

12th January 2018

A Word from the Chair of Governors

Firstly may I wish all parents, guardians and friends a very happy, healthy and successful New Year from myself and the governing board. This month, one of our elected parent governors, Mr Jones, completes his four-year term of office. The governors have greatly appreciated Mr Jones' invaluable contribution, particularly as Chair of our crucial Resources Committee. (He is, of course, eligible to stand for re-election for a further term). A big 'thank you' also goes to Vici Adams, also an elected parent governor who has decided to stand down from her position before reaching the end of her term as a governor due to the pressure of other commitments. Mrs Geldard will shortly be circulating details of the nomination and election process for the vacancies. If any parent would like to know more about what is involved in being a school governor, please contact the school office and I would be glad to contact you to answer your queries.

What's On?

Y6 Maths Club	Monday 8 th	Kick-boxing Y1/2 Games/Jigsaws Y1-Y6
Singalong Rec-Y6	Tuesday 9 th	Gardening Y1-Y6 Chess Y3-Y6 Hi-5 Y5-Y6
	Wednesday 10 th	Junior Craft Y3-Y6 Dodgeball Y4-Y5 Guitars Y3-Y6
Hair Rec- Y6	Thursday 11 th	Dance Y1/2 Infant Craft Y1/2 Clayton Cup Y5/6
	Friday 12 th	Gymnastics Y1/2

At some point in the coming months we expect to receive a visit from an HMI (Her Majesty's Inspector of schools) as part of the routine re-inspection process (OFSTED). The Inspector will decide whether the school is still at least 'Good' (as it was graded at the last inspection in December 2013) and will also check that all our Child Protection and Safeguarding procedures are still in place and effective. The Inspector will also meet as many governors as possibly to question and talk to us about the way we fulfil our role. Schools receive less than 24 hours' notice of these visits. Parents may wish to complete Ofsted's questionnaire Parent View to share their views of the school. <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result/14276/>. In order to ensure that we governors are all 'up to speed' on the inspection process we shall be using our annual Training Evening next week to hear from the Head Teacher of a school which has recently been inspected and I shall feed back from a LA Inspection Course I shall attend next week.

G H Gorton Chair of Governors

Baby News

Congratulations to Madison (Y2) and Georgia (Rec) who have become big sisters to baby Isla.

Welcome

We welcomed Angel to Reception and Ollie and Harry to Y4. All three children have settled in very quickly and we are pleased they have joined us.

Holiday Dates

The term times dates for 2018-19 are now on the school's website on the calendar page. Please be mindful that the Head Teacher can only authorise absences from school for exceptional circumstances.

Digital Cameras

Does anyone have any digital cameras at home gathering dust that we could use in school please? Any donations would be gratefully received.

Landfill Smell

School is aware of the terrible odour coming from the landfill site and Mrs Geldard has written to the local councillor, Alan Cullins. She is also in the process of writing to the local MP and the Environment Agency.

Staffing News

Mrs Kerry Walmsley will be starting a teaching practice in Year 2 from next week. She will work under close supervision from both Miss Hegarty and Mrs Mills.

There has been a small change around in some of the classes where Teaching Assistants are deployed: Amanda has moved to Year 4 and Miss Farrington to Year 6 and Year 5.

Uniform

All teachers carried out a PE kit check and a wellies and waterproofs check this week. Children who have items missing will be sent a ParentMail next week. As it is very cold at present, please make sure your child is suitably wrapped up for being outside.

Reception Class Assembly

The Reception Class will be holding their assembly on Tuesday, 30th January at 9.10am. Parents and grandparents are cordially invited to attend.

Outside Achievements

Poppy in Year 3 has run 11 junior park runs which equates to a half marathon, Nellie in Year 5 was awarded Pupil of the Term at Little Voices Drama Club and Daniel in Year 3 received a trophy for scoring lots of goals for his football club. Well done to you all.



Discovering Victorian artefacts in Year 2.



Year 3 made an edible map of Ancient Egypt



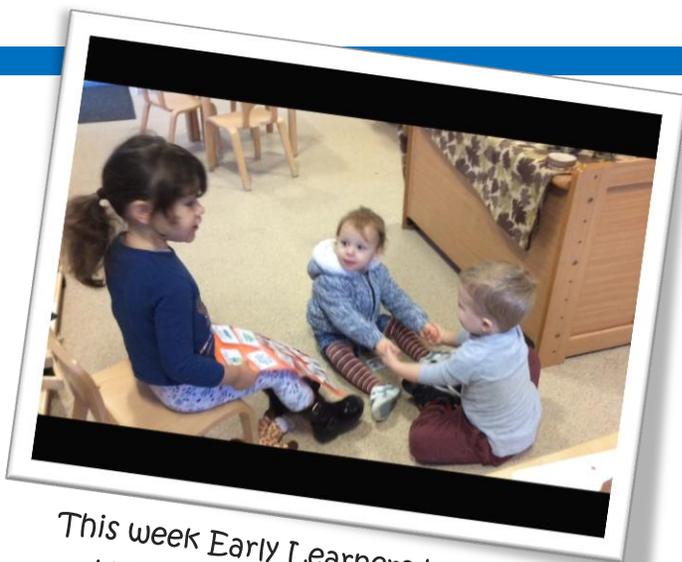
Year 6 have been exploring the local area.

Early Learners Pre-School

Early Learners now have spaces for 2 year old children. All 3 & 4 year old children are entitled to 15 hours free childcare and some working parents may be entitled to 30 free hours. More information can be found at

www.lancashire.gov.uk/childcare

or speak to Mrs Gold.



This week Early Learners have been welcoming their new children.

Online Safety Tip: This month is Minecraft

In Minecraft, when you start a new game there are 3 main modes:

Creative: Players can do anything, monsters can't attack them and it's impossible for your character to die. This is the safest mode and is great for younger players to get used to the game before they move on to the other levels.

Adventure: Players can't break any blocks, but can kill monsters and animals, or be killed by monsters.

Survival: Players must survive against monsters and hunger. But the monsters can be turned off by pressing escape, going into settings and turning the difficulty to 'peaceful'.



Special Mentions this week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Harry	Isaac	Ben	Oliver	Harry & Ollie	Jack	Alexander
Mrs Geldard's choice is Ollie in Year 2			Mrs Gray's choice is Wesley in Year 1		Mrs Anstey's choice is Riley D in Year 1	
Team points this week – DOLPHINS			Attendance – Year 4		Punctuality – Year 1	



Upcoming Dates

Thursday, 18th January - Farmhouse Brunch Special Lunch
 Monday, 22nd January - KS2 Indoor Cricket League Match @ Albany High School 4pm
 Thursday, 23rd January - Y1/2 Gymnastics Competition @ Clayton Green 4pm
 Tuesday, 30th January - Reception Assembly @ 9.30am
 Monday, 5th February - Friday, 9th February - Book Week
 Thursday, 8th February - Book Week Special Lunch
 Thursday, 8th February - Pupil Parliament: Whittle-le-Woods School 2pm
 Friday, 9th February - School closes for half term @ 3.25pm