



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

### Book Fair

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April will be the start of our week long Book Fair in school. The importance of reading and sharing books as a family cannot be underestimated and this will be a great opportunity for your child to select the perfect book for their reading enjoyment. Our school library will also be given a selection of free books so the more books you buy for home, the more books we can get for the children in school. The book fair will be open every night after school until Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April so please come along if you can.

### Story Yoga

On Tuesday, Class 1 and Class 2 participated in three sessions of Story Yoga. The activities not only enabled the children to experience the benefits of yoga but also engaged the children with interesting and enjoyable stories. Both classes were wonderful and everybody, including the teachers, had a great time.

### Worship

Our worship themes for this half term are **Courage, The Old Testament** and **Inspiring People**. As part of this, the amazing children in Class 1 will be leading their own worship on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April** at 3:00pm and everyone is invited to attend this special event.

### Chorley FC Football

We were delighted to be joined by two coaches from Chorley Football Club this week. The coaches worked with the children in Class 3, developing their football skills and their understanding of the game. Everyone had a great time and Chorley FC have asked to come back in the Summer Term in order to work with more children.



### What has happened in school this week...?

**Class 1** – We have begun our New Life topic by planting our own carrot and broccoli seeds in the veg patch. We learnt that all the plants grow from seeds and need soil, water and sun to grow. We will be keeping a careful eye on what happens over this half term. Using our observational skills, we drew a variety of flowers and vegetables. We also used carrots to print repeating colour and shape patterns. After drawing on the IWB using a paint programme, we learnt how to print off our work. In Maths, we have been recapping 2D and 3D shape names. We have also learnt how to describe shapes using terms such as flat, round, sides, faces and corners. What a busy first week back!

**Class 2** – This week we have started our new topic called 'Hot and Cold'. In English we have learnt about the features of explanation texts by reading different examples. Year 2 have been practising contraction words in spelling and Year 1 have been practising their phase 5 graphemes for reading and spelling. In Maths we have been developing our understanding of place value and we have all been using the greater than, less than and equals symbols. In R.E. we have listened to the story of Ascension and we have created a piece of artwork to show the moment Jesus ascended to Heaven. In Science we have been learning about the characteristics of birds and comparing different types of bird. A super start to the summer term.

**Class 3** – We have started a new unit in our English lessons. We have enjoyed listening to and talking about the opening chapter of the Enchanted Wood. In Maths, we have used mental maths skills and have learnt how to complete written column addition. We had fun exploring gas in science. We easily managed to find objects that weighed about the same as a balloon of air but it took us a while to make a helium balloon suspend in the air. We have been looking at modern Egypt this week in preparation to study the Ancient Egyptians. The children have used Google Earth to navigate around the country and locate any interesting features. In R.E. we have been looking at different places of worship and whether all churches are the same.

**Class 4** – This week, Class 4 have been exploring place value in Maths. They have worked hard to understand the value of decimals and are now able to order, round, add and subtract them. During English, the children have started a new unit based on the book wonder. They have been exploring extracts with the similar themes to begin with and have discussed how Freak the Mighty is similar to August. They have even been linking the texts to our core Christian values. The highlight of the week has most certainly been doing Music with Miss Dean, as the children are learning to play recorder!

### **Good Luck!**

I'd like to wish our rugby team and our swimming team the very best of luck for next week. Both teams will participate in competitions against other schools in Chorley and I will let you know how we get on in next week's newsletter. GOOD LUCK, HESKIN!

### **Reception Admissions**

Formal offers of primary school places in Lancashire will be issued on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April. Parents who have applied online will be able to log into the online system, during normal working hours, using the log in details they used when making their application. Personal emails will also be sent to these parents. Letters will be posted to any parent who made a paper application. These letters will be sent out on 16<sup>th</sup> April by second class post and parents should allow at least five working days for these to arrive. Please feel free to contact me if you require any support or guidance with this matter.

### **Extra-Curricular Clubs**

The letter containing the details for our extra-curricular clubs went home earlier this week. Please complete the permission slips if you would like your child to attend any of these activities, which will start next week. I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who gives up their free time to run these activities. For a small school we offer a lot of additional opportunities for our children.

### **Prompt Starts**

Just a quick reminder that our school opens at 8:50am ready for a prompt start for the children at 9:00am. I have noticed that a growing number of children are beginning to arrive a little late which means that they are missing the start of their morning lessons. The initial input into any lesson is vitally important. With this in mind, please can I ask everyone to try their very best to arrive in plenty of time so that our children are in class and ready to learn at 9 o'clock every morning? Thank you.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Wrightington Rainbows**

There are currently vacancies for girls aged 5-7 at Rainbows. Anyone interested in a place or further information can contact the Rainbow Leader, Sarah O'Neill, on 07480350850.

### **PTFA Meeting**

Our next PTFA meeting will take place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 7:00pm in the White Lion. Everyone is welcome to attend and contribute to the meeting.

### **PTFA Lucky Numbers**

Our Lucky Numbers draw will take place this Friday. The owners of the winning numbers will receive a cheque for £25 from our PTFA. Good luck!

### **Important Dates:**

**17.04.18: Book Fair after school every afternoon until 24.04.18.**

**19.04.18: PTFA Meeting. White Lion. 7:00pm**

**27.04.18: Class 1's Worship. 3:00pm.**

**27.04.18: PTFA Flag Raffle.**

**07.05.18: May Day Bank Holiday.**

**09.05.18: Class Photographs.**

**11.05.18: PTFA Family Campover.**

**14.05.18: SATs Week.**

**24.05.18: Governor Morning.**

**25.05.18: School closes for half term.**



## **STARS OF THE WEEK!**

- YR: Charlie Taylor**  
**Y1: Joe Tasker**  
**Y2: Rosa Dunbavin**  
**Y3: Evan Lewis-Guinness**  
**Y4: Addison Turner**  
**Y5: Amelie Taylor-Bamford**  
**Y6: Dylan Warburton**

### **Joke of the Week:**

This week's amazing joke comes from Harry in Class 3.

**Q: What happened to Batman and Robin when they met a steam roller?**

**A: They became Flatman and Ribbon!**

Great joke, Harry. You've set the standard really high. Please remember to send in your jokes if you think they are as funny as Harry's.

Hope you have a lovely week.  
Best wishes,

**Mr Alan Brindle**  
**Headteacher**

