



Punctuality

A gentle but firmer reminder: There are still too many children arriving late for school. Children should arrive for class between 8.45 and 9.00am so that the teachers can start their lessons promptly. Please make sure your child arrives on time.

Welcome

On Wednesday, 24th February we welcome Miss Rachel Burns to Year 1 who will be completing her teacher training placement under Mr Clucas's close supervision.

Half Term

School closes on Friday, 12th February for half term. Although there are the lockdown restrictions in place, we hope you are able to have a well deserved break away from screens.

Positive Tests

If your child has been attending school and tests positive for Covid-19 over half term, please email Mrs Geldard on head@lancasterlane.lancs.sch.uk as she will have to inform the families of the children in that class so that they can self isolate.

Silly Storytelling Competition

The winners for our Silly Storytelling Competition are Holly in Reception, Sofia in Year 1, Samuel in Year 2, Jack Cl in Year 3, Sophie in Year 4, Ollie in Year 5 and Chloe in Year 6.

We are here for you in school if you need anything. Please phone us even if it is just for a friendly chat.

Travel

You must not leave your home unless you have a reasonable excuse (for example, for work or education purposes). If you need to travel you should stay local.

This means you should avoid travelling outside of your village or town. You should reduce the number of journeys you make overall.

The list of reasons you can leave your home and local area include:
*work, where you cannot work from home
accessing education and for caring responsibilities*

*visiting those in your support bubble – or your childcare bubble for childcare
visiting hospital, GP or visits where you have had an accident or are concerned about your health*

*buying goods or services that you need, but this should be within your local area
outdoor exercise. This should be done locally where possible, but you can travel a short distance within your area to do so if necessary (eg, to access an open space)
attending the care and exercise of an animal, or veterinary services*

If you need to travel, walk or cycle where possible and maintain social distance.

Twitter

If you use Twitter, please follow us on Twitter (@lancylane.)

Return to School

You will be aware that the government is hoping that schools can start to re-open fully on 8th March. There are still no further details about this yet but we are waiting for an announcement on Monday, 22nd February from the Prime Minister. With safety at the forefront of everyone's minds, we do hope that we can welcome all children back to school from March 8th.

Home Learning

Mrs Hankin sent a ParentMail home today regarding the art packs. We look forward to seeing some lovely creative art work after the next half term. Thank you to Mrs Knight for putting these together.

Things to do – February Half Term

Stargazing

Star Count - 6-14th February. A national stargazing event that families can do in their own garden. See:

<https://cpre.org.uk/starcount>

Spot the stars one night if there is a clear sky and submit your results below:

<https://takeaction.cpre.org.uk/page/73246/data/1?ea.trackin&gclid=CjwKAEjY8oU4hA-vtIhON74vwykICRmoJPEGV3mc-RziB5PqlzVFp3oYyv8vw>

Books/Reading

Local libraries – You can view books online using the 'Borrow Box' app and you can still collect books to read by ordering a 'Six of the best' for collection:

<https://clickquestion.lancashire.gov.uk/runQuestionnaire.asp?qid=834555>

Children can take part in a Winter Mini Reading Challenge up until 19th February:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Local history

View stories from Astley Hall as part of National Storytelling week:

<https://astleypark.co.uk/activities/?fbclid=IwAR1QvY8oU4hA-vtIhON74vwykICRmoJPEGV3mc-RziB5PqlzVFp3oYyv8vw>

Outdoors

Lots of ideas for outdoor winter activities:

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2021/01/lockdown-activities-kids-winter/>

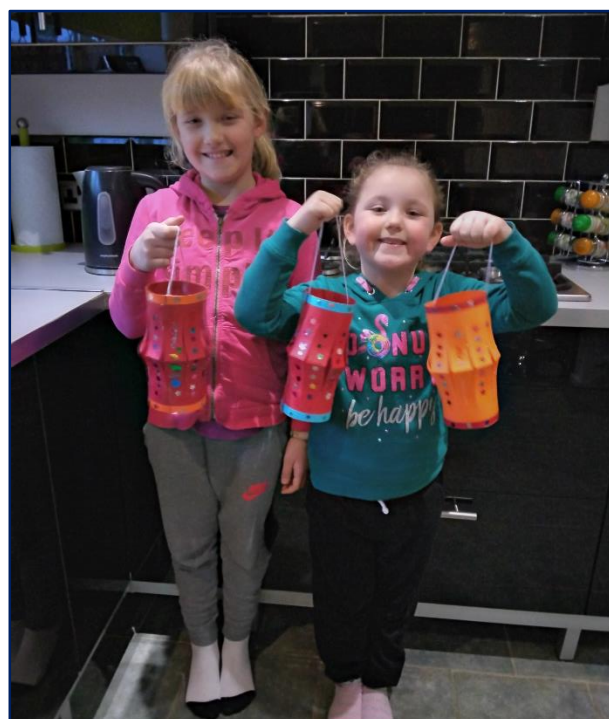
And finally

....Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day.

A Man Full of Strength

In 1920, a true hero was born,
100 years later, the world stops to mourn.
He joined the services at 19 and fought for us then,
Yet in 2020, he battled once again.
Walking laps up on laps, to help with Covid-19,
The most determined gentleman that you have ever seen.
We clap and show respect to a person so selfless and inspirational,
The fundraising he achieved for our NHS is truly sensational.
He really is someone we strongly adore,
May you now rest in peace, Captain Sir Tom Moore.

A beautifully written poem by Jacob in Year 6.



Early Learners Pre-School



The children have enjoyed retelling the story of Room On The Broom

Outside Achievements

While we can't explore the world outside in the way that we used to, our gardens can be amazing places to discover wildlife and experience nature.

There's so much for you to do on your doorstep: look for shooting stars, make a wild crown and get to know colourful birds or watch caterpillars.

You can even help the animals who come to visit by building them a new home.

Visit the National Trust website for 50 things to do before you're 11¾

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lists/50-things-activities-to-do-in-your-back-garden>

Online Safety Tip



What is Fake News?

Play interactive quiz for families
Visit internetmatters.org/find-the-fake

internet matters.org in partnership with Google

Do you know the difference between #misinformation and #disinformation?

If not, why not put your knowledge to the test with the "What is Fake News?" quiz.

https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/fake-news-and-misinformation-advice-hub/find-the-fake/choose-quiz/?utm_content=buffer2af10&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer