

Your Weekly Newsletter

Issue 167 Week Ending Friday 1st February 2019



Spring Term Dates: *more dates will be added I am sure so look out for the additional dates which will be in red.*

Monday 4th February ~ Year 6 Boosters start in preparation for their end of Primary School assessments.

Monday 4th February ~ 17:00 meeting for year 6 parents about SATs in the school hall.

Tuesday 5th February ~ Robins' Class Assembly. Family members are invited to join us from 15:00.

7th February ~ Year 4 Residential.

Friday 8th February ~ 09:00 meeting for Year 6 parents about SATs in The Wing

Meeting for EYFS parents about Maths in Brown Ducklings' Class

Monday 11th February ~ Dance Competition at the Tower Ballroom.

Friday 15th February ~ Close for Half Term at 15:30

EYFS trip to Clitheroe Castle

Monday 25th February ~ Back at school with SATs booster lessons starting for Year 6's.

Tuesday 26th February ~ Photographer in school for Website Photographs to be updated

Tuesday 26th February and Wednesday 27th February ~ Parents' Evenings 16:00-19:00.

We cannot believe it is February already but are appreciating the slightly longer, brighter days.

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We hope that Owl's Class have enjoyed meeting Mr Aris and that they continue to have a very successful remainder of the year learning together. Mrs Harding has now left to enjoy her maternity leave and we obviously wish her all the very best of luck. Change is a natural part of school life and we have some of our team leaving to start a new chapter. Mrs White, who supports the learning of our pupils in our Upper KS2 classes, has decided that it is time to leave education at half term so that she can have the freedom to enjoy holidays and visits with her children that live abroad. Over her time with us Mrs White will have supported many pupils and made a positive difference them. She is going to be greatly missed however, I am sure she will be back to help us from time to time boasting her sun tan! Mrs Cassidy is also leaving our school after being here for twenty years. She has made the brave decision to move to work in a school that is closer to her home which enables her to better meet the demands of her young family. We equally wish her lots of luck, her last day will be Thursday 14th February.

The children across the Lower KS2 phase are thoroughly engrossed in their topic of the Romans and enjoyed a spectacular feast yesterday. Bringing their learning to life in this way is essential in ensuring our children are engaged and have a positive attitude towards education. The money raised with their Christmas Market enterprise was used to supplement this activity.



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The value and importance of educational visits

Learning outside the classroom is widely recognised as a valuable and effective means of extending pupil knowledge, enriching pupil understanding, and promoting personal and social development. Ofsted also acknowledge the importance of quality learning experiences outside the classroom for raising pupil attainment. Consequently, this school promotes and encourages the organisation of educational visits for all its pupils, and it is hoped that parents will also recognise the value and importance of these visits, and give their full support.

Cost of the Visit

The school believes wholeheartedly in the value of these experiences, and subsidises the cost of all visits as much as possible in an attempt to ensure that these opportunities are accessible and affordable to all. However, the school seldom has the financial resources to pay the full costs. Consequently, a voluntary contribution is requested from parents/guardians to make up the shortfall. This contribution is genuinely voluntary, and neither you nor your child will be treated differently if you are unable or choose not to contribute. However, please note that without all such voluntary contributions, these visits may have to be cancelled, as the school is not in a position to provide further financial support. We ask that you please regard this as an important investment in your child's education.

It is incredibly sad that still 20% of our families have not contributed towards the planned trips, with only one parent having come into school to explain their financial difficulty and ask for some assistance.

On the 26th February we are to have our photographer in school to take photographs of the children in school to update our website. If your child takes part in music tuition in school (including flutes) or a sporting activity, please send your child in on this day with their kit or instrument.

Our dancers are to compete soon at the Tower Ballroom. Please use this link if you wish to come to support us:

<https://www.theblackpooltower.com/events/wyre-fylde-schools-dance-competition/>

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Well done to this week's star of the week:

Georgia Hale, Cruz Hobbs, Aiden Gallagher, Blake Crumblehulme, Eva Price, Cohen Haworth, Jessica Williams, Charlie Timperley-Green, Ruben Lear, Thomas McLaughlin, Natalie Michelbach.

Miss Murray:

It has been another busy but fantastic week in school. I have had the pleasure of working with all of Year 5 each morning exploring avalanches and forest fires in more detail. They constructed some fantastic diary entries which were a pleasure to read. I have also been working with a group of Year 6 children reading and analysing a brilliant book about tornadoes. Yesterday school smelt wonderful! Year 3/4 had an Italian afternoon and they made delicious salads and learned about food over time. Well done everyone!

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