



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

100% Attendance

Well done to the following children who have achieved 100% attendance in the Spring Term.

Class 1: Honor, George, Bridget, Luca, Lilia and Matthew.

Class 2: Joshua, Ruby, William, Daniel, Anna, Lloyd, Isabel, Zoe, Thomas, Sam and Freddie.

Class 3: Mia, Tom, Rory, Isabella, Roddy, Rosa, Gemma, Martha, Evan, Alana, Freya, Olivia, Ava, Emily, Grace and Florence.

Class 4: Rowan, Harry, Alice, Issy and Olivia.

A wonderful achievement. Well done, everyone.

Bikeability.

On Monday and Tuesday our Year 5 children completed their Bikeability Training. You may have seen them travelling around the village doing their impressions of Bradley Wiggins and Victoria Pendleton! All of the children demonstrated excellent cycling skills and also showed superb maturity in completing this very important course. Well done, Year 5!



Well done, Waring & Nelson!

The children in **Waring House** and **Nelson House** have been crowned this half-term's winning Houses. As a reward for all their hard work and effort they can have their own special non-uniform day on **Monday 8th April, 2019**. Well done to all the children in Waring & Nelson.

March's PTFA Lucky Numbers Winner

Thank you to everybody who has entered this year's lucky Numbers Draw. Your kind generosity is very much appreciated. March's winning number was **16**. Well done to our lucky winner, **Rachel Baron**. Congratulations, Rachel, and good luck to everyone in next month's draw.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please note, there will be no extra-curricular clubs next week.

What has happened in school this week...?

Class 1 – As we approach the end of this half term, we have been looking in detail at the celebration of Easter. After learning about Easter in RE, we created our own Easter poem which we are going to perform at the Easter Service next Tuesday. We have made a special card to give to our families, remembering the good news message, and we created our own inventions which we would like to find in an Easter egg. What was it? What amazing thing could it do? Using the Beebot, we explored how create a programme to manoeuvre the Beebot to Easter images around the classroom. In our Maths, we have been looking at greatest and least values. First with objects and then with numerals. Which numerals were worth more? Why were they worth more?

Class 2 – In Class 2 this week, Year 1 have been learning about The Easter Story. They have been writing about it and drawing pictures. Year 2 have been learning all about creatures that live in woodland habitats and answering tricky questions about them. In Maths, Year 1 have been learning about odd and even numbers and number sequences. In topic this week, we have created our own versions of Charlotte's web using art straws and paint. We also created a version on Textease Draw in our Computing lesson. On Wednesday, we had a special visitor in Class 2- Revd Stef. He told us all about Holy Communion and showed us the bread, the wine and his special Bible. We learned a lot!

Class 3 – We have been learning about written methods in our Maths this week. We have practised using column addition and column subtraction. We have also learnt that we have to choose which methods to use to solve a specific calculation and that sometimes the best method is to make a few jottings and solve the problem in our heads. In Science, we investigated how skeletons grow. We worked in our teams to measure heads, arms or feet of children in every class. To finish our topic on skeletons, we investigated whether people with bigger feet can jump further than people with smaller feet. What do you think?

Class 4 – This week, Year 5 had a fantastic time developing their cycling skills on the road! Whilst doing so, Year 6 practised developing imagery in their writing using SMOAP. Then, in Maths, the class revised fractions, including their division, multiplication and mixed number conversions. During English, we planned our final dragon explanation text using technical vocabulary. As such, we researched the habitats, food chains and possible anatomical features of our beasts!

End of Term

School closes at the earlier time of 2:00pm on Wednesday 10th April. **Please note, there will be no Stay & Play on this day due to the earlier finish.**

Easter Service.

Our school Easter Service will take place on **Tuesday 9th April** at St. James the Great Church at 2:45pm. The children will be singing, reading and leading prayers so please join us for this special service. Transport to the church has been arranged but please collect your children at 3:30pm from church rather than school. Any child in Stay & Play will be transported back to school but please ensure that they have an appropriate car seat for this journey if they legally require one.

Egg-citing Easter

On **Wednesday 10th April**, we will once again be competing in the 2019 Heskin Egg Rolling Championships! **Please send a decorated hen's egg into school on that final Wednesday for this competition.**

2nd Wrightington Rainbows

Our local Rainbows are currently looking for volunteers to join their team of helpers. Please contact the Rainbow Leader, Sarah O'Neill, on 07480350850 if you are interested in helping this worthwhile organisation or if you would like any further information.

St. James the Great: Lent Reflections

The remaining Lent Reflections will take place on **8th April** and **15th April**.

PFTA Meeting

The next PTFA meeting will take place on **Thursday 2nd May** at the White Lion, Wrightington. The meeting will start at 7:00pm and it would be great to see as many people there as possible. Our PTFA do a wonderful job for our school so please come along and support us in any way you can.

Trim Trail

Just a quick reminder that children should refrain from using the school trim trail during the morning drop off and the afternoon pick up times. In order to avoid accidents, we closely monitor our pupils during school hours but I have seen an increasing number of younger children using this equipment before and after school. Sorry to nag but the safety of everyone associated with our school is really important to me. Thank you.

School Driveway & Staff Car Park

Nag number 2! Please take care on the driveway leading up to school. This road is used by taxis and vehicles visiting school and visiting the house at the end of the road. I have noticed a few near misses over the last few weeks, with pupils walking through the staff car park. **Please encourage the children to use the path at all times when coming to or leaving school, rather than walking down the middle of the road or through the staff car park.** Please remember the staff car park is for staff and taxi use only. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Important Dates:

- 09.04.19: School Easter Service at St. James the Great Church.**
- 10.04.19: Easter Egg Rolling Competition.**
- 10.04.19: School Closes for Easter at 2:00pm.**
- 23.04.19: School Opens for the Summer Term.**
- 30.04.19: Travelling Book Fair.**
- 02.05.19: PTFA Meeting in the White Lion. 7:00pm.**
- 05.05.19: St. James the Great Family Fun Day.**
- 06.05.19: Bank Holiday.**
- 17.05.19: PTFA Family Camp at Charity Farm.**
- 24.05.19: School Closes for Half Term.**
- 10.06.19: School Opens.**



STARS OF THE TERM!

- YR: Eloise T**
- Y1: Pennie J**
- Y2: Thomas O**
- Y3: Florence S**
- Y4: Oliver S**
- Y5: Thelia W**
- Y6: James S**

Jokes of the Week:

We have a collection of Easter jokes this week.

Q: What did the Easter bunny do after his wedding?

A: He went on bunny-moon!!
Phoebe, Year 6.

Q: How does the Easter Bunny make gold soup?

A: He uses 24 carrots!
Daisy, Year 6.

I once asked Arnold Schwarzenegger what his favourite Christian festival was.

He said, "I have to love Easter, baby!"
(Hasta La Vista) Mr B, Year 1/2.

Wow! Those were eggcellent yolks! They really cracked me up and made me very hoppy... well maybe not all the jokes!

Hope you have a great week.
Best wishes,

Mr Alan Brindle
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