

# Newsletter



25.11.2022

## THANK YOU!

Thank you for your donations to Children In Need last Friday. We collected £136.90 that Children In Need will use to help fund all the various organisations they support.

As usual, the West Street community are a generous bunch!

## Key Stage 1 learn more about the past!



On Monday, Year 1 and Year 2 had a special visitor from Lancashire Museum. Mrs. Jolley came in to school to show the children toys from Victorian times. The children were introduced to a range of toys and then had the opportunity to play with these toys. They were then each given a stick from old cotton mills, that they used to create their own game! The children loved



playing with all the toys and thinking about how the toys they play with now are different.

## Cake Sale next Tuesday!

Year 5 have organised a cake sale for next Tuesday in order to raise money for their summer residential. Cakes will be sold in classrooms during the day. Children are welcome to bring up to £1 to buy cakes.

Thank you to all parents for phoning, leaving messages or telling the office staff when your child is ill - we appreciate your help with this. There have been several children and staff absent due to illness. As a result, we have re-introduced the regular use of anti-bacterial gel throughout the school day in order to keep all the nasty germs at bay!

## Reminder for parents when children are late in the morning

- External doors close at 9.00am
- Children and parents arriving after 9.00am must go to the school office
- At the school office, parents are asked to sign children in on the Inventory system and let the office staff know about dinners
- The office staff will then organise for children to go to their classes

## Dates for your diary

### Tuesday 29th November

Cake Sale for Y5 trip this will be done at playtime—send money in with children for a cake.

### Friday 2nd December

Non uniform day  
YR, 1, 3, 4 & 5 bring a prize for the tombola  
Y2 & 6 bring chocolate for the chocolate tombola

### Friday 9th December

2pm Christmas Fair

### Tuesday 13th December

KS1 Christmas Performance

### Wednesday 14th December

KS2 Christmas Performance

### Thursday 15th December

Christmas Jumpers  
Christmas Dinner  
Christmas Parties

### Friday 16th December

9am Celebration Assembly  
Learners of the Term  
1.30pm School closes for Christmas Holidays

### Tuesday 3rd January

Children return to school

### Thursday 12th January

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



## Christmas is fast approaching !

December starts next week so.....

**From Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December:** The Christmas post box will be in the main entrance for children to post cards to other children and staff if they want to.

### **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December: Non-uniform day**

Instead of £1 we need prizes for our tomobolas at the Christmas Fair.

Please can Reception, Y1, Y3, Y4 & Y5 bring a prize for the tombola e.g. any unwanted presents, unopened toiletries etc.

Y2 & & 6 please bring in chocolate for the chocolate tombola.

We will be very grateful for anything that you can bring in no matter how small. Thank you.

### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December: P.T.A. Christmas Fair**

This will start from 2pm. Pick up presents from the stalls in the Year 6 classroom - this year you can choose a brilliant book from the Usborne Book stall. Enjoy the games in the hall. And finally remember to come and meet Santa in his grotto!

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** 2pm Nursery and Reception children will be performing 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel' in the hall - come along to watch this version of the Nativity story!  
Later on the same day, at 6pm Year 1 and Year 2 will be performing 'The Inn-spectors' - come and find out exactly who the inn-spectors are inspecting!

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December:** 6pm Key Stage 2 children will be performing 'Lights, Camel, Action, Sequins!' Come along to find enjoying watching Key Stage 2 making a song and dance about Christmas!!

**Parents will receive a letter about all performances and details about how to get your tickets next Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January:** West Street goes to the panto! Thanks for the permission slips and money already received - it is great that everyone is keen to return to Colne Muni to watch 'Cinderella'. Please return permission slips and money by next Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

Miss Watson

## School Dinner Options

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

### **Monday**

Lasagne or  
Cheese & Onion Pie

### **Tuesday**

Roast Dinner or  
Veg Sausage Roll

### **Wednesday**

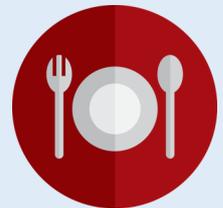
Various Sandwiches

### **Thursday**

Cottage Pie or  
Pasta

### **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



## Learners of the Week

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| <b>Year 1</b> <b>Ivy</b> for listening to feedback to improve her writing.  | <b>Harvey</b> for having an amazing week and showing willingness to learn things.   |
| <b>Year 2</b> <b>Jacob</b> for fantastic drama skills during nativity rehearsals.                                       | <b>Isla</b> for amazing shape knowledge!  |
| <b>Year 3</b> <b>India</b> for always trying her best and being a good role model.                                      | <b>Marley-Sue</b> for For an improved effort in her learning and trying her best.   |
| <b>Year 4</b> <b>Kyran</b> for fantastic effort when writing a newspaper article and using interesting vocabulary.      | <b>Lily T</b> for great inference skills in English when identifying the thoughts and feelings of a character.                |
| <b>Year 5</b> <b>Ayaan</b> for showing lots of determination and always trying his best to listen and apply new skills. | <b>Riley</b> for constantly having his hand up for every question I ask and always pushing himself to be challenged in Maths! |
| <b>Year 6</b> <b>Alex</b> for putting in 100% effort into <u>all</u> lessons. Keep it up!                               | <b>Leo</b> for bring a caring friend and for trying his hardest in <u>all</u> lessons.  |

## Readers of the Week

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| Year 1 | <b>Louie</b> for trying really hard in phonics which is having a huge impact on his reading!  |
| Year 2 | <b>Anashe</b> for impressing the adults in class with her reading skills.   |
| Year 3 | <b>Haajra</b> for consistently reading at home and moving up a reading stage.   |
| Year 4 | <b>Zaeem</b> for great contributions during whole class reading.  |
| Year 5 | <b>Sienna</b> for always being switched on in comprehension and power of reading sessions, eager to share her ideas and answer questions! |
| Year 6 | <b>Miley</b> for always wanting to read aloud to the class and for being resilient when reading tricky words.                             |





## 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!



## Do you get Free School Meals?

Is your child aged 5 to 16? Do they get benefits-related free school meals?

If so, they may be eligible for free activities and food through the Fun Vibes, Active Lives programme - Pendle's holiday activities and food scheme.

See the leaflet below for more information and details about where to book.

**Pendle's Holiday Activities & Food Programme**



**FUN VIBES Active Lives CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**

A range of fun activities on offer, including a healthy meal  
Free places available for eligible school-age children  
Paid for places also available

**Access a range of activities:**

- Includes outdoor provision
- Healthy food provided
- Online activities
- Activities for the whole family
- Trip to Cinderella Park\*
- Music, outdoor education and drama workshops

\* Limited spaces available for Panto trip

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During the Christmas holiday, Fun Vibes, Active Lives will provide free fun, engaging sessions throughout Pendle for eligible school-age children and young people

Free healthy meals will also be provided

**FUN VIBES Active Lives**



For further details on providers and to book activities, please visit [www.pendleisuretrust.co.uk/fun-vibes-active-lives](http://www.pendleisuretrust.co.uk/fun-vibes-active-lives)

\*eligible participants are those who access benefits related free school meals

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If you are experiencing difficulties booking online, please call 01282 227649

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## What's on locally?

**FESTIVE MARKET**  
AT NELSON & COLNE COLLEGE

Free entry  
Free entry  
Free entry

LOADS OF FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

**WHAT'S ON?**

STALLS  
ARTS AND CRAFTS  
SANTA  
THE NEST FARM  
PLANT POTTING ACTIVITIES  
FOOD AND DRINK  
MUSIC  
PLUS MUCH MORE!

PRE-BOOK USING THE QR CODE OR SIMPLY TURN UP ON THE DAY



SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER  
10AM-2PM  
NELSON AND COLNE COLLEGE

St. Vincent de Paul Society of Pendle  
**PUTTING FOOD ON TABLES PROJECT**

COME AND JOIN US AT THE SACRED HEART CHURCH HALL QUEEN STREET, COLNE

**WARM SPACE**

For a cup of tea or coffee, a chat, a warm and a welcome.  
Thursdays  
1 0.00am-12.30pm

Food vouchers available from school  
Open 1st December




FOOD BANK

"For I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in..."  
Matthew 25:35

**Food for Families**



## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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

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](http://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 admission arrangements meet future needs. To find out more please visit [www.lancashire.gov.uk](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk) and search 'School Admission Policies'.

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