



Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our second week back ends and it has been another busy week. We have had the Life Bus visit this week and children have been covering different topics all about themselves, health and well-being for PSHE (Personal, social and health education). The children have really enjoyed the sessions. Yesterday was a chance for parents and carers to come in to school and find out about the RSE sessions being held for years 5 and 6, later in the academic year. It was very well attended and we hope that you were happy with the information you were given, thank you for attending.

Children are continuing to settle well, we have a few joining us, other than Reception and Nursery. Reception start full time next week and they are doing very well starting school. As always, if you have any concerns please contact the office or speak to the teachers at home time.

Robinwood Residential

Some of our Year 6 Pupils are due to visit Robinwood in a few weeks and today Parents were invited to attend a meeting to find out more about the trip and details about kit etc. We hope the children (and staff) will enjoy the residential at the beginning of October. If you have any concerns about this, Mr. Taylor will be happy to speak to you.

Free school meals applications cafe

We are going to hold a coffee/form filling session on Thursday. If you think you may be entitled to free school meals, please come along to our drop in session on Thursday from 8.45am. You can fill in an application online, with support and have a brew or a coffee. A uniform voucher is first prize and 5 school book bags to be drawn in our raffle, for attending. Please come along and sign up for Free school meals. This helps you and school as we receive extra funding, based on our numbers of children who are eligible.

Please contact the office to find out details of information needed when you apply.

Reception /Secondary School Applications

You can now apply for a Reception school places and Secondary school places, for September 2025. You **MUST** do this before the deadline to secure your child's place in a school. Information will be sent to Year 6 parents regarding transition meetings and open evenings.

Secondary school applications are open until 31st October 2024.

Primary school applications are open until 15 January 2025.

Parents and carers can apply for a school place

Applications must be submitted to the local authority by this date to be considered as 'on time' along with all supporting evidence.

<https://blackburn.gov.uk/schools-and-education>

If you require help applying on line, please contact the office and we will be more than happy to help you with the process.

School uniform

School book bags are available, costing £4.50. Once a bag is bought it should last as they are made of hard wearing material and can be washed. You can purchase though Parent pay or go to the office but via Parent pay is preferred.



Intack Celebration Certificates

Ducklings -Rumaisa	
Swallows - All the children- settling well	Penguins - All the children- settling well
Woodpeckers- Angel	Owls - Jaxson
Robins- Falak	Sparrows - Sana
Kingfishers-	Magpies - Yasmine
Parrots- Omar	Kestrels -
Jays- Yusuf	Toucans - Soha
Eagles- Alisha	Pelicans- Francesca



Attendance

We know we are still off our target of 96% for the whole school.

Let's keep trying, please remember '**every day counts!**'

September.....Please do not keep children off school for minor ailments and try to keep medical and dental appointments outside of school hours.

- **Always** contact the school office if your child is to be absent to provide a reason for absence and where possible a medical note.
- Holiday dates and any further information about school closures can be found on our website.
- Mrs Parkinson is available should you wish to discuss your child's attendance or have any questions.

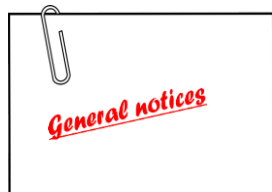
Sparrows class have got the highest this week in EYFS and KS1, with 96.58%. Well done! 😊
 In KS2 Kestrels got the highest attendance, 99.58%!!!! WOW, well done, fantastic attendance! 😊.
 Well done to all those classes below, for achieving our school target of 96% and above!

Kingfishers

Toucans

Jays

Pelicans.



Nursery Places

If you wish for your child to start at the nursery, please contact the office.
 To apply for 30 hours please go to the following website to check your eligibility.
www.childcarechoices.gov.uk



Driveway and Car Park

To ensure the safety of all our pupils, parents, carers and staff we will be closing vehicle access during the following times; **8:30am to 9:30am, 11:30am to 12:30pm and 2:30 to 3:30pm.**
 Please do not park across any area at the bottom of the school driveway at any time.

We are a Non Smoking school, reminder.

We follow guidance from the Local Authority. Adults are not allowed to smoke on the premises and if anybody does so they will be challenged and asked to put their cigarette out or leave.

School Start and Finish time

Start time 8.45am, gates open 8.30am.
 Finish time 3.15pm, gates opened from 3.05pm.



Diary dates....

Mon 9 th - 13 th September	Life Bus	
Thursday 19 th September	Free school meals application cafe	8.45am. Hall
Monday 23 rd September	Meet the Teacher and Expectation meetings	After school 3.30-4.30pm
Friday 20 th September	Jeans for Genes awareness day	Wear non-uniform- jeans.
Friday 27 th September	Macmillan Coffee event	9-10am Hall
Wed 2 nd - Fri 4 th October	Year 6 Residential	
Mon 21 st Fri 25 th October	Half term	School closed
Monday 28 th October	Return to School	
Thursday 31 st October	Halloween disco	After school, to be confirmed

On Monday 23rd September you will have chance to drop into school and meet with your child's new class teacher and find out about what the expectations are for the year of learning and support from home. We hope to see many of you but do remember please ask to speak to your child's teacher if you are concerned or contact the office if we can help in anyway.

As you will see from the diary above, there are more events to look forward to during the weeks to come.

Thank you for your continuing support. Enjoy the weekend.

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