

Newsletter

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Dates for your diary

Monday 1 May

Bank Holiday

Friday 5 May

Wear Red, White and Blue
Coronation Picnic

Monday 8 May

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 9 May

Year 6 SATs this week

Friday 26 May

Break up for Half Term



Thankyou to Stephen from Creative Builders Workshop for working with us yesterday and today.

As part of our build up to the Coronation in eight days time, children from Reception to Year 6 have loved building lego models of famous London landmarks. The children were amazed by the amount of lego that Stephen brought to school. They enjoyed meeting Stephen's challenge of building a London landmark by using either a photograph of the real landmark or a lego model of it. Staff commented on the children's team work, focus and creativity.



The children built models of Buckingham Palace, Big Ben and Tower Bridge. They really enjoyed creating the models because they had time to do a really good job, they worked with a partner and it was fun creating a building out of lego. They told me that they had a fantastically awesome time!



Now, we are going to use a collection of photos to create a framed picture to commemorate this Coronation activity. This will be displayed in the main entrance for everyone to see. **WELL DONE EVERYBODY— a great couple of days!**

School Dinners

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

Monday

Bank Holiday

Tuesday

Sausage Roll or
Tomato Pasta

Wednesday

Roast Dinner or
Jacket Potato

Thursday

Pizza or
Fish

Friday

Coronation Picnic

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.



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 2 May.

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 2 May.

Celebration Assembly

There was no Celebration Assembly today as the hall was being used for the whole day. We will have a **double Celebration Assembly on Friday 5 May** that will include awards for both weeks.

The King's Coronation Celebrations

On Friday 5 May we invite children to come to school wearing **Red, White and Blue** and then take part in our **Coronation Picnic**. We hope that the sun will shine and the weather will be warm so we can eat our picnic together outside! Children will have now brought home an order form for their picnic.

They can order a school picnic lunch **OR** bring their own packed lunch from home. When you have completed the order form please drop it off at the school office.

Colne Library Author Visit Saturday 29th April

Author Simon E Wilkinson, is coming to Colne library to deliver an interactive, behind the scenes, presentation about his recent children's book 'The Mammoth and the Moonstick'. This will be an educational event during which he will discuss the writing process and the ice age that inspired elements within the book.

The event will take place on Saturday 29th April at 10:00 am and run for approximately an hour. The event is aimed at families and children at the KS2 level. Attendance is free and refreshments will be served.

In addition to his presentation, he will be selling copies of 'The Mammoth and the Moonstick' at a discounted price to attendees.



Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service would like people to know some basic water safety information related to the #BeWaterAware campaign:

- Don't assume you're not at risk of drowning just because you don't intend to go into the water
- If someone falls into water call 999. Advise the casualty to try and float on their back and relax. Try and shout for help nearby and throw them something to either drag them to safety or to aid them to float
- Ensure children are fully supervised near water
- Do not enter the water if you have been drinking or taking drugs
- If you are going running alone, try and tell someone where you are going
- Never enter the water yourself to try and save someone

Visit www.respectthewater.com for more information.



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.

