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## Newsletter 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Parents' Meetings this week. It was wonderful to see so many of you and the teachers loved chatting to you about your child and their progress in school.

Thank you to everyone who filled out a positive card for the staff – they really appreciated the kind words.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs White

Thank you – we can really see the positive changes around school and are so happy to see .... settling so well in her new class.

We are really enjoyed the increased communication with school – thank you for doing this and sharing more of what ....has been doing in class.

### **Some comments left by parents**

We love hearing what is going on in class. Mrs.... is very organised and ....has loved the hands on science experiments!

The positivity around school has been so noticeable recently – thank you for your hard work – we appreciate it!

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## **Netballers!**

Well done to the Netball Team!

They played against Edisford at Bowland High on Monday night. The girls were fantastic and a credit to the school. They encouraged each other and showed respect and consideration for the opposing team.

They drew one game and won another.

A massive thank you to all the parents for their support and organising their car shares to get the girls to and from Bowland. We had a great time!

Thank you Mrs Burcher for taking the time to organise all of this for the children 💜



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## **Please keep an eye out...**

On Monday, we were so sad to share these photos on Facebook 🙄  
For the first time ever, we had vandalism on our school site over the weekend. The football goals had been dragged along and dumped, the wooden benches had been thrown into the trees and our forest circle has been moved around. Mrs White reported it to the police and they came out to visit our school. They will be doing extra patrols around our school and the village on weekends now. Please can people who live in our village keep an eye out and if you ever see anything suspicious please let us know. We are so sad that someone, or a group of people, think it's ok to do this 💔



## Safeguarding

This week, the SLT have completed a Safeguarding Audit and have made some changes to site access.

We ask that on a day-to-day basis parents only enter the school building through the main front doors and do not walk up through the corridors without an appointment or permission.

### Examples include:

If you need to speak to your child's teacher, please ask the staff member on the front door (usually Mrs White, Mr Stell or Mrs Baron) and they will go and get the teacher for you, or make an appointment for a later time.

If you think your child has left something in class, please either send them on their own or ask a staff member to go and look for you.

Bringing your child back to school from an appointment, please say goodbye to them at the front doors and a staff member will look after them and take them to class.

We are doing this as we are trying to tighten up security, access and safeguarding around school. **Many of the staff don't recognise all the parents and often question who is walking unsupervised around school.** The staff try to be as visible as possible and are available when they bring their classes out at the end of the day.

We hope that you can appreciate that we take Safeguarding very seriously and just want to ensure that our pupils, and staff, feel safe in knowing who has access to wander/walk around inside the building. Please don't be offended if staff ask who you are and why you are in the building – we are just trying to keep our pupils safe.



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## **PARKING REMINDER**

Please can we remind all parents, and anyone who picks up or drops off, of the following:

- Please do not park on the car park
- Please do not turn around in the car park
- Please do not walk through or across the car park – it is dangerous
- Please do not stop on the zig zags
- Please do not do a 3-point turn outside school

## **School Council**

The school council are running some stalls at the Christmas Fair and have asked for us to share some things that they need if anyone can help?

**Red Team** are doing a Card Game

**Donations needed are** chocolates, sweets or old McDonald's toys

**Orange Team** are doing Cup Stacking

**Donations needed are** Sweets and Chocolates

**Yellow Team** are doing Face painting and face glitter

No donations are needed but donations for other teams would be brilliant

**Green Team** are doing the Higher or Lower Card Game

**Donations needed are** Sweets and Chocolates

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**Blue Team** are doing a game called 'Shoot the fruit'

**Donations needed are** fruit shoots and fizzy pop in cans

**Indigo Team** are doing the Lollypop game

**Donations needed are** Lollypops

**Violet Team** will be doing Tattoos

No donations are needed but donations for the other teams would be brilliant

## **FUNDING for BOOKS**

We are currently fundraising for new Guided reading books for Year 1 and Year 2. We have been quoted £2446 for enough books to meet our needs. If anyone knows of any bids, funding avenues or companies that would be willing to sponsor or donate anything towards our fundraising efforts, please contact either Mrs White or Mrs Hartley.

Thank you very much for any support.



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## **Lateness and Attendance Policy**

Just a reminder that doors open at 8.40am and **close** promptly at 8.55am for the start of the school. When the children enter school, they begin learning immediately as the teachers set up tasks for them to do to settle into the school day.

Please can we ask parents to try and get their children to school on time so that no learning time is missed. If you are having regular trouble getting your child here on time, please speak to the class teacher to see how we can support you with this.

If your child misses the start of the day, they can miss work and do not spend time with their class teacher getting important news and information for the day. Pupils arriving late also disrupt lessons, which can be embarrassing for the child and can in turn, encourage absence. Being 10 minutes late every day throughout the academic year is the same as missing two weeks of school.

Governors have now adopted the new Attendance Policy from Lancashire County Council. This has been emailed out to parents today. Please read this carefully as there are some changes that are important.

Thank you.



## **Dates for Diaries – Autumn Term 2**

Please find below some key dates for your diary for next half term.

Any updated or changed dates will be highlighted in yellow each week.

Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	4pm-5.30pm – RV football league
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Kate Taylor (SENCO) in school 4pm-5.30pm – RV Football League
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	PANTOMIME at the Grand in the morning Christmas Fair in the afternoon
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Play at 10am and 2pm
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9am – Intra Health Flu Immunisation catch up

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	Christmas Raffle Year 2 trip to Turton Tower
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day (and a Christmas hat if they want to as well) Santa Dash in school 2pm – Reception Christmas Stay and Play
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Kate Taylor (SENCO) in school
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10am Reception Nativity 2pm Reception Nativity 6pm Carols by Candlelight for KS2
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Santa visits school Christmas Lunch Class parties – children can wear party clothes to school
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Special Certificate Assembly
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10am – special assembly visit from Destiny Africa – their choir is singing for us FINISH FOR CHRISTMAS AT NORMAL TIME

## **SENCO drop in sessions**



Mrs Taylor, our SENCO, will be available on the following dates in the Autumn Term 2024.

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

If you would like to meet with Kate to discuss your child's additional needs, please email [senco@wwb.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:senco@wwb.lancs.sch.uk) SEND queries must now be emailed to [senco@wwb.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:senco@wwb.lancs.sch.uk) This email address will be checked weekly by either Mrs White or Mrs Taylor. If there are any urgent questions or concerns in relation to classroom support, intervention or plans, please don't hesitate to contact the class teacher.

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# CHRISTMAS FAIR

## FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER



### JAROLA & TOMBOLA

Thank you for all the jarola and tombola items brought into school this week in exchange for today's non uniform day.

If you still wish to donate these items, then please still send them into school over the coming two weeks and leave at the school office.

If you are making jarolas, perhaps filling ideas could include sweet treats, hair clips and bobbles, small items of stationary, stickers, small toys and then finish them off with a bit of Christmas sparkle!

We know the children love making them as much as winning them!

### CAN YOU HELP?

We would be extremely grateful to have some additional volunteers to help run the Fair stalls, especially parents and carers for the older children who don't require supervision around the Fair.

Therefore, if you are able to help between approx. 12.45pm and 3.15pm

on Friday 6th December, please

contact Grace Hopcraft

07866 445524 or email

[friendsofwwb@hotmail.com](mailto:friendsofwwb@hotmail.com).

It's only a couple of hours but will make a huge difference :-)

### DONATIONS WELCOME PLEASE!

We are busy working behind the scenes to ensure all the children (and adults!) enjoy a fabulous school fair. We will have a number of new stalls and games this year and are asking for support in the donation of the following items please;

**For games in the main hall** - various Tombola items, Bottle in a bag raffle- various bottles i.e., shampoo, bubble bath, alcoholic drinks, soft drinks sent in a gift bag, jarolas, small gifts which the children can buy and have wrapped for presents

**For the cafe in Year 4** - donations of cakes, mince pies, sweet treats etc that fair goers can enjoy with a cup of tea, coffee or a mulled wine!

**For the stalls in Year 5** - donations of toys, books, games, jigsaws and soft toys  
New this year! - preloved Christmas jumper stall!

Please send in any Christmas jumpers that are too small or no longer required so another child may enjoy it!



## OTHER CHRISTMAS INFORMATION



### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We hope the sales of raffle tickets are going well! There are still plenty of additional books available from the school office should you wish to try and sell more tickets to family and friends.

We already have some great prizes on offer - see our facebook page for more information about prizes!

<https://www.facebook.com/friendswwb>

However, we would be delighted to receive more raffle prizes too, so if you are able to send something in yourself or ask a local business to help this would be greatly appreciated.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

**FINAL REMINDER** - For anyone who missed out on ordering Christmas cards and other products designed by your child, this is the last chance!

The online shop will be open for anyone who missed out between 15th and the 25th November. These orders will be subject to a 10% commission and will be delivered within 14 days of the 25th Nov. If you have lost your artwork code then you can email [lostcodes@classfundraising.co.uk](mailto:lostcodes@classfundraising.co.uk) who will be able to provide it to you in readiness for the shop reopening.

### FRIENDS OF WWB DONATIONS

We are working hard organising the Christmas Fair and raffle in order to raise as much money as possible for our wonderful school, so that our children are the ones who benefit. With recent events such as the cake sale, flashy toy sale and disco, combined with the upcoming Fair and raffle, we are hoping to raise enough money to purchase some new iPads for school which the children will use within their learning.

In addition, Friends of WWB recently donated a huge £6,500 to school towards the replacement of the wooden play equipment in the playground which all children have access to.

We thank you all, as ever, for your continued support.



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## Attendance

Week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**We are aiming for every child/class to have at least 96% attendance**

Class	Attendance Percentage
Reception	96.7%
Year 1	96.5%
Year 2	98.6%
Year 3	99.1%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	88.1%
Year 6	96.2%

## CONTACT US



Please always request to speak to your child's class teacher as first point of contact if you have a query or concern. If it cannot be resolved with the teacher, a member of the Senior Leadership Team will aim to make themselves available to you as soon as possible.

School contact details: 01200 422915 or [bursar@wwb.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@wwb.lancs.sch.uk)

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