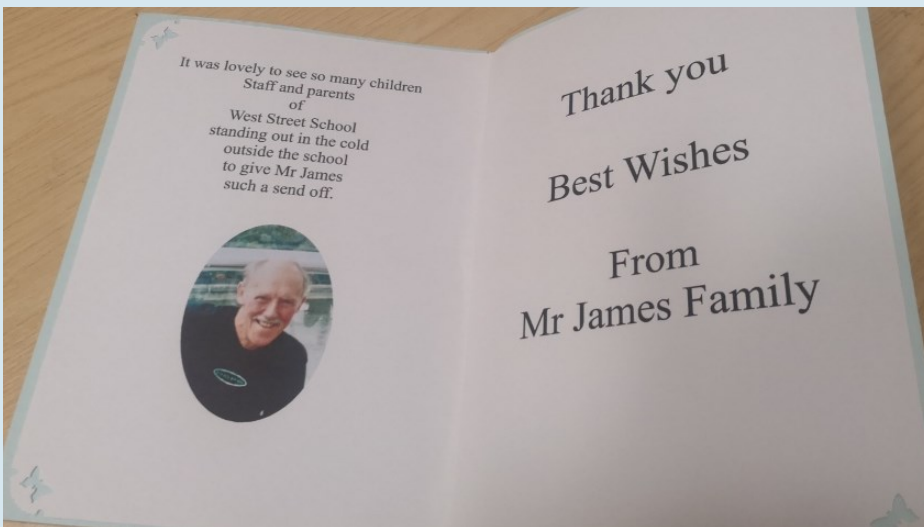
Goodbye Mr James

On Monday a group of Key Stage 2 children, staff and parents stood alongside the one way system as Mr James' funeral cortege drove past. We all clapped to express our thanks to Mr James for the difference he made to the children, parents and staff at West Street, both recently and in the past. The Key Stage 2 children who chose to pay their respects behaved in a very mature and sensible manner.

I was very proud of all those involved, especially the children.

Many thanks to all the parents and staff who joined us.

We have received this lovely card from Mr James' brother Chris and his wife.



Dates for your diary

The deadline for giving completed nomination forms for the Parent Governor Election to Miss Watson is 12.00 on Monday 20th January.

After School Clubs will start during the week beginning **Mon 20th Jan**

Wed 22nd Jan
Ballot papers for Parent Governor Election to be sent home

Thu 23rd Jan
Library to re-open from 3.30-4pm for children & parents

Fri 24th Jan
9.10 Celebration Assembly

Y4 swimming session



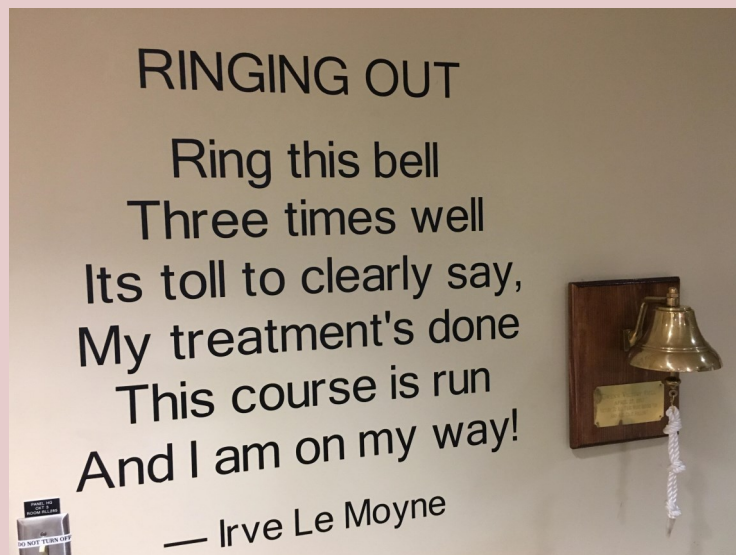
Celebrating with Nikita

In Celebration Assembly this morning, we celebrated the the end of Nikita's cancer treatment.

Nikita was diagnosed with cancer in 2022. She has experienced more than 100 separate treatments.

In December Nikita rang the bell at the hospital to mark the end of her treatment. Nikita wanted to share this important moment with the whole school.

Today we celebrated this very important event with
Nikita.



Nikita was presented with a very special certificate and a congratulations card from her class. The celebration carried on with cake and drinks in the classroom.

Nikita is an inspiration to us all with the positive way she has coped with having cancer. Everyone is very proud of such a strong and determined young lady!

Parent Governor Election

Info about the Parent Governor Elections was published on class dojo pages on Monday 6th Jan.

Hard copies of the form below were sent home on Monday 13th Jan.

Appendix B

West Street Community Primary School and Nursery

Parent Governor Election

Notice of Election

Dear Parent,

There are places for **2** parent governor(s) on the governing body of this school. They are elected by the parents of pupils at this school and nursery to serve a 4 year term of office. There is now a vacancy for **2** parent governors. You may, if you wish, put yourself forward for election, using the attached nomination form. Please read the information given with this form.

The timetable for the election is:-

1. Nomination form to be returned to me **at the school office** by **12.00 noon on Monday 20th January 2025**
2. Ballot papers to be sent to all parents on **Wednesday 22nd January 2025**
3. Ballot papers to be returned to me **at the school office** by **12.00 noon on Monday 3rd February 2025**
4. The votes will be counted at **1.30pm on Monday 3rd February 2025** after which the result will be announced.

Governors have an important and influential role to play in the life of our school, and I do hope you will be able to take part in this election by becoming a candidate and by casting your vote when the time comes.

If you require any further information about being elected to the governing body, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

S.K. Watson Headteacher

Returning Officer for Governor Election

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Information

A. Eligibility

1. All parents of pupils at the school and, in the case of maintained nursery schools, parents of children for whom educational or other provision is made on the premises of the school can be nominated as a candidate for a parent governor election except for:
 - (a) Elected Members of the Local Authority
 - (b) Anyone paid to work at the school for more than 500 hours in any consecutive 12 month period.

B. Nomination

1. Any parent who wants to be nominated has to be proposed and seconded by two other parents of pupils (children) at the school using the nomination form on the page opposite. It should be completed and sent to the Returning Officer by **12.00 noon on Monday 20th January 2025**
 1. Please note there can be no extension beyond this time and date.
 2. Candidates should complete the reverse of the nomination form with biographical details. This information will be sent with the voting papers to all parents to help them decide how to use their votes.

C. Parent Governors

(See also information sheet on parent governors)

1. The governing body of the school has several categories of governor, and "parent governor" is one of these categories. All governors carry equal status.
2. Responsibility rests in the governing body as a whole. Individual governors only have responsibility collectively in the governing body. To be a governor does not give personal authority.
3. The term of office for a parent governor is **4** years, and a parent governor does not have to resign if his/her child ceases to be a pupil at the school before that period of time ends, though s/he may do so if s/he wishes.

D. Disqualification

1. Regulations disqualify certain individuals from becoming a governor. The attached appendix lists the disqualification criteria. Prospective governors should read it carefully before proceeding with their nomination.

School Library re-opening after school

From this Thursday, the School Library will be reopened for children and parents to visit and borrow books, take them home to read, then return and change for a new book. The Library will open on **Thursdays from 3.30pm to 4pm**. We hope you will come and visit with your children!



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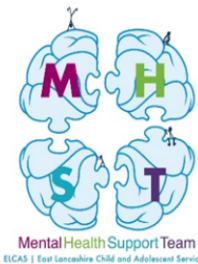
Thursday 23rd January Parent Webinar 6pm - 7pm Understanding low mood Workshop

NHS
Lancashire &
South Cumbria
NHS Foundation Trust

We would like to invite parents/carers of young people to a workshop which explores Low mood-

The Webinar explores :

- Learn more around possible signs and symptoms of low mood in children and young people.
- Consider way to support your child if they are experiencing low mood.
- Recognise when and how to request specialist support for your child.



Mental Health Support Team
EICAS | East Lancashire Child and Adolescent Services

Parents are welcome to ask questions or share any tips or strategies that they find beneficial in supporting their child.



Meeting ID: 391 710 904 606
Passcode: cy9NUC

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

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

Monday

Sausages, omelette, crispy potatoes & baked beans OR Fish fingers with crispy potatoes & veg

Tuesday

Savoury Beef or quorn mince with dumplings, mash & veg OR Tomato & Mascarpone pasta with herby bread & salad

Wednesday

Roast dinner with roast potatoes & veg OR Curry with rice and naan bread

Thursday

Cheese whirl with herby wedges & baked beans OR Spaghetti Bolognese, dough balls & salad

Friday

Fish or veggie fingers with chips & peas OR Pizza with chips & veg

Desserts daily:

Cake OR Biscuits OR Fruit OR Yogurt

The cost of school dinners is:

£2.50 per day

OR

£12.50 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.



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

- YR** **Jack** has been a super reader this week. He is recognising sounds and starting to blend by himself
- Y1** **Millie** for reading more at home and enjoying reading at school
- Y2** **Theodore** for an improved attitude to reading at home and moving up a reading stage
- Y3** **Oscar** for making fantastic predictions when reading his Words First book
- Y4** **Wynter** for using a text to roleplay as a character
- Y5** **Lily L** for her great attitude to learning
- Y6** **Athena** for reading enthusiastically and with expression to her peers

Learners of the Week

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| YR Alfie for always being a role model and a friend to everyone | Tom-Joseph for persevering with his writing |
| Y1 Stanley for writing a fantastic lost poster to help find Beegu | Finley for joining in with gymnastics in P.E. and creating his own sequences |
| Y2 Victor for being a maths whizz with adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers | Rosilea for a fantastic week being really engaged and working really hard |
| Y3 Ali for writing a fantastic letter to the boy who is afraid of the dark | Freija for working really hard to improve her writing |
| Y4 Scarlett for showing great resilience in Maths | Billy for creating an accurate story map of a fairy tale |
| Y5 Daisy-May for working hard to improve the presentation of her work | Keira for always working hard and doing her best, especially in Maths |
| Y6 Tulisha for creating an incredible detailed newspaper report about World War 1 ended | Ade for being engaged in every lesson and for always striving to be the best that he can be |