



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

Manchester- A City United

I think we've all been shocked, saddened and appalled by the tragic events in Manchester on Monday. It is almost impossible for us, as adults, to make sense of what happened so you can imagine just how many questions it has raised with our children. As the week has progressed, I have been completely bowled over by the strength, maturity, care and compassion demonstrated by everyone at school. The pupils have been an inspiration to us all and the staff have handled the children's concerns with sensitivity and understanding.

On Thursday, after our minute silence in worship, I was informed by Class 4 that they feel they should raise some money for the emergency fund set up by The British Red Cross. They have decided to have a non-uniform day with an optional 'dress like a celebrity' theme on **Monday 5th June**. The children will also be able to have a little disco with their 'celebrity' friends in the afternoon. Any donations for this day will be collected and passed on to the Red Cross Appeal.

Balance Bikes!

I'd like to say a massive THANK YOU to all our parents and our PTFA for donating four new balance bikes to our Reception class. Money you have helped to raise by attending or participating in PTFA events has been used to buy these new bikes and further develop our Early Years provision. It was wonderful to see the smiles on the faces of our children when they rode on their new bikes for the first time on Wednesday.



Congratulations Waring!

The winning House this half term is Waring. Well done to everyone for all your effort and hard work over the last six weeks. On **Friday 9th June**, Waring House can celebrate their magnificent achievement by having their own special non-uniform day.

PTFA Copper Boxes

Thank you for all the copper coins you have so kindly donated. It should only take a few months to count all these coins and then we will let you know how much we have raised. The winner of the competition was Class 2 who have celebrated their success with a non-uniform day.

What has happened in school this week...?

Class 1- Our focus this week has been minibeasts. We drew on the information we had already gained over the last half term to complete a minibeasts quiz on the interactive whiteboard. Could we guess from the three clues which minibeast it was? Next, we created our own quiz sheet. Which three descriptions could we write about our chosen insect that would help the class to guess what it was? We also continued our entries in the class Life Cycle Diary. It has been an exciting week! Ask me what has happened! In our Maths, we have revisited repeating patterns, creating our own from natural items found in our garden. We have also looked at how we count in steps of 2. Which numbers do we say from our 1-20 numberline? We grouped piles of objects into 2's and used our revised numberline to help us count them quickly. Have a lovely, relaxing half term week.

Class 2- This week Year 2 have been showing off their maths! As a special treat today they have all written their own book, which I'm sure you'll be excited to read at home. Year 1 have been learning about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes in Maths. They have finished writing their own fantasy story which follows a pattern. What a creative class they are! In Science, we have been comparing the structure and features of different minibeasts.

Class 3- In English, we have created and written acrostic poems about our dreams. We have also gathered ideas and written a report about our school. In Maths, we have been learning about reading, writing and understanding decimal numbers to one and two digit places. This week, we have spent a lot of time designing and making our 'Eatwell Plates' from craft materials. We are now looking at where our fresh fruit and vegetables come from and then trying to estimate the 'food miles' involved.

Class 4- This week has been very busy. We have been working hard on the written methods of multiplication and division as well as honing our mental maths skills. In English, everyone has written a persuasive speech to try and banish our selected item to Room 101. After half term, these will be judged by our very own Frank Skinner, AKA Mr B, and we will find out whether homework, squeaky plates or something equally annoying will be gone forever from our lives! We have talked a lot this week about the terrible events in Manchester. The children have dealt with this issue very maturely and have spent time writing prayers and composing letters to all the people who selflessly helped others in this time of crisis.

Class 1 Models!

I have been approached by our amazingly creative Class 1 children, who are quickly running out of recyclable resources for their construction area. They would like any donations of cardboard boxes, tubes, plastic bottles or egg boxes so that they can continue to create super space ships, crackin' castles, brilliant binoculars, interesting incubators and many more wonderful things.

Heskin Pemberton's Orienteering Team

On Wednesday, a team of our children managed to find their way to Astley Park in order to take part in the Chorley Schools' Orienteering Competition. All the children had a wonderful time exploring the various areas of the park (and the streams) but Sam Cookson and Ysabel Green produced the stand out performance of the afternoon by completing all the challenges in an amazing time of just under 15 minutes! Very impressive and well done to everyone who took part. *Orienteering Team: Sam, Ysabel, Lewis, Faye, Ben, Sophia, Sam, Jessica and Harry.*



Heskin Pemberton's Football Team

On Thursday, our football team took part in a Cluster Football Festival at Bishop Rawstorne Academy. We played in 3 matches against other local schools and worked tremendously hard in the blistering heat. The draw we achieved against a very strong Eccleston side was particularly pleasing and I'm extremely proud of all the players who represented our school. *Football Squad: Sam, Ben, Ben, Noah, Jacob, Lewis and Addison.*

PFTA Lucky Numbers

This month's lucky number was number 2. Our congratulations go to Mr Brown who wins £25. Thank you to everyone who supports this fundraiser for school and good luck next month!

Important Dates:

26.05.17: School closes at 3:30pm for half term.

05.06.17: School reopens.

05.06.17: Non-uniform day and disco for the Red Cross.

08.06.17: PTFA Meeting.

09.06.17: Non-uniform day for Waring House.

16.06.17: PTFA Fathers' Day Breakfast.

21.06.17: New Reception Starters.

23.06.17: Sports Day & Summer Fayre.

27.06.17: Cluster Athletics Meeting at Bishop Rawstorne.

30.06.17-03.07.17: Patterdale Residential Visit.

30.06.17: New Reception Class lunch.

05.07.17: High School Taster Day.

05.07.17: New Reception Class Information Evening.

05.07.17: Bishop Rawstorne Maths Challenge.

07.07.17: Waring Treat Day.

21.07.17: School Closes at 2:00pm for Summer Holidays.



STARS OF THE WEEK!

Class 1 – **Freddie Waring**

Class 2 – **Y1 Jack Green**

Y2 Isabella Churchill

Class 3 – **Y3 Rowan Millar**

Y4 Amelie Taylor-Bamford

Class 4 – **Ben Morris**

Joke of the Week:

This week's fantastic joke comes from Hollie in Year 5:

Q: Did you hear about the actress who fell through the floor?

A: It was just a stage she was going through!

I've got to admit that I really liked that one. It didn't half make me chuckle! Well done, Hollie.

Hope you all have a wonderful break. See you on 5th June.

Best wishes,

Mr Alan Brindle
Headteacher

