



MESSAGE FROM MRS TYRER

These weeks keep flying by and, although the atrocities taking place in the Ukraine are in our minds and prayers this week, we have the children in school to remind us how lucky we all are. Hopefully the children will see and hear about real life acts of courage and kindness, which I know I have been touched by, both in the UK and overseas as people stand up for what is right and help those in need. Great examples of our Christian values in action.

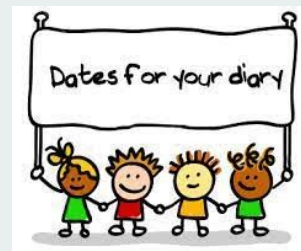
I am aware that some schools are dressing in yellow and blue next Wednesday to raise funds for the Ukraine appeal. We have made the decision that, whilst this is a very worthwhile cause, we don't feel that it is appropriate, especially for the younger children, to take part in this. We do want the children to be well informed about world events, however, this is something which could cause some children to worry. As questions come up in class we are talking about it and the children in the older classes watch and discuss Newsround in an age appropriate way. We feel that you know your children the best and can judge how much you feel they need to know.

You may have seen the children friendly explanation of events in the Ukraine on Facebook, but for those of you that haven't we have attached a copy to this Newsletter. It may be a good way of answering your children's questions about what is going on and why. I know it has helped me to explain it to children in my family this week.

God Bless and have a lovely weekend.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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| 21 Mar 22 | Parents' Eve |
| 30 Mar 22 | Parents' Eve |
| 1 Apr 22 | Easter Service |
| 4–18 Apr 22 | Easter |
| 29 Apr 22 | Extra BH |
| 2 May 22 | May Day |
| 27 May | Jubilee Celebration Day |
| 30 May–3 June | Half-term |
| 6 June 22 | INSET Day |
| 22 July 22 | INSET Day |
| 25 July | Summer Holiday |



A MORNING WELCOME FROM MRS LUCAS

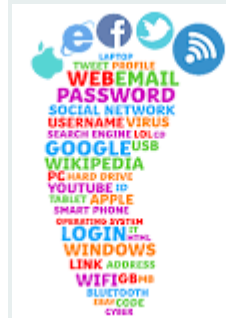
I am sure that lots of you will have noticed that Mrs Lucas has been out on the yard each morning this week. Mrs Lucas works with lots of children throughout school, she does a brilliant job working alongside the teachers to close the learning gaps caused by COVID. She has also taken on the role of coordinating support for children in school who may have worries and concerns to ensure that we give them the best support either in school or via external agencies. I know from conversations I have had with parents that you may have questions about the work your child is doing with Mrs Lucas. Please go and say hello or ask her any questions you may have.

INTERNET SAFETY—ONLINE FOOTPRINT

A digital footprint - refers to the trail of data you leave when using the internet. It includes websites you visit, emails you send, and information you submit online. A digital footprint can be used to track a person's online activities and devices.

Our children do not always realise the consequences of what they post online; they do not realise that, even if they delete a post, the digital footprint remains. You may wish to:

- Explain the dangers of posting content that you feel might be inappropriate or controversial and the trail that can be left behind.
- Ensure that they know the dangers of posting content and personal details including pictures.
- Explain that it is a criminal offence to use the internet to threaten or harass people.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Acorn

Lena Zyburtowicz
Jacob George
Nathan Oxley
Raven Thirtle
Sofia Saghin
Caspian Atkinson

Ash

Finley Carruthers-Hitchen
Ernie Chetwyn
Jacob Dwyer
Levi Devine

Willow

Sam Wade
Joshua Morris
George Barrow
Sienna Wharton
Harlow Haworth
Sarah Grigor

Birch

Imogen Shields
Amber Imran

Alder

Gordon Chong
Rizan Rafhan
Joshua Tate

Oak

Beatrix Hardacre
Rose Williams
Franki Donnelly
Amy Colebourne

Hawthorn

Jackson Bruncker
Thea Lynch
Elisa Smith

Tilly Tomlinson
Isaac Ridgway
Declan Kimmins

Chestnut

Elliemae Dinsdale
Minnie Harulow
Haydn Bircham
Levi Dewhurst

Rowan

Oscar Dakin
Mason Edwards
Isobel Robinson
Charlotte-Rose Dearden

Sycamore

Mason Waring
Scarlett Barnes
Isabelle Brunskill
April Williams

Attendance

The attendance figures for the week commencing 7th March 2022 are as follows:

| <u>Oak</u> | | <u>Acorn</u> | |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 94.2% | 35 mins late | 95.2% | 5 mins late |
| <u>Ash</u> | | <u>Willow</u> | |
| 92.9% | 5 mins late | 90.7% | 5 mins late |
| <u>Birch</u> | | <u>Hawthorn</u> | |
| 91.9% | 35 mins late | 98.8% | 45 mins late |
| <u>Chestnut</u> | | <u>Alder</u> | |
| 95% | no mins late | 94.8% | 55 mins late |
| <u>Rowan</u> | | <u>Sycamore</u> | |
| 97.4% | 35 mins late | 97% | no mins late |

School

94.9% Attendance

3hrs 40mins of education missed due to late arrival

Government guidelines recommend a minimum attendance of 96%.

PARENTS EVENINGS



We will be holding our Spring Term Parents' Evenings on Monday 21st March, 3.30pm—5.30pm and Wednesday 30th March 4.30pm-7.30pm. The online booking system went live on last Wednesday with links sent by text and email to parents/carers. If you haven't already done so, please click on the link to book your appointment. If you have any problems, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office, 01200 423599.

The Parents Evenings will be held in the KS2 Building; teachers will be in the hall and your child's work will be available for you to look at in the classrooms. We request that you arrive for your appointment no more than 10 minutes before your allotted time and leave once you have had your appointment and seen your child's work. We would like to keep the number of people in the building to a minimum. We also request that you do not bring your children unless you are unable to find alternate childcare arrangements. Although COVID restrictions are being lifted, we do not want to ruin anyone's Easter break so would like to keep the number of people in school at any one time to a minimum.

COMIC RELIEF—REDNOSE DAY—18 MARCH 22

In support of Comic Relief, we will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 18th March 2022. Pupils can wear their own clothes if they donate £1.00, in cash, to Comic Relief.

NEW AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

We are really excited to tell you about two new after-school groups that are starting after Easter. These will be open to all the children in school.

"Flavours" Cookery School from Whalley are going to run an after-school cookery club for us, on Mondays, 3.30-4.30pm. The cost of this will be £6 per session (which covers the cost of all ingredients, containers etc) and it will run for 5 weeks.

The second club will be a Dance & Drama group, run by Ribble Valley Dance. This will take place on Thursdays (3.30-4.30pm) and will also run for 5 weeks. The total cost for the 5 weeks will be £20.



More information about both clubs, plus booking details, will follow nearer the time.

DONATIONS PLEASE

We would like to set up a lunchtime chess club. If you have any unused chess sets we could put them to good use. Please send any donations to the school office.

If you have any outgrown younger boys trousers and underwear, we would be very grateful for donations.

Thank you!

SEN PARENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETING—15 MARCH

Mrs Sharp (SENCo) would like to invite parents/carers of children on the SEN Register to join her for the St James' SEN Parent Support Group meeting. If you would like to join, please pop into the KS1 Hall on Tuesday 15th March after drop off in the morning between 8.45-9.45am. Coffee/tea and cakes will be provided. We hope you will be able to come and make the most of this valuable opportunity to meet other parents and share your views and ideas.

MOTHER'S DAY BAGS

The Friend's of St James' are organising bags of Mother's day treats containing: breakfast in bed & crafts for you to create for that someone special.

Each bag is £4 and will be delivered to classes on Friday 25th March so they can be ready for Mother's Day on the Sunday 27th March 2022.

If you would like a Mother's Day treat bag please put your reply slip in an envelope with your £4 and hand to the office by Friday 18th March. Hard copies of the slip are available from the School Office.

COVID

When an individual develops COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive test, pupils, staff and other adults should follow guidance on People with COVID-19 and their contacts if they have COVID-19 symptoms.

In line with DFE guidance, pupils and staff with the key symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend schools or settings, given the potential risk to others. Children and young people who usually attend an education or childcare setting and who live with someone who has COVID-19 should continue to attend the setting as normal.

SCIENCE COMPETITION

You still have time to grow some cress to make your cress head. The competition closes on Tuesday 22nd March. Please upload your entries to your class Seesaw.

